

CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT to amend an act passed at December session ^{Passed May 20, 1853.} eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter two hundred and eight, entitled, an act to authorise the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to levy hereafter upon the assessable property within the City of Baltimore, a direct tax not exceeding the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with full power by ordinance to collect the same, so as to authorise the Mayor and City Council to increase the direct tax to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Authority to *of Maryland,* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised to levy hereafter upon the assessable property within the city of Baltimore by direct tax, a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars annually, instead of a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, to which they are restricted, in and by the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter two hundred and eight, and the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, are hereby vested with full power and authority to provide by ordinance for the collection of the same, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the corporation, over and exclusive of all expenses charges and sums of money, which they are or shall be required by law to levy and collect for other purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall go into effect from the day of its passage.