

sioners shall judge most conducive to the public convenience, not exceeding the width of South-street; and the said street, when so opened and extended, shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared to be, a public street and highway for ever thereafter; and the said commissioners are hereby required to return a plot of the said street, when opened and extended, to the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, there to be filed.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid commissioners shall, after having given at least ten days notice in one of the newspapers at the city of Baltimore, proceed to assess and value, (on oath) what damages may be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever, by opening and extending the said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual or company benefitted thereby shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating those who are injured by the opening and extending of the said street; and the names of the person or persons, or company, and the sum of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, shall be returned under the hands and seals of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, to be filed and kept in his office; and the person or persons, or company, benefitted by the opening of said street, shall respectively pay the sum or sums of money so charged or assessed to him or them, with legal interest thereon from the time limited for the payment thereof.

Damages to be assessed, &c.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the sums of money assessed and charged to each individual or company benefitted as aforesaid, shall be a lien upon the property so benefitted thereby to the full amount thereof.

Money assessed to be a lien on property.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said street shall not be extended or opened through the property of any individual injured thereby, until the damage by taem sustained, and assessed as aforesaid, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, to their satisfaction.

Street not to be opened until damage is paid.

5. *And be it enacted*, That in case the obstructions in the said street are not removed within thirty days after the payment, or tender of payment, of the damages as aforesaid, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and directed to remove the same without delay.

Removal of obstructions.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to assess and levy, upon the persons or company benefitted by opening and extending the said street, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred in the execution of this act.

Commissioners to assess money on persons benefitted.

CHAPTER 250.

An act to provide for Schools, and for the promotion of Education, in Caroline County. Passed Feb 4.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William Potter, Richard Hughlett and Elisha Dawson, of Caroline county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to lay out and divide said county into school sections, of not greater dimensions than equal to a space of six miles square, regulating the size and boundary lines of said sections by

County to be divided into school sections.