

each owner or possessor ought to be compensated, or ought to pay as compensation, and to provide for assessing and levying, either generally upon the whole assessable property of the town, or especially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the amount of damages which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, lane or alley in the town, and for the collection thereof; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Caroline county from the decisions of any commissioners whom they are empowered to appoint by ordinances to ascertain the damage which will be caused or the benefits which will accrue to the owners or possessors of ground by the opening, extending, widening or straightening or closing up in whole or in part any street, lane or alley within the town, and for securing to every such owner or possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided by jury trial whether any damages has been caused or any benefits accrued to him, and to what amount; to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person, before any street, lane or alley, in whole or in part, shall be so opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up; to provide for the collection of the amounts adjudged to be paid by the owners or possessors who may be benefited by the opening, widening, extension, straightening or closing up, in whole or part, of any street, lane or alley in the town, and to exact and pass all ordinances from time to time which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

Section 27. The said commissioners shall have full power to provide by ordinance for grading and paying, or regrading and repaving all sidewalks and gutters on any street, lane or alley in said town of Preston, or any part thereof, and to compel the owners of the abutting property to pave and grade, or repave and regrade such sidewalks and gutters, and in case the owners of the abutting property shall refuse, or fail, after thirty days' notice served upon such abutting property owner or posted upon said property, the said commissioners shall have the work done and the material furnished, and shall cause the town bailiff to ascertain the porportion of expense chargeable to each proprietor and

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