

CHAPTER 115.

Dec Ses 1817.

An act for the extension of South-street in the City of Baltimore.

Passed Feb 3

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Robert G. Harper, Henry Payson, James Hindman, Robert Mills and Alexander Brown, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed a board of commissioners to lay out and extend South-street, in the city of Baltimore, in the manner herein after provided; and whenever a vacancy in the said board may occur, by the resignation, death, refusal to act, or other inability of any of the said commissioners, the said board, or so many of them as may consent to act, shall supply such vacancy by a new appointment; and a majority of said commissioners shall be competent to perform the duties of said board.

Appointment of commissioners.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to lay out and extend South-street in the city of Baltimore as follows: beginning for the east side of said extension at the southwest corner of the Franklin Bank, and running thence along the east side of North Lane to East-street, thence northerly in a straight line, to Madison-street, thence running northerly until it intersects the York turnpike road, in such direction as the commissioners may judge most conducive to the public convenience; and the said street shall be laid out sixty feet wide from Baltimore-street to Madison-street, and from Madison-street to the York turnpike road sixty feet wide, or as near sixty feet as the nature of the ground over which it passes will in the opinion of the commissioners admit; and the said commissioners shall cause a plot of the said street to be made, and shall return the same, under their hands and seals, to be lodged in the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, there to remain as part of said city.

Street to be laid out and extended

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, after having surveyed the ground and designated the street as aforesaid, shall, after having given ten days notice in two of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, proceed to ascertain and determine what damages will be sustained by the owners of property lying within or adjacent to the said street, by reason of the opening and extension thereof, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages.

Damages.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners after having ascertained the damages as aforesaid, and added thereto the commission allowed to the collector as herein after provided, and an estimate of the probable expense of opening and extending said street, shall first levy upon the city of Baltimore one-third of the whole damages to be sustained, and expenses to be incurred, by the opening and extension of the said street, and they shall then proceed to assess the residue of the said sum upon property benefitted by the opening and extension of the said street, having regard to all circumstances; and having completed the said estimate and assessment, the said commissioners shall make a full and particular return thereof, under their hands and seals, to the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, designating precisely the property assessed as benefitted, and the names of the proprietors of both species of property, as fully as they can ascertain the same,

One third of the expense to be levied on the City.