

their capital, or funds in the purchase of suitable furniture and other personal effects, for the use of their said hall, or other apartments and premises, to be held and enjoyed by them as their other corporate property.

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SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained, either by name or otherwise, shall be so construed as to exempt said company, incorporated by this act, from taxation; and that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said corporation to issue any note, certificate, token or evidence of debt, to be used as currency; and the right is hereby expressly reserved to the General Assembly of Maryland at its pleasure, to alter, amend or annul this act of incorporation.

Not exempt from taxation.

Banking for bid.

Reservation.

CHAPTER 77.

*An act to reduce the number of Justices of the Peace, in and for the City of Baltimore, to change the mode of compensating them, and for other purposes.*

Passed Feb. 11, 1848.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, the Governor be, and he is hereby directed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in place of the thirty-six justices of the peace now authorised by law to be appointed and commissioned in and for the city of Baltimore, to appoint and commission sixteen persons, citizens of the United States, and bona fide residents of said city, to be styled and called justices of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the city of Baltimore.

Number of justices of the peace reduced.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said justices of the peace, after qualifying as hereinafter provided, shall have and exercise all and singular the jurisdiction, powers and authority, and perform all and every the several duties now belonging or assigned to justices of the peace in and for the city of Baltimore.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said justices of the peace shall hold their commissions for two years from the date thereof, unless sooner removed, and before any of the said justices shall be qualified to act as such, he shall first make the oath or affirmation now prescribed for justices of the peace of this State, and shall make and execute to the State of Maryland, and file in the of-

Term of office—To give bond.