

lected, or they may be collected by process before a Justice of the Peace, or in any of the Courts of the city of Baltimore having jurisdiction in such cases; and the said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint watchmen or such police force as may be necessary for the protection of their Water Works in the city and County of Baltimore, and to impose fines and penalties for interference with or injury to the works or their appendages, to prevent the water from being obstructed or contaminated, and to prohibit all meddling or tampering with the Water Works and their appurtenances; said fines and penalties shall be enforced as provided in this Article, Sections two hundred and twenty-nine to two hundred and thirty-five inclusive.

Appoint
watchmen.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

Approved March 30, 1868.

CHAPTER 468.

AN ACT to make valid the official acts of certain Constables appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, elected under the present Constitution of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS the present Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, elected under the present Constitution of the State of Maryland, did, in or about the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, appoint certain Constables for the city of Baltimore; and whereas the Court of Appeals of Maryland has since decided, in the case of William P. Smith et al. vs. Robert A. Thursby, that the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore had not the right at that time to make said appointments, and that therefore said appointments were irregular and illegal; and whereas said Constables, prior to

Preamble.