

Reservation. Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly reserves for itself the right to alter or amend this act of incorporation at its discretion.

In force. Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 173.

Passed March 24, 1865. AN ACT to amend Article eleven of the Code of Public Local Laws entitled, "Frederick County."

Preamble. **WHEREAS**, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars was levied by the rebel army under General Jubal E. Early, on the city of Frederick, on the ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, with the alternative presented to the citizens to pay said sum or to have their town sacked by the rebel soldiery; *and whereas*, after consultation between the officers of the several banking institutions of said town, a large number of the citizens, and those of the corporate authorities that remained in the town, the said sum of money was advanced to the corporate authorities and citizens then present to save said town from being sacked, with the understanding and upon the written condition, that the same should be refunded to the President and Directors of the Fredrick County Bank, to the Central Bank of Fredrick, to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Frederick County, to the Fredericktown Savings Institution and to the Franklin Savings Bank, advancing said sum at the earliest practical moment by taxation; *and whereas*, said Banking Institutions have assumed fifty thousand dollars as their portion of said loss.

Authorized to pay.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of Frederick be and they are hereby authorized to pay said balance of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the President and Directors of the Frederick County Bank, to the Central