

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out the first section and insert in lieu thereof the following .

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1864, a raid was made into Maryland by the Confederate Army under the command of General McCausland, in which the city of Hagerstown, in Washington county of said State was threatened to be burned by said McCausland, unless a large sum of money and a large amount of clothing should be advanced to the said McCausland as indemnity for the security of the said city from destruction.

AND WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of said city and its inhabitants did pay the money and furnish the clothing so required by the said McCausland, to save the said city from the threatened calamity, the entire amount of which has since been assumed by the said Mayor and and Council, thus making it a formidable debt to the said city.

AND WHEREAS, The said county of Washington owns valuable property in said city, viz : a Court House, a jail, and an almshouse, which would inevitably have been destroyed with the city had it been burned, and should consequently and as a matter of sheer justice assume its proper and equitable share of the debt incurred for its safety from destruction; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be, and it is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Commissioners of said county be empowered, at their discretion, to assess the said property owned by said county in said city, equitably, and in a ratio with the value of other property within the corporation of said city, and to pay annually on the amount of said assessment, a pro rata sum equivalent to that paid by other property in said city, corresponding to its relative value, towards the interest of the debt incurred by the causes above recited; and also, if they deem proper, an equitable and pro-rata sum, annually, to the Sinking Fund, established or which may be established for the final extinguishment of the debt by the said Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown; and further, that the said Commissioners of Washington county be empowered to levy an annual tax for carrying out the purposes of this bill, or pay the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

The Senate amendment was adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed by yeas and nays as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Steiner,	Whiteford,
Miller, Speaker,	Bamford,	Wilson,
Williams,	Appleman,	Spicer,