

CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT to provide for the better security of life and property in the city of Baltimore, by increasing and arming the police force thereof. Passed March 16, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in order to preserve the peace, and better to secure the safety of persons and property in the city of Baltimore, the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised and required to increase and strengthen the police by day and night, of the said city; and that efficiency and success may be perfectly assured, the said corporation shall cause the police officers and men, whether bailiffs, night watch, or however designated, to be liberally paid, and when injured in discharge of their duties in person or apparel, fairly indemnified therefor. Authority to increase police.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to provide for the arming of the police of the said city, in such manner and under such regulations as they shall deem proper. Authority to provide for arming police.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That although a commission and a badge shall be furnished to each member of the police, it shall be no defence when such member is resisted or assaulted, that his commission or badge is not exhibited, but it shall be sufficient when discharging his duties, if he proclaims his character, or he is otherwise known to be such member. Commission and badge.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the act entitled, an act providing for the appointment of bailiffs for the city of Baltimore, passed at November session eighteen hundred and twelve, chapter one hundred and ninety-four, and which limits their number to one hundred, the provisions of which are enlarged and supplied by this act, be and the same is hereby repealed. Ch. 194, of 1812, repealed.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from its passage. In force.