

any loan or loans which may have heretofore been obtained, or which may hereafter be obtained, by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the purpose of prosecuting and completing the works of internal improvement now authorized by law; *Provided however*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to extend the limits of direct taxation, except for the special object of raising the sums aforesaid; *And provided further*, that property beyond the present limits of direct taxation, shall be charged for the purposes aforesaid only rateably and proportionably according to assessment, with property within the said limits for the same purposes.

Proviso.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to levy hereafter upon the Assessable Property within the City of Baltimore, a Direct Tax, not exceeding the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, with full power and authority, by ordinances, to collect the same.—1838, ch. 208.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be, and they are hereby authorized to levy, hereafter, upon the assessable property within the city of Baltimore, by direct tax, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, with full power and authority, by ordinances, to collect the same, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the corporation, over and exclusive of all expenses, charges and sums of money, which they are, or shall be required by law, to levy and collect for other purposes.

Authority granted.

AN ACT to vest certain powers in the Corporation of the City of Baltimore, in relation to Streets.—1838, ch. 226.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to provide for laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up, in whole, or in part, any street, square, lane or alley, within the bounds of said city, which, in their opinion, the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any, and what amount in value, of damage will be caused thereby, and what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to the owner or possessor, of any ground or improvements within, or adjacent to said city, for which such owner or possessor, ought to be compensated, or ought to pay a compensation, and to provide for assessing and levying either generally, on the whole assessable property within said city, or specially on the property of persons benefitted, the whole, or any part of the amount of damages and expenses which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up the whole, or any part of any street, square, lane or alley in said city; to

Authority conferred to proceed to lay out, open, &c.

For ascertaining damages and benefits

For assessing and levying amount.