

thereof, or who may be charged with a violation thereof, from an action of damages for any injury or destruction of any part of the works used in supplying the City of Baltimore with water, in any suit for damages on account of said injury, brought by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of the passage of said Act; *provided*, that this section shall not be construed to make irrevocable or irrevocable any right which before the passage of this Act was repealable or revocable; nor shall said Act impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever now existing. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offences already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this Act, shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Act had not been passed. No tax levied or any proceeding taken for the collection of any such tax or the enforcement of the payment of the same, before the passage of this Act, or the taxes levied for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, if levied after the passage of this Act, shall, in any manner be affected by the passage of this Act, and the mode of procedure in any such matter shall be the same as if this Act had not been passed.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws now in force relating or applicable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or the City of Baltimore, and not included in this Act, and not inconsistent with said Act, and all ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore now in force and not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and they are hereby continued until changed or repealed, respectively, by the General Assembly of Maryland or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, *provided*, that all Acts or parts of Acts passed at the session of the General Assembly of Maryland in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, relating to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the City of Baltimore, or in any manner amending or adding to Article 4 of the Code of Public