

notice is given to the owner or owners of the property taken for such road, or to his, her or its agent or attorney, or left upon the premises in case the owner is unknown; provided, that in case the damages allowed by said examiners to any person or persons or body corporate shall be increased either by order of the county commissioners of said county, or by the Circuit Court for said county upon the appeal from the decision of said county commissioners, or in case the amount of benefits assessed against any person or persons or body corporate of said examiners be decreased either by order of the county commissioners or by the decision of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County upon appeal; from the county commissioners, then the parties petitioning for said road shall pay *pro rata* according to their assessments, the deficit caused by said increase of damages or decrease of said benefits, the same to be collected the same as are assessments for benefits as hereinbefore provided; and provided further, that no work shall be done on any road so notified and confirmed until all the assessments for the construction of said road shall have been paid, or in the event of a reduction of any assessment for benefits or increase of any damages upon appeal or otherwise as above provided, until the amount of the deficit thereby caused shall have been made up and paid by the petitioners; the county commissioners of said county shall then advertise for sealed proposals for the construction of said road according to the specifications furnished by said examiners, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; provided the contract price shall not exceed the amount of the net assessments collected for the building of said road shall give bond to the county commissioners in double the amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of the contract, and the county commissioners shall not pay in full for making such roads until the same shall have been thoroughly examined and accepted by them.

Proviso.

SEC. 204. *And be it enacted*, That in all proceedings now pending before the board of county commissioners, when the assessment, for opening any road has been paid the proceedings shall be completed in the same manner as if this act had not passed.

Proceedings now pending.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7th, 1892.