

required to cause the said steamer to be employed, so far as it may deem prudent and proper during the seasons when the said harbor is unobstructed, in towing vessels and aiding and promoting the ingress and egress of the same to and from the said harbor, and in and upon the Chesapeake bay and the Patapsco river, and the harbors of Annapolis, Chestertown, Cambridge, St. Michaels, Oxford and Crisfield, at such moderate rates as the board may establish, regard being had to the interests and facilities of commerce; and in any other service which the board may deem proper for the protection of property in and about such harbor and the waters giving access thereto; provided, however, that said vessel shall not be so employed in towing in anywise when her services as an ice-breaker shall be needed, except in the cases of vessels in distress, bound to or from said city, in which service she may be employed by the board at any time, and her services, if any, shall be paid for only as in the nature of towage, and not of salvage service; provided, however, that the said ice-boat shall not be required in keeping the harbors of Annapolis, Chestertown, Cambridge, St. Michaels, Oxford and Crisfield free of ice as above required unless requested so to do by the proper and corporate authorities of said towns respectively, and then only when the condition of said bay and river will justify her leaving for the purpose of relieving the harbors of the towns aforesaid.

To tow vessels and be used as an ice-breaker.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said board are authorized and required from time to time, as may be necessary, to make requisitions upon the comptroller of the treasury of the state, and the register of the city of Baltimore, respectively, for such amounts not exceeding one hundred and twenty-thousand dollars in all, and to be paid by the state and the mayor and city council of Baltimore equally, as the construction of said steamer may require, and to be expended in and about the same, and in like manner to make requisitions for the annual amount of ten thousand dollars, to be paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore as aforesaid, or so much

Payments provided for.