

Board to estimate sum necessary for discharge of duties.

Police tax.

PROVISOS.

Certificates of indebtedness.

812. It shall be the duty of the board of police commissioners aforesaid immediately to estimate and annually thereafter, what sum of money will be necessary for each current fiscal year to enable them to discharge the duty hereby imposed on them, and they shall forthwith certify the same to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, who are hereby required, without delay, specifically to assess and levy such amount as shall be sufficient to raise the same clear of all expenses and discounts, upon all the assessable property in the city of Baltimore, and to cause the same to be collected as all other city taxes, and it is hereby made the duty of the collector of the city of Baltimore, and he is hereby requested to collect said tax, to be denominated the police tax, and the said board of police commissioners, upon and after qualifying as such, are hereby authorized to make requisitions from time to time, upon the comptroller of the city of Baltimore, or other proper disbursing officer or officers of the corporation for such sums of money as they may from time to time deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the objects and intentions of this act, *provided*, the same shall not exceed in any one year the amount so as aforesaid, certified or which may thereafter be certified for that year, to the mayor and city council aforesaid, and in case the said disbursing officer or officers shall not forthwith pay over the amount of each requisition as made it shall be the duty of the said board, and they are hereby authorized and required, to issue certificates of indebtedness, in the name of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, in such sum as they may deem advisable for the amount of such requisitions respectively, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, payable at not more than twelve months after date, and signed by a majority of said board, and to raise the money on said certificates by pledging or disposing of the same; which certificates shall be receivable at par in payment of city taxes, and be as binding on said