

34 Three hundred dollars be advanced to Samuel Davis, by the Mayor, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, for the purpose of enabling him the said Davis to construct and put into operation his machine for discharging mud: And the Post wardens are hereby authorized to employ the said machine, retaining one eighth of the hire thereof, until the aforesaid sum of three hundred dollars shall be repaid by the said Davis: And before the said Davis shall be entitled to receive the said sum, he shall execute and deliver to the Mayor a good and sufficient Deed of Mortgage of said machine as security for the payment thereof."

Which resolution having been read the first and by special Order a second time was concurred in.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare an Ordinance to impose a Tax &c

"The Committee appointed to prepare an Ordinance to impose a Tax on the real and personal ~~and personal~~ property within the City of Baltimore, and to provide for the collection of the same for the year 1816, and for other purposes, beg leave to submit the following

Feb. 28. 1816.

John Brewitt

"An Ordinance to impose a tax on the real and personal property within the City of Baltimore, & to provide for the collection of the same for the year 1816, and for other purposes.

1st Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that a tax of two dollars shall be and is hereby laid and imposed upon every hundred pounds worth of property within the City of Baltimore, and in proportion for every greater or less sum as the said property shall have been valued in virtue of an act of Assembly passed at November session in the year

1812, entitled "An act for the Valuation of Real and personal ³⁵ property in the several Counties of the State", and specified in the returns of the appraisers made by the appraisers, in virtue of said act, for the City of Baltimore; and the said tax shall be paid, collected and received, in manner hereinafter directed.

2^d And be it enacted and Ordained that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint a suitable person or persons, to take an accurate account of all the four wheeled riding carriages; all the chairs and sulkeys; all the waggons and Coats, the Fellows of whose wheels are less than four inches in breadth, and all the riding horses kept within the City, and make a correct Return thereof on oath, with the name of the owner and their place of residence, as far as they have been able to ascertain them, in order that the tax imposed on them by act of Assembly may be collected by the Collector of the City, to whose care and keeping the said accounts shall be delivered; and for which service the Mayor may allow the person or persons, so appointed, any sum in his discretion not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

3^d And be it enacted and Ordained, that the person or persons, in whose custody, or keeping, any of the articles aforesaid are found, shall be considered the owner thereof, and liable to pay the tax, unless they make known the true owner to the person appointed by the Mayor as aforesaid.

4th And be it enacted and Ordained, that there be a Collector appointed to collect the said taxes, who before he enters upon the execution of his office, shall give bond to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the penal sum of Twenty thousand dollars, with security to be approved by the Mayor, for the well and faithful execution of the trust reposed in him by this Ordinance, or any other Ordinances of the Corporation, and that he will pay monthly to the Register of the City on oath, such sums of money as he shall receive in the course of collection, and that