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do swear, or affirm, that I will discharge the several duties required of me by the act of assembly passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven, entitled, "An act for the opening and extending of Pratt street in the city of Baltimore," to the best of my skill and judgment, without favor, partiality or prejudice; and in case any of the said assessors shall die or refuse to act before the discharge of the duties imposed upon them by this act, it shall and may be lawful for the surviving assessors to appoint an assessor or assessors, as the case may be, in his or their stead; each of whom shall take the foregoing oath or affirmation, have the same powers, and execute the same duties as the assessor or assessors in whose stead he or they shall be so appointed; and each of the said assessors shall be allowed for each day he shall attend to discharge the duties prescribed by this act, the sum of two dollars, to be paid in the manner hereinafter directed.

Valuation of damages, &c. by the assessors—they shall make an estimate of the whole expense of opening said street, and ascertain the respective contributions to be made by persons benefited.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said assessors or a majority of them, shall, on or before the first day of May next (having first given notice in two public newspapers in the city of Baltimore for at least two weeks) assemble at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and shall proceed to value and ascertain what damage will be sustained by any and each owner of any house or houses, lot or lots, lands or tenements, (taking into consideration the present value of the same whether by the rent thereof or otherwise, and all advantages and disadvantages thereunto appertaining, and estimating the said damage thereby,) lying and being in any part of the said street, and necessary to be removed or occupied in order to open and extend the same; or lying and being in the place herein directed to be made part of the Basin; or lying and being in that part of the city of Baltimore which is contained within the following limits, to wit: by Light street on the west; Pratt street on the south; Franklin lane on the east, and Water street extended to Light street on the north, in consequence of the opening and extending of Pratt street from Light street eastwardly to Jone's Falls, and filling up said docks; and having ascertained said damage, said assessors shall make an estimate of the whole sum of money which will be necessary to pay such damages, and to execute the works intended by this act to be performed, and to defray all other expenses necessary in extending and completing the work and incident thereto; and having made such estimate, they shall proceed to value and estimate the increase in value