

Dec Ses 1817. *2. And be it enacted,* That the city collector of Baltimore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to collect from the persons so chargeable the amount of the said valuation, with six per centum thereon for collecting the same, and if need be to sell the property, or such part thereof, as may be necessary to satisfy and pay the portion of said value assessed thereon, if the same be not paid within two months after the return of such assessment shall have been made, of the time and place of which sales ten days previous notice shall be given in writing to the persons chargeable with such payments, if resident in the city of Baltimore, or left at their places of abode, and the property, and upon such sales the collector aforesaid shall make conveyances of such estate or interest as the persons chargeable with such assessment may have held in the property sold to the purchasers thereof, and the amount of the valuation of said lot shall be paid over by the said collector to the orphans court of Baltimore county, to be invested, under the direction of said court, in such stock or funds as they may deem most beneficial for those now interested in the said lot, and to be held and enjoyed by them in the same rights and benefits as they now hold the lot aforesaid.

Obstructions to be removed

Proviso

Acts repealed

*3. And be it enacted,* That when the said valuation shall have been so paid over to the orphans court aforesaid, and not before, the city commissioners of Baltimore shall proceed to have all obstructions or buildings removed from the said lot, and the same shall be and remain a public highway for ever thereafter; *Provided however,* that if the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall at their next session determine that a fire-engine house might be erected upon the said lot, without impeding or obstructing the public convenience, and shall then permit the same to be done, in such case the valuation aforesaid shall be paid by the city, and not assessed or collected as provided by this act.

*4. And be it enacted,* That the several acts of assembly heretofore passed relating to the opening or making public said lot, be and the same are hereby repealed.

#### CHAPTER 86.

Passed Jan 31 *An act for the preservation of Buoys in the Patapsco River and Chesapeake Bay.*

Any person convicted of injuring buoys to be confined in penitentiary

*Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person, his or her aiders and abettors, who shall be convicted before any court exercising criminal jurisdiction at the place where the offender may be arrested, or may reside, of the crime of stealing, cutting away, or in any manner wilfully injuring, any of the buoys, their mooring chains and stones, which are now moored, or may hereafter be moored, in the Patapsco river, or in the Chesapeake bay, by the direction of the insurance companies of the city of Baltimore, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary-house of the state of Maryland, for a period not exceeding seven years, at the discretion of the court who may try the offence, and the persons sentenced as aforesaid shall be kept therein, and in all things be treated and dealt with as other criminals, under the like sentences, in the penitentiary aforesaid.