

erty, within the said city, for which such owner or possessor ought to pay a compensation; and to provide for assessing and levying, either generally on the whole assessable property of said city, or specially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expenses which it shall be ascertained will be incurred in constructing such works, in connection with the improvement of Jones' falls, as the said mayor and city council of Baltimore have determined, or shall determine to make; to provide for granting appeals to the Baltimore city court from the decisions of any commissioners, or other persons appointed in virtue of any ordinance; to ascertain the value of the property which the city may wish to acquire for the purposes aforesaid, or the damages which will be caused, or the benefits which will accrue, by the construction of the aforesaid works of improvement; and to secure to every owner or possessor of any property, or right to property, which the said mayor and city council thus purpose to acquire, or which may be thus decided to be damaged or benefited, the right, on application within a time to be prescribed by any ordinance of said mayor and city council, to have decided by a jury trial the true value of the property proposed to be acquired for the purposes aforesaid, and whether any and what damage will be caused, or any and what benefit will accrue to the owner or possessor of the property so assessed for damages and benefits, respectively; and further, to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person entitled, or investing it in stock of the said corporation, bearing not less than five per cent. interest, for the use of the person so adjudged to be entitled to the same, and to provide for the collection by sale of the property assessed, or otherwise, of all sums assessed as benefits as aforesaid, and generally to enact and pass all ordinances, from time to time, which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects for the exercise and accomplishment of which this sub-title of this article is passed.

Gregg v Mayor, &c, 56 Md 256.

1870, ch. 115.

576. They are authorized and empowered to define and locate the limits of Jones' falls within the city of Baltimore, and to acquire by purchase or condemnation, under proceedings for which