

and insert "eight." In the 5th line, after "sum," insert "of ground-rent." In the same line, after "lessees," insert "or persons holding the ground." In the sixth line, after "lease," insert "or conveyance." In the 8th line, after "lease," insert, "or conveyance." In the 9th line, strike out "nine," and insert "eight." In the 10th line, after "sum," insert "of ground-rent." In the same line, after "lessees," insert "or persons holding the ground." In the 11th line, after "and" insert "may." In the 12th line, after "rent," the first word in the line, strike out to the word "and," in the 13th line, and insert "unless otherwise agreed between the person holding the ground, and the person claiming the rent, but if the lessee, or person holding the ground when the same was assessed, cannot be found, so that the sum rated to the person entitled to the ground-rent cannot be collected from the person holding the ground, then the person entitled to the rent shall be liable to pay the assessment on the same." In the 2d line from the bottom, after "lessor," insert "or the person entitled to the house." In the same line, strike out "eighteen" and insert "sixteen."

Page 7. In the first line, after the word "and," strike out to the word "and" in the 2d line, and insert "upon leases for above three years, and where the value of the ground, house or houses, and improvements, exceeds the value of the rent reserved, the lessees, or persons holding and possessing the ground, house or houses, and improvements, shall be assessed upon the sum which the actual worth of the ground, house or houses, and improvements, in ready current money, exceeds the value of the rent reserved, calculating sixteen pounds at one hundred pounds capital as aforesaid." In the 2d line, after "lessees," insert "or persons holding and possessing the ground, house or houses, and improvements." In the 3d line, after "and," insert "may," in the same line same amendment. In the 4th line, after "rent," strike out to the word "and" in the 5th line, and insert "unless otherwise agreed between lessor and lessee, but if the lessee, or person holding and possessing the ground, house or houses, and improvements, or their effects or estate, cannot be found, so as the sum rated to the lessor may be collected, then the lessor shall be chargeable with the same." In the 2d line from the bottom, in the interlineation, after "lots" insert "and parcels of land."

Page 8. In the 3d line, after the word "the" insert "real." In the same line, after "lands," insert and not the sum to which they would amount at the average aforesaid." In the 4th line, strike out from the word "county" to the end of the clause.

Page 9. In the second line, after "courts," insert "or as soon thereafter as may be." At the end of the clause in the 9th page, after "commissioners," insert "and that the justices of Baltimore county, at their March court, or as soon thereafter as may be, shall appoint some person to value the property of the commissioners of Baltimore-town, who shall make return thereof as aforesaid."

At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, that the commissioners of the respective counties shall, as soon as may be after having made their valuations of land as aforesaid, appoint three places of meeting in their county, the most convenient for the people of the different parts of the county to attend, and the days on which one of the commissioners, with their clerk, will attend at the respective places aforesaid, for the purpose of shewing the said valuations to all persons concerned; and the places and times of attendance appointed by the commissioners shall be by them notified by advertisements at the most public places of the county, ten days at least before the time of meeting, and some one of the said commissioners, with their clerk, shall attend at the places, and on the days by them appointed, and shall have with them the valuations by them made of all the land in the county, and shall, upon request, shew such valuation to any person holding land valued in the county. And where the owner of any land valued in any county does not reside in such county, the commissioners shall cause a certificate under the hand of their clerk, of the valuation of such land, to be made, and the same shall, within five days after their valuation aforesaid, deliver under cover, directed to the owner of such land, to the sheriff of their county, endorsed, to be forwarded as public letters, and such sheriff, and the other sheriffs in the line of direction to the owner, shall forward the same.

"And be it enacted, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be authorized and requested to appoint three of the most proper men in the respective counties, and in Baltimore-town and its precincts, to be a court to hear and determine appeals from the valuations made by the commissioners in the respective counties, and in the said town, and to issue a commission to the persons so appointed, signed by the governor, and with the seal of the state annexed, authorizing them, or any two of them, to hear and determine all appeals to them made, according to this act, from the valuations of the commissioners; and the persons so appointed shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of the said commission, qualify, by taking the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before some justice of the county, to wit, "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly and sincerely affirm, that I will hear, examine, and according to the best of my judgment, justly determine, all appeals which may be made to me as a judge of the court of appeals from valuations made by the commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ county, or Baltimore-town and its precincts, (as the case may be) and thereupon the person so appointed, commissioned and qualified, shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all appeals made to them agreeably to this act, and shall have power and authority to summon such persons as they may think proper to attend them upon hearing any appeal, and also to take all such measures as to them shall appear just and expedient to gain true and perfect information upon the subjects of their inquiry; and the clerks of the commissioners shall be clerks of the said courts respectively, and shall attend the same, and the said courts for the several counties shall sit at the usual places of holding the county courts