

483. The Board is further authorized to use the said boat (or at its discretion the ice boat Latrobe) in the relief from obstruction by ice of any of the harbors or channels of the Chesapeake bay or its tributaries, when such service can be rendered without detriment to the commerce of the port of Baltimore, and for any other service which the said Board may deem advantageous to commerce and the public interest; the Board may charge such reasonable rates for towage, or relief of vessels, as it may deem proper, having in view the public and private interests and facilities of commerce, and the sum received for same shall be applied to the expense of the boat.

484. The annual expenses of maintaining and operating said ice boat shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

485. The said Board shall in its annual report to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore embody statements of the operations of, and the receipts and disbursements for the said ice boat, and shall send copies of the same to the Governor and Comptroller of the Treasury of the State.

HEALTH.

Nuisances.

486. Whenever any nuisance dangerous to the health of the City shall exist in any street, lane or alley of the City, and it shall be found necessary, in order to the removal of the same, to have such street, lane or alley paved, the said City may order the same to be paved, and may recover the amount expended in paving the same, and the expenses of collection from the owner of the property fronting thereon, in proportion to the amount expended in front of said property, by suit against the owner.

487. The said owner may in such action defend himself against any such claim for expenses of paving and the collection thereof by proof that no such nuisances existed, or that the paving of the said street, lane or alley was not necessary to the removal or abatement thereof, or that such nuisance was