

equipment and furniture of hospitals, asylums, charitable or benevolent institutions, or to the grounds appurtenant thereto in any city or incorporated town of this State which are necessary to the respective uses thereof, nor to the buildings, equipments and furniture of hospitals, asylums, charitable or benevolent institutions in any county of this State, but not within any city or incorporated town of this State nor to the ground not exceeding forty acres appurtenant respectively thereto, which are necessary for the respective uses thereof, nor to the buildings, furniture, equipment or libraries of incorporated educational or literary institutions, or to the ground appurtenant thereto, in any city or incorporated town of this State which are necessary for the respective uses thereof, nor to the buildings, equipment or libraries of incorporated educational or literary institutions in any county of this State, nor to the ground, not exceeding forty acres, appurtenant respectively thereto, which are necessary for the respective uses thereof, nor to the personal property of any corporation incorporated by this State, and having capital stock divided into shares, when said shares of said corporation are subject to taxation under the laws of this State, nor to the shares of stock of railroad companies working their roads by steam power, incorporated by or under the laws of this State, which are subject to taxation upon their gross receipts within this State, and to county and municipal taxation upon their respective real and personal property in the respective counties and cities of this State, in which such respective properties are located, nor to the book accounts or bills receivable or evidences of debt given for such accounts of any person engaged in commercial business who is taxed upon the fair average value of his stock of goods, wares and merchandise; and every person engaged in commercial business shall be taxed upon the fair average value of his stock in such business during the year preceding the assessment upon which such tax is levied; and each and every one of said exemptions from taxation shall be strictly construed.

1892, ch. 300.

4 A. Real property purchased in the State of Maryland by survivors of the late war for the purpose of erecting monuments and for laying commemorative parks in memory of those who