

Water rates.

Watchman and
police force.

Fines and pen-
alties.

said purposes, and all expenses incident thereto, the said mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have authority in the name of the city, to issue certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face, "Baltimore Water Stock," to an amount not exceeding five millions dollars, bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and to provide by ordinance for the redemption of the same at a certain time, and under such provisions as the mayor and city council may deem expedient and proper; the said mayor and city council are authorized and empowered to assess rates for the supply and use of water at any point in Baltimore city and county, and the mayor and city council are authorized to enforce payment for the use of water and other expenses incurred in the introduction of water from the water mains, according to the rates established by the said mayor and city council, said payments to be enforced by the same process that city or state taxes are collected, 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 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 appendage, 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.

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1870, c. 25 repeals sections 1 and 2 of 1861, c. 240, [Sup. 1861-7, p. 474,] and re-enacts the same to read as follows:

1870, c. 25.
Polluting the
water in lake,
&c.

941. Sub-Sec. 1. If any person shall wilfully pollute the water in any lake, dam, reservoir, line of conduit, water-pipe, gate-house, or other work constructed