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tion the ground at present included within the lines of said streets, which may be excluded by said alterations, amongst the owners of lots adjoining the grounds so excluded, and to apportion such damages to and amongst the owners of property, who in their judgment shall be benefitted thereby, and also all expenses incurred in collecting and making the assessment and apportionment; and the persons so appointed shall, before they proceed to act, take an oath or affirmation, that they are not interested in any property injured or benefitted by altering and extending said streets, and that they will, without prejudice or partiality, value the damages, and apportion the same as directed by this act, according to the best of their skill and judgment; which valuation and apportionment shall be by them returned to the register of the city, to be filed in his office, and kept as other public records; and each of the assessors aforesaid, shall be entitled to, and receive, two dollars per day for each and every day they may be engaged in the duties assigned them by this act.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the city collector of the city aforesaid be and he is hereby authorised and required, to collect the damages to be apportioned as aforesaid from the several persons chargeable therewith, in the like manner as public taxes of the city, or by sale of the property, or so much thereof as may be necessary therefor, on which such damages may be assessed, if the owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to discharge the same, first giving at least thirty days notice in two or more newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, of the time and place of such sale; and the damages so collected shall be paid over to the several persons entitled thereto by the valuation to be made and returned as aforesaid; and said collector shall be entitled to receive a commission of six per centum upon all monies collected by him in pursuance of this act.

Collection of damages.

4. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the damages so ascertained shall have been paid or tendered to the persons entitled to receive the same, then the city commissioners shall proceed to open the said streets agreeably to the alterations and extensions authorised by this act, and the same, when so opened, shall be public streets and highways of the city for ever thereafter.

When damages are paid streets to be opened.

CHAPTER 172.

An act for the relief of Sarah Cis, of Talbot County.

Passed Feb. 1.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Sarah Cis, of Talbot county, that on or about the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five, she obtained a warrant from the eastern shore land-office, and did take up a certain piece of vacant land now called "Poor and Worthy," containing about two acres, on which she built a house, and made other improvements, where she has continued to reside ever since, but through ignorance of the laws neglected to return the certificate of survey in due time, by which her title has become forfeited to the state; Therefore,

Preamble.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sarah Cis, of Talbot county, her heirs or assigns, are hereby authorised and empowered, to return to the land-office of the eastern shore, a plot and certificate of the aforesaid tract of

Plot may be returned to land-office.