

CHAP. 203.

Sums assessed on property benefited to be a lien upon the same.

Person entitled to compensation to demand sum from mayor, &c.

Where legal disabilities exist, persons authorised by law, to act

Oath of commissioners

Persons benefited to acknowledge the same, &c.

extend Pratt-street in the manner prescribed in the first section of this act, and conformerly with the plot returned by the commissioners aforesaid, with as little delay as practicable,

7. *And be it enacted,* That the sums assessed upon the property benefited, shall be a lien upon the same, and shall be collected by the city collector, who shall be allowed therefor such commission as the commissioners aforesaid shall judge reasonable, and shall be paid over by him to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and by them to the persons entitled to receive the same; the said collector shall give at least twenty-five days notice of the time of payment, in all the newspapers printed in the said city, which time shall be in thirty days after the said report shall be finally passed; and should any sums assessed as aforesaid not be paid within that time, the collector shall be authorised to sell the property, or any part thereof, on which such assessment has been laid, for cash, giving not less than thirty days notice of such intended sale, in all the said newspapers; and the collector on receiving the purchase money on such sale, shall execute a deed of conveyance therefor, in favour of the purchaser, which deed shall convey all the estate and interest of the person or persons assessed and neglecting to pay as aforesaid, and after deducting the costs of sale, advertising, &c. the collector shall pay over the balance to the said mayor and city council, who, first retaining the sum assessed on said property, shall pay over the further balance to the persons entitled thereto, on demand, without interest.

8. *And be it enacted,* That any person entitled to compensation for damages sustained by the opening and extension of the said street, shall have a right to demand and receive the sum awarded in his or her favour, from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, in seventy-five days after the report aforesaid has been finally passed by Baltimore county court, whether the collector has completed his collections or not.

9. *And be it enacted,* That where legal disabilities exist in the proprietors of property affected by this act, they may be fully represented by the persons authorised by law to act for them in other cases.

10. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners appointed under this act, shall each take and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation, before some one of the said board of electors: "I, A. B. do swear, (or solemnly affirm,) that I will execute the duties of a commissioner in pursuance of an act, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt street in the city of Baltimore, to the best of my skill and judgment, with diligence, integrity and impartiality; and if any person appointed a commissioner shall neglect to take the said oath, (or make the said affirmation) within ten days after his appointment, he shall be presumed to have declined it, and his place shall be supplied, and the said commissioners shall each be entitled to six dollars *per diem* as a compensation for his services.

11. *And be it enacted,* That all persons who shall consider themselves benefited by the opening of the said street, and be willing to contribute to the expense of opening the same, in the proportions to which they may be assessed, according to the provisions of this law, shall on or before the first day of May next,