

ed to ascertain the damage sustained by each individual by having the said lane widened, and such damage, agreeable to their valuation, to be paid by the persons benefited by the same, in proportion 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,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, be authorised 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 plat, 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 plat of Baltimore-town.

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ers to open  
Hanover-lane,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are hereby authorised 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 plat, 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 enquiry 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 indi-  
viduals, &c.

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An ACT for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water.

WHEREAS Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Wash-  
ington, Clement Hollyday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William  
Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'-  
Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William  
Neill,

Preamble.