

An ACT for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

Taxes to be
levied, &c.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following taxes be levied in the town and upon the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, towards paving, cleansing, and keeping in repair, the streets, lanes, and alleys, and for mending, building, and keeping in repair, the bridges, within the said town, viz. On every foot front of improved and unimproved lots in those parts of the streets fixed on to be paved, or that may have been already paved, by the special commissioners appointed by an act, entitled, An act for the speedy application of the money appropriated for repairing the streets in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, that is to say, twelve shillings and six-pence; and on every foot front of improved and unimproved lots in those parts of the lanes and alleys paved or to be paved, six shillings and three-pence; for every four-wheeled riding carriage thirty shillings per year; chairs or sulkeys fifteen shillings per year; drays twenty-five shillings per year; waggons and carts twenty-five shillings per year; riding horses twenty shillings per year; an additional tax upon billiard tables of fifteen pounds per year; a tax upon the play house of fifty pounds per year; an additional tax of thirty shillings on every chimney catching fire; on persons convicted in the county court of selling liquors without licence an additional fine of thirty shillings; an additional tax of five pounds annually on tavern licences; a tax not exceeding two shillings and six-pence on every hundred pounds of assessed property within said town.

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Duration of
taxes.

II. Be it enacted, That the twelve and six-penny and six and three-penny tax on every foot front of improved and unimproved lots, shall be assessed and collected but once; that the per centum upon all assessed property shall be levied only for and during the space of seven years, or till the year seventeen hundred and ninety inclusive, beginning with the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the other taxes as shall be hereafter directed.

Special com-
missioners
power over
vendue mas-
ter, &c.

III. And, for the furtherance and due execution of this act, Be it enacted, That the special commissioners have the same powers over the vendue master for Baltimore as the town commissioners, and hereby have authority to compel a settlement of his accounts quarterly, half yearly, or yearly, and to receive that part of his commission on the sale of all condemned merchandise or other property, and all other goods, estates, or commodities, sold by said vendue master, in virtue of his office and appointment.

May antici-
pate taxes,
&c.

IV. Be it enacted, That the special commissioners be and are hereby empowered to anticipate, by loan, on the aforesaid taxes, any sum not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, and to mortgage the whole or any part of said taxes, for the payment of any part or the whole of such sum so borrowed.

Their oath.

V. And be it enacted, That each and all of the special commissioners shall take an oath or affirmation before a magistrate, of the tenor and effect