

the lots so improved to the present proprietors of the same, at the same rate and valuation as if such improvement had not been made thereon.

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Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall severally take an oath, that they will truly and impartially execute the provisions of this act; and they shall each of them be entitled to receive for their services the sum of two dollars for each day they may be employed; and they shall have power to appoint a clerk, and a surveyor, and make them such allowance as they shall deem reasonable, all which expenses shall be assessed by the commissioners upon the proprietors of the lots aforesaid, in proportion to their respective shares in value; which assessments the said proprietors, and the guardians of the minors, are hereby directed and required to pay.

Oath to be taken

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when the said commissioners shall have laid out the streets, and laid off and apportioned the ground aforesaid, and caused proper plats and descriptions thereof to be made, they shall cause two weeks public notice thereof, and of the place where the same may be seen and examined, to be given in at least two of the public papers in the city of Baltimore, in which notice it shall be stated, that any person, within thirty days after the first publication of such notice, may apply to Baltimore city court, by petition filed with the clerk of said court, to have any of the matters decided on by the said commissioners, and also whether it will be for the benefit and advantage of the minor owners of the aforesaid ground, that the alteration and apportionment authorised by this act should be made, submitted to the decision of a jury, under the direction of the said court; and the said court, and the judges thereof, shall have the same powers and authority in every respect in regard to any such application, and the hearing, trial and decision thereof, as were vested in the said court and judges in regard to the opening of Monument-street in the said city by the act of assembly, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the opening of Monument-street in the city of Baltimore; and if it shall be decided by the verdict of a jury in the said court, that it will not be for the advantage of the minor owners of the said ground, that the alterations and *apportionment* authorised by this act should be made, the said court may thereon adjudge that no further proceedings shall be had under this act, or the court, for such cause as they shall deem just, may direct a new trial after any verdict, before passing final judgment thereon.

When laid out notice to be given, &c.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners be and they are hereby required, to ascertain whether Minor owners of ground