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An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance for inspecting weights and measures.

Examined by the Committee on Enrolment and found correct.

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An ordinance empowering the agents of the City of Baltimore for the liquidation of the M'Donogh estate to prosecute the claim of said estate for 227,853 acres of land in Louisiana and to employ Counsel and compensate them out of the proceeds of what may be recovered.

Section 1 Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore that the agents of the City of Baltimore for the receipt, administration, sale and liquidation of the estate of the late John M'Donogh, be and they are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Counsel learned in the law for the prosecution of the City of Baltimore's rights and claim under the will of said M'Donogh in 227,853 acres of land in the Florida Parishes of Louisiana; and after the recognition of said rights and claims, by actual confirmation, or satisfaction for said rights and claims, in such other form ~~or~~ manner as Congress may enact, the said agents are hereby authorized to sell the said confirmed lands or to dispose of whatever may be received as satisfaction of said rights and claims, and to pay one half of the proceeds, after such sale or disposition to the Counsel employed to prosecute said rights and claims to a final decision; provided, always that said Counsel shall in his agreement with said Agents, bind himself to hold and save the City of Baltimore, as well as said agents and the interest of the City of Baltimore, in any of the property or estate of the late John M'Donogh, free from all demands, costs, charges, expenses and outlay for the prosecution of said rights and claims incurred either in prosecuting the same before the Congress of the United States or any department or officer of the Government or, in any Court, or in any manner, place or form whatsoever, except the one half of the ultimate proceeds aforesaid, as full contingent compensation: — it being the distinct understanding that no compensation shall be paid except on ultimate success, and that, in no event whether successful or not, shall the City