

## CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT for the relief of the Mayor and Council and Citizens of Hagerstown, and authorizing the raising by taxation the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars for the purposes herein mentioned. Passed Jan. 24, 1865.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that the citizens and inhabitants of Hagerstown, in Washington county, were required and compelled by the rebels under the rebel General McCausland and others, to pay large sums of money and to furnish large and valuable amounts of goods for the purpose of ransoming the said town whilst in the hands and possession of the said rebels in the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-four; therefore, for the purpose of relieving such person and citizens; Preamble.

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 empowered to borrow a sum of money not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, or to issue bonds bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum, signed by the Mayor and by the Clerk of said Mayor and Council, and sealed with the seal of said corporation, not exceeding in amount the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars to be appropriated to indemnifying, paying and saving harmless all such person or persons who may have incurred liability or assumed responsibility in ransoming the said town from the requisitions and demands imposed upon the inhabitants and property of the said town of Hagerstown and its additions by the rebels in the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-four. Empowered to borrow money.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy on all the assessable property of said town, a tax sufficient to liquidate or pay the whole amount of said bonds, (thirty-five thousand dollars,) or any part thereof and the interest thereon, accruing from time to time as it may become due; and also, if deemed ex- Authorized to levy.