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CHAPTER 163.

Passed Feb 12

An act to provide for the extending of Lombard-street in the City of Baltimore.

Commissioners—damages.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of Baltimore city court be and they are hereby authorised to appoint five commissioners, and to fill up all vacancies caused by the refusal to act, death or resignation, of the persons so appointed; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall lay out and extend Lombard-street in the city of Baltimore, eastwardly, such width as the said commissioners shall think necessary, to Calvert street, the north side of such extension to be on a direct line from the northwest corner of Hanover and Lombard-streets to the intersection of the east line of South-street with the north line of Water-street, and the south line, until it intersects Water-street; and the said commissioners shall assess the damages which in their judgment may be sustained, by any person or persons, by the opening and extending the said street, of which damages so ascertained the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall pay the one third part, and the remaining two thirds shall be by the commissioners aforesaid assessed on the property which in their judgment shall be benefited by the extension of said street, in such proportions as the said commissioners shall determine to be just and right; a plot of said street, so extended, together with the valuation and assessments aforesaid, shall be returned by the said commissioners, under their hands and seals, to the register's office of said city, to be there preserved as other public papers.

Persons aggrieved may apply to judges of city court.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the register aforesaid shall give notice of the said returns in two or more newspapers of the city, immediately after the same are made, and all persons conceiving themselves aggrieved by such valuation or assessment, may within thirty days after such notice, by petition, make known the same to the judges aforesaid, who are hereby authorised to review and correct such valuation and assessment, in the whole or in part, as to them shall appear just and right, and their decision thereon shall be made and returned within sixty days after the publication or notice above directed, under their hands and seals, to the register's office aforesaid, there to be preserved as other public papers, and notice of such returns shall be by him forthwith given in two or more newspapers of the city; and the expenses incurred in making such review, to be ascertained and allowed by the said judges, shall be paid by the parties concerned therein in such portions as the said judges shall award and determine.

Collection of assessments

3. *And be it enacted,* That the several sums assessed by the said commissioners, or by the judges on a review as aforesaid, on the property benefitted by the extending said street, shall be a lien thereon until paid, and the amount thereof, and such reasonable expense as shall be incurred by the said commissioners in the execution of this act, to be by them ascertained and transmitted with their re-

turns aforesaid of collection thereon, who shall be bound to the same, and with such performance of assessments given by them, an appeal may be taken thereon, the giving thirty days for the time and such assessments charge the estate and had in the latter deduction collector in order to be received.

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