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chapter one hundred and forty-eight, and it shall be the duty of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, to cause such grades to be fixed and established whenever application shall be made therefor, by persons owning more than one-half of the ground fronting on the streets, lanes or alleys, respectively required to be graded, although such streets, lanes or alleys, shall not have been opened, nor any application for that purpose made.

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SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the mayor and city council of Baltimore to provide from time to time, by general ordinance, for the fixing and establishing such grades, through the city commissioners or other persons to be appointed or employed as such ordinance may direct, and on application to such commissioners or persons, and notice of such application as may by the said ordinance be prescribed, and the expenses of such grading shall be paid as such ordinance shall direct.

An Act for the promotion of Internal Improvements —May, 1835, ch. 395.

The preceding sections contained concessions and stipulations, connected with these works.

Mayor and city council of Baltimore may subscribe for all unsubscribed shares in Maryland Canal Co. and Balt. and Ohio rail road company. Or purchase from individuals.

SEC. 10. And be it enacted, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore may subscribe for and acquire such part of the capital stock of the Maryland Canal Company, and the Baltitimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, as shall not be subscribed by individuals, after books shall have been opened for that purpose, as directed by their charters, and also to acquire at any time by purchase from individuals, such stock as may have been taken or subscribed for, or at any time owned by individuals, and to pay for the same by money procured on loan or otherwise, and provide for the payment of the principal and interest on such loan or loans as they shall find necessary and deem proper; Provided, that neither the president and directors of the said Maryland Canal Company or stockholders therein, shall so reduce the tolls on said canal, as to prevent the payment to the state of Maryland, of six per cent. per annum, upon the state's stock in said canal.

Reducing toll forbid.

An Acr to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to extend the limits of Direct Taxation—1838, ch. 168.

Authority to levy tax.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to any power of taxation heretofore vested in them, to levy upon the assessable property within the limits of the city of Baltimore, and collect by tax according to the usual mode of raising money by taxation, in the said city of Baltimore, any sum or sums which may be necessary to pay and discharge the principal and interest of