

875. The auditor shall require the purchaser of such property on the day of sale, or the day next succeeding, to pay on account of said purchase the amount assessed or taxed on the lot so sold, together with all costs and charges, and no more, and the residue of the purchase money shall remain on a credit of one year and a day.

876. If the property so sold shall not be redeemed at the expiration of a year and a day from the day of sale, the auditor shall, when required, and on payment of the full amount of the purchase money, execute a deed for the same to the purchaser, and the balance of the purchase money so received by him shall be paid to the city register.

877. If it shall appear that the owner of the said lot or parcel of ground, prior to the execution of the deed for the same by the auditor, cannot after reasonable effort be found, or shall refuse to receive said balance of money, then in either case the city register shall invest the same in any public debt of the State of Maryland or city of Baltimore, and shall safely keep the same, and from time to time collect the interest due thereon, and invest the interest from time to time in the said stock.

878. When any lot or parcel of ground in the said city shall be sold by reason of the non-payment of the tax or assessment due thereon, the owner, or other persons having an estate or interest therein, shall have power to redeem the same at any time within one year and a day from the day of sale, on paying or tendering in payment to the auditor the whole amount of money received by such auditor from the sale of the lot or parcel of ground required to be released, and a further sum of one-half per cent. per month interest from the time of sale to the time of such tender, and the sums so paid shall be by the auditor delivered or tendered to the purchaser, whose right in the property so purchased shall thenceforth cease and determine.

879. The auditor shall be allowed ten per cent. commission for all State taxes collected and paid over to the Treasurer as a compensation for collecting the same, as well as five hundred dollars per annum for one clerk, payable monthly.

880.\* All taxes now levied, or which hereafter may be levied, shall be collected within three years from the levying of the same, and the collection of taxes shall not be enforced by law,