CHAP. 76. under said ordinance in the proportions of said last mentioned assessment, and that the payment of the same be enforced as said last mentioned assessment might have been, and be to every effect in lieu thereof.

Corporation of B. authorised

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and is hereby authorised to pass any ordinance or ordinances for carrying into effect the provision aforesaid for payment of the compensation and charges aforesaid and the allowance to said Lester.

CHAPTER 76.

Passed Jan. 19, 1838.

An act for the benefit of the children of John Murray, late of Baltimore county, deceased, and to confirm certain proceedings therein mentioned.

Preamble

WHEREAS, on the bill of complaint of the heirs at law of John Murray, late of Baltimore county, deceased, exhibited in Baltimore county court, sitting as a court of equity, for a partition of his real estate between his heirs at law, and to allot to his widow her dower therein, the commissioners appointed by the said court for that purpose have returned to the said court all their proceedings under the commission, and therein have assigned to the minors, John Wesley Murray and Joshua Summerfield Murray, two of the said heirs at law, for their partition of the said real estate, that part thereof which had been assigned to the widow for dower aforesaid; *and whereas,* doubts are entertained if the said court have the power to ratify and confirm the said proceedings, return and partition; *and whereas,* the expenses incurred by the said heirs at law in the premises have been very large, and the remanding the commission to the said commissioners for making an entire new partition would greatly increase said expenses, disproportionate to the interest of the said heirs in the said estate: and it appears to the General Assembly of Maryland that it would be beneficial to the said minors and the other heirs of the said John Murray that the said proceedings, partition and return of the said commissioners should be confirmed:—Therefore,