

twenty-three, entitled an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State; the first assessment under this section to be made as soon after the passage of this act as they may see proper, and whenever thereafter they shall deem the public interest requires a new assessment, they shall proceed to make the same according to the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in the execution of the powers conferred upon them by this act, the said Mayor and Common Council shall have full power and authority to prescribe the mode of ascertaining the value in money of the several kinds and descriptions of property referred to in the preceding section, owned by each and every citizen of Westminster, and others having property therein, and for adjusting and settling all differences in relation thereto, and generally to do all matters and things which may be necessary and proper for ascertaining and determining by a fair and just valuation the actual worth of the citizens of Westminster, or property holders therein, which shall be chargeable according to such valuation with the public assessment; *Provided*, that no land within the said city limits, and not fronting on any street, shall be taxed on more than one acre thereof, and the value of the improvements of the said certain tract of land, and the said new assessment hereby authorised, when completed, shall be chargeable, according to such valuation, with the taxes levied for the use of the said corporation, according to such new assessment.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Common Council shall have full power and authority to pass all ordinances necessary and proper to provide for the assessment hereinbefore authorised; for the appointment of one or more assessors; to prescribe their duties; to fix a suitable compensation for such service; and for all other things which may be requisite for the effective execution of the powers conferred upon the said corporation by this act; and the said Mayor and Common Council are hereby empowered to provide, by ordinance, for the appointment of one or more collectors of the tax which may be levied or be chargeable upon the said assessment, to prescribe their duties, the character and amount of bond which he or they may give for the faithful performance of duty, and for a just and pro-

Valuation of property.

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