

corporation, not exceeding in amount the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, to be appropriated to indemnifying, paying and saving harmless all such person or persons who may have incurred liability or assumed responsibility in ransoming the said town from the requisitions and demands imposed upon the inhabitants and property of the said town of Hagerstown and its additions by the rebels in the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

5. The mayor and council of Hagerstown are hereby authorized and empowered to levy on all the assessable property of said town, a tax sufficient to liquidate or pay the whole amount of said bonds, (thirty-five thousand dollars,) or any part thereof and the interest thereon, accruing from time to time as it may become due; and also, if deemed expedient by the said mayor and city council, to establish a sinking fund adequate to the liquidation or redemption of said bonds in a period not exceeding twenty years, said tax to be levied and collected as other taxes of said corporation are levied and collected.

In force from January 24, 1865.

Chapter 59 enacts the following :

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly that the mayor and council of Hagerstown, through inadvertence and misapprehension, failed to take the oath of office, as prescribed in the first article, sections seven and eight of the Constitution, within the time therein prescribed; therefore,

6. All ordinances, laws, provisions and acts made, passed and done since the thirtieth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, by the mayor and council of Hagerstown, are hereby made legal and valid, as if they, the said mayor and council had complied with the provisions of article first, sections seven and eight of the new Constitution; *provided*, the said mayor and council take and subscribe the said oath of office on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

In force from March 20, 1865.