

established therein, and for these purposes to grant to said factories and industries financial aid in such manner as they in their judgment may think will be for best interest of the city, to provide by ordinances for the abatement of all or any taxes levied by their authority for any of the purposes of the corporation upon any mechanical tools or implements whether worked by hand or steam or other motive power, machinery, manufacturing apparatus or engines owned by any individual, firm or corporation in said city; and which shall be actually employed and used in the business of manufacturing in said city, and upon any of the raw materials or stock owned and used by said individuals, firms or corporations in and for the purpose of the manufacturing business in which they are engaged and not kept or offered or intended to be offered for sale in its said raw or unmanufactured condition, and upon all real estate actually used, occupied for said manufacturing purpose, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said city to make such abatement of taxes levied as aforesaid as may be authorized and directed by said mayor and city council; provided, that application for such abatement shall be made and verified to the satisfaction of said mayor and city council by the oath of the party applying for the same or other satisfactory evidence before the annual closing of said tax list in each year; and said clerk shall further keep a record of all abatements made by them as aforesaid, and report in writing the aggregate amount thereof during the year to the said mayor and city council on or before the first day of December in each year, and said mayor and city council are further authorized and empowered for the purpose of inducing manufactories and manufacturing enterprises to locate their works and plant and operate the same in said city, to contract with the owners thereof to exempt for a term of years from all municipal taxation all such property both real and personal as may be actually used, occupied and employed for said manufacturing purposes; provided, that such contract shall not provide for said exemption for a larger period than fifty years, and the said mayor and city council are authorized and empowered to ratify and confirm any contract made by the said corporation during the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine with the firm of Faust and Son, to induce them to locate their shoe factory in said city to the same extent to which said mayor and city council could under this section have made a valid binding contract with said firm.

To encourage
manufactures.

186. Said scales shall be adjusted at least once in every six months by the standard for weights for the city of Baltimore, the expenses of which adjustment shall be paid by the inspector.

Scales.

187. The county commissioners shall be relieved from the care of the roads, streets and alleys within the corporate limits of the city of Havre-de-Grace, and the care of the same shall be transferred to the mayor and city council of Havre-de-Grace; and in