

CHAP. 209. ^{1798, ch. 115.} **tors of the senate of this state, sheriff of Baltimore county, and elector of the president and vice president of the United States, for the city of Baltimore, and as part thereof, and not otherwise; and that for the purpose of holding such elections in the said city as hereby enlarged, the same shall be forthwith divided into eight election districts, pursuant to the act*, entitled, An act to alter and abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned; for the making of which division the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall forthwith appoint five commissioners, two of whom at least shall be taken from the additions to the said city made by this act, and who shall forthwith proceed in such manner, and under such regulations, as the said mayor and city council shall prescribe, to lay off and establish the said eight election districts, and to fix and establish the places of holding elections therein respectively; and all such elections shall be held at the said places in the manner, and subject to the rules, regulations and provisions, heretofore made by law concerning elections in the city of Baltimore, except so far as they are hereby altered.**

See 1805 ch. 97.

New wards subject to the authority of the mayor and city council.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said new wards to be laid off by virtue of this act, shall in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdiction and authority, vested, or to be vested, by law, in the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and in the corporation of the said city, and shall be in all respects taken and considered as parts of the said city and corporation, *Provided nevertheless,* that no part of the city tax of two dollars in the hundred pounds shall be imposed on any real or personal property within any of the said wards(a), until there shall be at least five dwelling houses on each acre of land; that is to say, that each acre of such land, and the property thereon, shall be wholly exempted from the said tax till there shall be erected on such acre five dwelling houses, nor shall any tax for the making or repairing of the public roads or bridges of the county, out of the limits aforesaid, be levied upon the property within those limits.

Proviso.

(a) By 1817, ch. 113, the limits of the city to be ascertained within which no direct tax to be imposed.

New places to be fixed for holding elections in 1st and 4th districts in county.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the five following persons, to wit: John Beall Howard, Joseph Ford, Caleb Merryman, Labon Welsh and Robert Lyon, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to ascertain and fix new places for holding elections in the first and fourth election districts of Baltimore county respectively, instead of the places heretofore fixed and established for that purpose in the said districts, and shall proceed in the execution of their duty, in the same manner and under the like penalties, as are prescribed in the act†, entitled, An act to regulate elections, for the commissioners appointed by virtue thereof.

† 1799, ch. 50.

Repeal.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all acts, and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and are hereby repealed.

CHAP. CXX.

Passed Feb 3, 1817 *An Act for the benefit of Persons Hiring or Renting Slaves.* Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 365.

Slaved slaves exempted from excise.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That where any stove or stoves now are, or may hereafter be, rented or hired to any person or persons within this state, the same shall be