

to lay and collect a direct tax, not exceeding thirty-five cents in the hundred dollars on the assessment of all lands and houses in the said city, lying without the present limits of direct taxation, and within the exterior limits of said city, and may enforce the payment of the same in the same manner as is now provided with respect to the direct taxes which the said corporation is now authorized to impose; and the tenants in possession shall be liable to the payment of the said tax imposed upon the premises occupied by them, without its operating, however, to alter the nature of contracts between landlords and tenants.

Money applied.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the taxes thus levied, after deducting the expenses of collection, shall be annually applied by the corporation of the city of Baltimore, in making and repairing such of the public highways and bridges within the limits subject to this present assessment, as they shall deem most important to the public necessity and convenience; and the said corporation shall have power to provide by ordinance for the collection and expenditure of said tax, in such manner as they may deem advisable.

Limitation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this law shall continue in force until the first day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Appropriation for bridges limited.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That no further sum than two hundred dollars shall be appropriated in any one year, to the erection of any one bridge within the limits aforesaid.

Re-enacted by 1827, ch. 87, and made perpetual by 1836, ch. 120.

AN ACT to continue in force an Act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one hundred and eighty-five, entitled, an Act to repair the Highways and Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore.—1827, ch. 87.

Power to levy.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That hereafter the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have power to lay and collect a direct tax, not exceeding fifty cents in the hundred dollars, on the assessment of all lands and houses in the said city, lying without the present limits of direct taxation, and within the exterior limits of said city, for the purposes, and to be applied in the manner as prescribed in an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one hundred and eighty-five, entitled, an act to repair the highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, any thing in said act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act and the aforesaid act, entitled, an act to repair the highways and bridges in certain