

939. For the purpose of defraying all the expenses and costs of said lands, waters, and water rights as shall be taken or purchased for the purposes aforesaid, and of constructing all works necessary to the accomplishment of said purposes, and all expenses incident thereto, the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall have authority in the name of said City to issue certificates of debt to be denominated on the face, "Baltimore Water Stock," to an amount not exceeding three millions and five hundred thousand dollars, and bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and to provide by ordinance for the redemption of the same at a certain time and under such provisions as the Mayor and City Council may deem expedient and proper; the said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to assess water rates for the supply and use of water at any point in the vicinity of said water works in Baltimore city and county, and to assess a water tax on houses and other buildings in said city within three hundred feet of the line of water pipes, *provided*, they shall not assess a water tax on any building where the water is not taken on the premises, for a sum greater than five dollars nor less than one dollar per annum; and the Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to enforce payment for the use of the water as is or may be established by the schedule water rates and of the water tax that may be assessed; said payments shall be enforced in the same manner as the city taxes are or may be collected in said city; the Mayor and city council are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint watchmen, or such police force as may be necessary for the protection of their water works extending into Baltimore county, and to impose fines and penalties for the protection of the water works and the appurtenances thereto belonging, to preserve the purity of the water, and to prevent obstructions or injury to the water works and their appendages, such fines and penalties, to be recovered by the same process at law and in the same manner as provided in article four, sections two hundred and twenty-nine to two hundred and thirty-five inclusive, of Public Local Laws.

Mayor and City Council authorized to issue certificates of debt.

Water rents, &c.

Proviso.

Purity of the water—its preservation, &c.; appointment of officers.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

In force.