

Proviso. *Provided, however,* that the amount for which the said city shall be responsible, shall not exceed the sum of one million dollars.

Power to borrow money. **SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That to enable the said mayor and city council to meet the liability to be incurred by them for principal or interest, under the authority hereby conferred on them, they are empowered hereby, over and above any existing privilege, to raise money heretofore imposed upon them, to borrow any amount of money not exceeding one million dollars, from such persons, on such terms, and for such length of time as they, the said mayor and city council, from time to time may find convenient and expedient for the accomplishment of the purposes contemplated by this act.

Authority to levy. **SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That the said mayor and city council of Baltimore, are hereby authorised and empowered, in addition to any power of taxation heretofore invested in them, to levy upon the assessable property within the limits of the city of Baltimore, or collect, by tax, according to the usual mode of raising money, by taxation, in the said city of Baltimore, any sum or sums of money which may be necessary to pay and discharge the principal and interest of any loan or loans, which may be obtained by the said mayor and city council of Baltimore in pursuance of this act.

In force. **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 270.

Passed May 25, 1853. **AN ACT** relating to the acknowledgment out of this State of bills of sale.

Preamble. **WHEREAS,** It manifestly appears to have been the intention of the act passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter ninety-seven, entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing, under seal, out of the State of Maryland, to provide for the acknowledgment of bills of sale as well as of other instruments of writing before the commissioners appointed under that act, but doubts exist as to the validity of acknowledgments of bills of