

to be surveyed and laid off, within the limits of the city of Baltimore, all such streets, lanes and alleys, as they shall deem proper and convenient, and cause the same to be marked with so many and such durable land marks as they shall think necessary, and return plots with such survey and location, with proper explanations, to the register of the city of Baltimore, and the clerk of Baltimore county court, to be by them respectively filed and preserved as other records of their offices; and the said commissioners may employ such engineer or surveyor as they may see fit, and a secretary; and the expenses incurred in the execution of the duties hereby enjoined, shall be paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

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13. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners be and they are hereby authorised to contract for and lay out such and so many parcels of ground within the said city as they shall judge convenient and necessary, to be used for public purposes, and if the price demanded therefor shall be deemed reasonable by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, they are hereby authorised to purchase the same at the expense of the city, and such lots or parcels of ground shall be conveyed to the said mayor and city council for the purposes aforesaid.

May contract for ground for public purposes.

14. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid be and they are hereby authorised, to assign one name to any street which in the whole, or in its parts, may have acquired different names, and when two or more streets may be known by the same name, to alter or change them, so that no two streets have one name, and also to alter the names of such as in their judgment decorum shall require; and the names so given of all the other streets shall be written on the plots thereof to be returned to the said commissioners, by which names they shall thereafter be called and known.

—may name streets, &amp;c.

15. *And be it enacted*, That a majority of the aforesaid board of commissioners shall be competent to exercise all its powers, and vacancies happening therein shall be supplied from time to time by the mayor and presidents of the first and second branches of the city council, or any two of them, for the time being; and that so much of the act relating to streets in the city and precincts of Baltimore, as is supplied by, or is inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed; *Provided however*, that where the commissioners in pursuance of the said act may have laid out any street, lane or alley, and proprietors of ground thereon have laid out or disposed of their grounds conformably thereto, the same shall not be altered or changed under the provisions of this act, without the consent of such proprietors.

Vacancies.

Proviso

16. *And be it enacted*, That on the application, in writing, by the proprietors of not less than two thirds of any property, which may be intended to be taken for the opening, extending, widening or straightening of any street, lane or alley, to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, they may open, extend, widen or straighten, such street, lane or alley, or part thereof respectively, according to the location and delineation thereof by the said commissioners; but before the same shall be opened, extended, widened or straightened, the said mayor and city council shall appoint five assessors, who, or a majority of them, shall ascertain, on oath, the amount of injury which any person or persons will sustain by the opening,

On application streets may be opened, &amp;c.