

CHAP. CCXLIX.

An Act to exempt the Baltimore Athæneum from Taxation.

CHAP. 249.

Passed Mar 9. 1827
 Lot and building
 exempt from taxa-
 tion

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the lot of ground and building thereon, situate at the south-west intersection of Saint Paul's-street and West Lexington-street in the city of Baltimore, now held and owned by the Baltimore Athæneum, be exempt, and the same are hereby exempted, from taxation and public assessment, for the term of five years, provided the same shall continue to be the property or estate of the Baltimore Athæneum aforesaid, any thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

CHAP. CCL.

An Act to provide for the valuation and condemnation of certain Real Estate in the City of Baltimore. Passed Mar 8 1827

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Solomon Etting, William Lorman, David Winchester, Talbot Jones and Benjamin C. Howard, or a majority of them, are appointed commissioners, and hereby authorised and empowered, upon giving ten days notice in two of the daily newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, of their intention to proceed, under the provisions of this act, to value and assess so much of the land lying south of Pratt-street, between Market space dock and O'Donnell's dock, with the improvements thereon, in the city of Baltimore, as under the direction of the governor and council, they may deem proper and necessary to perfect the design as contemplated by the act of December session eighteen hundred and twenty-five, chapter one hundred and fifty-nine, including such portion of ground and appertinances as the governor and council may deem necessary for a public street, or other necessary convenience for public use, and shall by their order, certified by the clerk of the council, direct the said commissioners to value and assess under this act, and the decision of the said commissioners shall be final and conclusive as to the actual and correct worth of the land and improvements so valued and assessed, unless an appeal shall be prosecuted as herein after provided for; and the amount of damages for the land or real estate and property as aforesaid, so valued and assessed, being paid or offered to be paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, of which payment, or offer to pay, a certificate, signed by a majority of said commissioners, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore county court, or a copy of such record certified by the clerk of the said court, under the seal thereof, shall be sufficient evidence, the state of Maryland shall thenceforward be considered the true and lawful owner and proprietor of the said land or real estate, with the improvements thereon, and all wharves and other appertinances thereto belonging or appertaining, and all right, title, estate and interest therein, at law and in equity, shall be vested in the said state; *Provided always,* that if the Previous owner or owners of the said land or real estate, his, her or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her or themselves, aggrieved by such valuation and assessment,