

construed to illegitimate the children of the said Robert Offley, and Sarah his wife, born prior to the passage of this act.

1812.

CHAPTER 118.

*An act for opening and extending Aisquith-street, in the eastern precincts of Baltimore.*

Passed Dec. 23, 1812.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of Baltimore be, and they are hereby empowered to open and extend Aisquith-street in the eastern precincts of Baltimore, commencing at the south end of the west line of said street, thence running to Pitt-street, intersecting the same at right angles; thence with Pitt street to the east line of Lloyd's lane; thence with said line to the end of the east line of Aisquith-street; and the said street when so opened and extend, and the valuation and assessment hereinafter directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared to be a public street and highway forever thereafter, and the said commissioners are hereby required to return a plot, ascertaining the limits and extent of that part of the street so opened and extended, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall receive and file the same as part of the plot of said city.

City commissioners may open and extend said street — its direction — a plot to be returned to city register.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff of Baltimore county, after having given at least ten days notice in one of the news-papers in the city of Baltimore, shall at any time before the twentieth day of May next, summon twelve free-holders, inhabitants of the said city or precincts, not interested in the premises, who being first sworn to assess and value what damages shall be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever by reason of the opening and extending the said street, (taking all benefits and inconveniences into consideration,) shall proceed to assess and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever by opening and extending said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual benefited thereby shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating the person or persons injured by opening and extending said street; and the names of the persons and the sums of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, and the time within which it is to be paid shall be returned under their hands and seals to the register of the city of Baltimore, to be filed and kept in his office; and the persons benefited by the

Damages—jury to be summoned.