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given at least ten days notice in one or more of the public papers of Baltimore, shall at any time before the first day of May next, first being duly sworn, proceed to assess and value what damages will be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever, by reason of extending the aforesaid street, taking all benefits and inconveniences into consideration, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual, benefitted thereby, shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating the person or persons injured by the opening and extending the said street; and the names of the person or persons, and the sums of money which they shall be respectively obliged to pay, shall be returned, under the hands and seals of the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, to the register of the city, to be filed and kept in his office; and the person or persons benefitted by the opening and extending said street, shall respectively pay the sum or sums of money so assessed and charged to him, her or them, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per cent. for the time limited for the payment thereof.

Street to be extended.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the city commissioners be and they are hereby empowered, to open and extend the said street from the point of its intersection with High-street, in a straight direction, until it intersects Jones'-street, and thence in a straight direction to Jones' Falls; and the said street when so opened and extended, and when the valuation and assessment herein before directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared to be, a public street and highway for ever thereafter; and the said city commissioners are hereby required to return a plot, ascertaining the limits and extent of the said street, when so opened and extended, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall receive and file the same as part of the plot of the city of Baltimore; and in case the obstructions in the said street are not removed within thirty days after the money charged and assessed as aforesaid is paid or tendered, the city commissioners aforesaid are hereby authorised and directed to remove the same without delay, and to charge the expenses of such removal in proportions among the several persons benefitted by the opening and extending of the said street, according to the benefit which they may have been estimated to have received agreeably to the assessment and valuation aforesaid.

Damages to be paid.

3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said street shall not be extended or opened through the property of any individual injured thereby, until the damage by them sustained, and assessed as aforesaid, shall be first paid, or secured to be paid, to their entire satisfaction, together with legal interest thereon, from the time at which payment is limited to be made, and shall remain a lien thereon.

City collector to collect damages.

4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the city collector of Baltimore to collect the damages and expenses that shall be assessed by the commissioners to be appointed by the mayor of said city, in the same manner that the city taxes are directed to be collected, or in case of neglect or refusal to pay, by a public sale of the property ascertained as aforesaid to be benefitted by the opening of said communication, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, of the person or persons so neg-