

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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and a majority of said commissioners shall be competent to execute the powers of the board, and in case of the death or refusal to act of any of them, those remaining shall by appointment fill the vacancy so occasioned.

Plot

2. And said commissioners after determining the width and extent of said dock, shall make out a plat of the same and deliver it to the register of the city of Baltimore to be by him filed in his office.

Damages—
costs to be levied.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the mayor of the city of Baltimore shall appoint five assessors, who shall value and determine the damages which shall be sustained by any of the proprietors of the property lying on said dock, by extending or widening the same, or by any thing which shall be done in prosecuting said work; and said damages and all the costs and expences which shall be incurred in the execution of this act, shall by said assessors be levied on the proprietors of the property lying on said dock, according to the benefit which in the opinion of said assessors they shall respectively receive by said improvements; and the sum so assessed shall be a lien on the property so determined to be benefited, and if necessary shall be collected by the collector of taxes of the city of Baltimore by sale of the property so awarded to be benefited, he giving at least thirty days notice of such sale in two newspapers published in the city of Baltimore; and if said dock be extended to the south side of Pratt Street, said commissioners shall for the safety of passengers put up a bulwark fence or wall across the head of the same.

Obstructing
vessels.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any vessel shall be lying in said dock or at the entrance thereof, so as to obstruct any vessel which shall be coming into the same, or moving from one place to another therein, or going out thereof, the vessel so obstructing shall be removed to such place as shall be necessary to give room to the passing vessel under penalty at the rate of five dollars an hour for the delay which shall be occasioned to the passing vessel, to be paid by the master or owner of the obstructing vessel, to the master or owner of the passing vessel, unless in cases where some unavoidable casualty or accident may make it impracticable to remove the said obstructing vessel; and if a vessel when moving to make room for another be obstructed by any vessel, the master or owners of such obstructing vessel shall forfeit at the rate of five dollars an hour during the continuance of such obstruction, to be recovered by the master or owner of the passing vessel aforesaid and said money shall be recovered in the same manner that small debts are recoverable; and every thing contained in this clause applicable to vessels or the owners or masters thereof shall be construed to apply to boats, scows, rafts, arks and the owners or masters thereof.

Money may
be borrowed.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That said commissioners shall have power to borrow money to carry the operation aforesaid into execution, and to pledge said levy or contribution therefor.

CHAPTER 35.

Passed Jan. 1, 1816. *A supplement to the act entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore County.*

Commissioners **Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly**