

CHAPTER 72.

Dec. Ses. 1823

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Commissioners and their duties.

Value and assessments.

How collected, &c.

Direction to the corporation of Baltimore, &c.

Repeal.

Act to provide for the widening of Cheapside-street in the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William Jenkins, Richard H. Jones, Christopher Raborg, James Chatton, William Jessop, Rosetter Scott, and Charles Worthington, or a majority of them be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners with full power and authority to widen Cheapside-street, lay out and survey all that private property in the city of Baltimore in front and between the houses on Cheapside and Cheapside dock, from Water-street to Pratt-street, to be added to Cheapside-street, and cause two plats to be made, designating the owner or owners of said property on the plats, and shall return under their hands and seals one of the plats to be lodged in the office of the Register of the city of Baltimore, there to remain as part of the said city; and the other plat to the office of the clerk of Baltimore county court to be by him preserved among the records of said court.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners after having surveyed the ground and designated each and every owner of said property on the plats, shall proceed forthwith to ascertain and determine the value of each and every owner of said property shall be that is to be added to Cheapside street, returning a list of the owners and the value of each one's property with the plats aforesaid, and having ascertained the value aforesaid and added thereto five per cent commission to the collector, and an estimate of the expences of executing their agency of two dollars per day including a reasonable compensation to their surveyor and clerk, whom they are hereby authorised to employ, they shall then proceed to assess the said amount upon the property benefitted by the widening of the said street, and having completed the said estimate and assessment the said commissioners shall make a full and particular report thereof to the Register of the city of Baltimore.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the sums assessed upon the property benefitted shall be a lien upon the same, and shall be collected by the City Collector in the same manner and with the same power as the collection was made in the benefitted property in the act for extending Pratt-street, and in like manner 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.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, within thirty days after the completing and return of the commissioners for adding the property in front of the houses on Cheapside to Cheapside-street, are authorised and required to cause the grade of said Cheapside-street from Water to Pratt-street including the property added by this act to be done, and that they shall have the same filled up complete in all respects and paved within four months after the return of the commissioners aforesaid, and said street when so completed shall be a public highway for ever: *Provided,* that nothing shall be done by said commissioners in pursuance of the provisions of this act, unless with the approbation and consent of the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, expressed by an ordinance to be passed by them for that purpose.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the act entitled an act to provide for the grading of the streets therein mentioned, passed December session, eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter one hundred and ninety-eight be, and the same is hereby repealed.