

to their interest in the adjacent lots, and the advantage derived from opening the said lane; and it appearing reasonable to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition should be granted,

C H A P. XXII.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, be authorized and empowered to open and amend Hanover-lane, and make it of the same width as Hanover-street, and the said lane, when so altered and widened, according to the direction of this act, shall be and is hereby declared to be a public highway and street; and the said commissioners are also directed to return a plot, ascertaining the extent and limits of the said lane when altered and widened, to the clerk of the county court of Baltimore, and have the same lodged in the said court, as part of the plot of Baltimore-town.

Commissioners to open Hanover-lane, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are hereby authorized and required, having first given ten days notice of the time and intention of their meeting, by setting up advertisements at the most public places in Baltimore-town, to take into consideration, and to ascertain, the damage which any person or persons shall sustain by having the aforesaid lane widened and amended, and the amount of the said damages, so ascertained, to be returned under their hands and seals, together with the said plot, to the clerk of Baltimore county court.

To ascertain damage, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, on a due inquiry into all circumstances at the time and place aforesaid, shall assess and ascertain what sum or sums of money each individual interested and benefited by opening the said lane shall contribute towards reimbursing and compensating those who shall be injured by opening the said lane; and the names of all the persons, together with the sums of money each shall be obliged to pay, shall be returned in manner aforesaid, to the clerk's office aforesaid, and in case of neglect or refusal of the said persons, or their heirs, executors or administrators, to pay and satisfy the respective sums of money by them to be paid and satisfied, at the time limited for payment of the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners in their own name, as a body politic, for the use of the persons to whom the same is to be paid, to sue for and recover the same, by action or actions, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant or defendants, and this act shall be sufficient evidence in a court of law to enforce the payment of the same.

To assess individuals, &c.

By 1784, ch. 46, the commissioners may, if they think proper, summon a jury to ascertain the damages, and the parts of this act inconsistent with that supplement are repealed. See the act of 1796, ch. 68, by which the powers given by this and other acts are transferred to the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 357.

Passed 26th of Dec. 1783.

Supplementary and other acts 1784, ch. 66, 1790, ch. 36, 1795, ch. 63, 1797, ch. 99.

WHEREAS Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Washington, Clement Hollyday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eager Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert Young Stokes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, Aquila Hall, John Churchman, Daniel Durbin, James White Hall, Francis Holland, Gabriel Christie, Ridley and Pringle, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, John Davidson, Wallace, Johnson and Muir, Josias Carvil Hall, Richard Potts, Daniel Hughes, Jeremiah Townley Chase, John Rogers, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, James Murray, Otho Holland Williams and Henry Lee, junior, actuated by very laudable motives, have undertaken to render the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, and have subscribed the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and obliged themselves to raise by subscription the further sum of one thousand five hundred pounds current money aforesaid, to be applied to that purpose; and this general assembly being strongly impressed with the general utility of the said undertaking, and the beneficial consequences that will be derived from the accomplishment thereof to the inhabitants of this state, by extending the trade thereof; and being willing to give the said undertakers every proper encouragement and support;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Washington, Clement Hollyday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eager Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert

Persons incorporated, &c.