

within the city and precincts, and for regulating the sweeping of any chimney, by the neglect of which the safety of the city may be endangered, and to ascertain the width of those to be built in the city; to establish and regulate fire wards and fire companies; to regulate and establish the size of bricks that are to be used in the houses to be built in the city; to erect and regulate pumps in the streets, lanes, and alleys; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to lay and collect taxes,* not exceeding two dollars in the hundred pounds in any one year, except as before is excepted; to enact by-laws for the prevention and extinguishment of fire; and to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all the powers vested in the corporation of the city of Baltimore; *Provided*, that the by-laws or ordinances of the said corporation shall be in no wise obligatory upon the persons of non-residents of the said town, being citizens of this state, unless in cases of intentional violation of by-laws or ordinances previously promulgated; all the fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed by the ordinances of the corporation of the city of Baltimore, if not exceeding twenty dollars, shall be recovered before a single magistrate, as small debts are by law recoverable; and if such fines, penalties and forfeitures do exceed the sum of twenty dollars, then to be recovered by action of debt in Baltimore county court,† in the name of the corporation, and for the use of the city of Baltimore.

General powers of taxation are given by 1827, ch. 183.

See third section of supplement, 1805, ch. 108.

* Limitation removed, 1817, ch. 148, sec. 4.

† Baltimore city court, by 1817, ch. 148, sec. 6.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the powers and authority vested in the town commissioners, special commissioners and port-wardens, heretofore appointed by law for Baltimore town, except the authority of the town commissioners to hold elections agreeably to the constitution and form of government, shall cease and determine as soon as this act shall be in force and operation; and the corporation of the city of Baltimore are hereby declared to possess, and may provide for the exercise of all powers and authorities now vested in the said town commissioners, special commissioners and port-wardens, except the holding of elections for delegates to the general assembly—but no rights acquired under the acts of the aforesaid boards shall be annulled, impaired, avoided or restrained, by any act of the said corporation. And immediately upon the operation of this act, and organization of the corporation contemplated thereby, the records, papers, proceedings, moneys, accounts and all other matters and things appertaining to the said commissioners of Baltimore, special commissioners, and port-wardens, shall be

Town commissioners,
&c. cease.