

Preamble. said Mayor and Council thus making it a formidable debt to the said city; *and whereas*, the said county of Washington, owners of valuable property in said city, viz: a Court House, a Jail and an Alms House, 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.

Board of Commissioners empowered to assess property.

SECTION 1. *Therefore, 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.

In force.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHAPTER 26.

Passed Feb. 8, 1867. AN ACT to change the name of W. H. C. Oldson, to Harry Oldson Palmer.

Name changed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the name of W. H. C. Oldson