appear in their name and defend their rights. If the court shall determine that the said property is not subject to condemnation at all, it shall quash the petition. If the court shall determine that the proceedings are void for want of a proper notice or summons, which has not yet been barred by the appearance of the owner or owners, or reputed owner or owners of the property, it shall order a resummons or republication of the order of notice; the court shall at any time have power to permit any amendments in the matter of form; if there be no objection to the condemnation of said property, or if the court shall decide against the validity of any such objection as may be alleged, it shall order and adjudge that said property be subject to condemnation, and refer the assessing of the value of the same to the Park Commissioners to make an award of the value of said lot or area of land, and of the interest of the several owners; as soon conveniently may be, the said Park Commissioners shall assess the value of the property sought to be condemned in fee-simple; and apportion the same among the owners or reputed owners of the different estates therein, according to the value of their respective interests, and return to the Baltimore City Court their award of the value of the property and of the respective interests of the owners or reputed owners thereof, under their hands, and give notice twice a week for one week in two daily papers of Baltimore City that such award has been returned to the Baltimore City Court, and that all persons having an interest therein may show cause,

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if any they have, why the same should not be confirmed during the ten days, subject to exception. Either the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or any owner or owners, or any reputed owner or owners, of any interest in the lot of ground or area of land sought to be condemned, whether they have previously appeared to said petition or have been made a party thereto or not, shall have a right to file exceptions to said awards, and to pray a jury trial on the hearing of said exceptions. Upon said exceptions being filed, the court shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, have the same heard, tried and determined in court before a jury in the same manner as appeals in street cases are now heard, except that there shall be no appeal to the Court of Appeals, and that all the taxed cost of such appeals shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. After confirmation of all the awards of the Park Commissioners to which there are no exceptions, and after the rendition of the verdicts by the juries and their approval by judges of the Baltimore City Court, in all cases where there are such exceptions or appeals, the said Park Commissioners shall either pay to the owner or owners of said lot or lots or portions thereof, the amount awarded by the jury or Park Commissioners respectively, or shall pay the same into the clerk's office of the Baltimore City Court for the use of the respective owner or owners of said lot or lots, or the respective interests therein, and thereupon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be vested with the fee-simple title to said lot or lots.

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