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need be) of altering and fitting up, the Court House of Baltimore County, in the city of Baltimore, recently injured by fire; and purchasing the necessary materials and supplies for the same; and also for erecting and completing, upon the vacant lot in the said city, west of the said Court House, adjoining the same, fire proof offices, for the safe keeping of the records of Baltimore County Court, and the Orphans' Court of Baltimore County, and for the purchase of the necessary materials and supplies for that object; and that, in the execution of this authority, the said commissioners may adopt and pursue such plan or plans, as they, or a majority of them, shall decide to be expedient and necessary for the accommodation of the public, and to facilitate the operations of the several Courts of Baltimore City and County, and the public functionaries connected therewith in the administration of justice.

Issue of stock

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said repairs, improvements, and alterations, and all matters connected with the execution of this law, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall create a stock, not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, bearing an interest of five per centum per annum, payable quarterly by said Corporation, irredeemable for twenty years, to be called the Court House Stock, for such sums as the said Commissioners shall, from time to time, certify to the Mayor of the said city to be necessary, and issue certificates for the same, payable at the end of twenty years, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and that the proceeds of the said Stock, when sold, shall be received by the said Mayor and City Council, and shall be applied as necessary in the paying the expenses incurred in the execution of this act.

Court house stock

Application of proceeds

Contracts—obligations

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That, in the execution of the powers hereby granted, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall make such contracts, and take such bonds, for the faithful performance of the same, payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as they shall deem necessary, and that they, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall make all payments under such contracts and for all other purposes to them committed, by orders in writing, signed by them, or a majority of them, drawn upon the Register of the city of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to satisfy such orders.

Levy for payment of interest

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the said stock, there shall annually be levied upon the taxable property of the inhabit-