CHAPTER 317.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to levy and collect in their discretion, annually, in perpetuity, a sum of money in aid of the maintenance of a free Library to be established in the town of Hagerstown, in Washington County.

Contract entered into.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and they are hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to enter into a contract with The Washington County Free Library, whereby they shall contract to contribute annually, in perpetuity, the sum of \$1,000 per annum for the care and maintenance of the said The Washington County Free Library.

Levy a sum of money. SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of carrying out the obligation which may be incurred under the provisions of the foregoing section, that the said Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and they are hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to levy and collect annually, in perpetuity, on the assessable property of said town a sum of money sufficient to meet the obligation to be incurred by the said Mayor and Council of Hagerstown under the provisions of the foregoing section.

Effective.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 7, 1898.

CHAPTER 318.

AN ACT to incorporate the Realty Trust Company of Maryland.

Body corporate. Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas P. Amoss, Henry Clay Tunis, William H. Bayless, Samuel Roland, Ruxton M. Ridgely, Harry W. Crowl and James W. Owens, all being citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Maryland, and their associates and successors, and all such other persons as shall hereafter become stockholders in the company incorporated, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and title of the "Realty Trust Company of Maryland," and by that name be capable in law to acquire and hold, and in anywise dispose of property, and to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court whatever; to make