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necessary, in case of vacancies occurring in any way in other wards of said city; *provided nevertheless*, that it shall be in the power of the Mayor and City Council, by resolution or ordinance, in all such cases, to defer the election of members from the aforesaid wards newly created, until the autumnal election of members of the City Council, next succeeding the creation of said wards, if it should be deemed expedient.

CHAPTER 206.

Passed Mar. 5, 1841.

AN ACT for the better regulating the Harbor and Port of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, There are millions of feet of sawed lumber floated in rafts into the port of Baltimore, and there washed and drawn out of the water, by which large deposites of mud are made in said harbor, to the injury of the navigation of vessels, as also adding much to the expense of cleaning the docks and harbor within the city or port of Baltimore—Therefore,

Mayor, &c. to lay a tax on floated lumber washed therein.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority, and they are required to assess, levy and collect, on every thousand feet of lumber floated into or arriving at the said port of Baltimore, and washed therein, a sum not exceeding thirty cents per thousand feet board measure, and not less than fifteen cents per thousand feet board measure, excepting however, all timber floated into or arriving at the said port, for the purpose of being sawed in said city or its vicinity, as also all the timber to be used for masts, spars and wharfing timber, to be appropriated and applied by the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, to the carrying into effect the rules and regulations which they may, from time to time make, respecting the harbour and port of Baltimore.

Exception.

How appropriated.

CHAPTER 252.

Passed Mar. 10 1841.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Ground Black Oak Bark intended for exportation," passed December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, chapter seventy-seven.

No charge for inspection to be made unless intended for foreign port, &c.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Inspector of ground black oak bark to inspect, or to charge any inspection fees for inspecting ground black oak bark, unless the ground black oak bark is exported from the port of Baltimore for a foreign country, out of the limits of the United States, or unless the same is sold within the limits of the State of Maryland; *provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall prohibit said Inspector inspecting and charging his inspection fees in any case where he inspects ground black oak bark at the request of the owner.

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ACTS OF ASSEMBLY,

PASSED AT THE EXTRA SESSION, 1841.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT for the General Valuation and Assessment of property in this State, and to provide a Tax to pay the Debts of the State.

Passed April 1, 1841.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all real and personal property in this State; all chattels, real and personal; all goods, wares and merchandizes, and other stock in trade, at home, or not permanently located elsewhere; the interest or proportion in all ships and other vessels, whether in or out of port, owned by persons residents of this State; all debts secured by, or due on judgment, decree, mortgage, bond, bill of exchange, promissory note from solvent debtors, (except debts due for goods sold and delivered after the passage of this act, and bank notes;) all stocks or shares owned by residents of this State, in any bank, institution or company, incorporated in other State or Territory; all debts due to residents of this State, by solvent debtors residing out of this State, except debts due for goods sold and delivered after the passage of this act; all investments in securities or stocks of other States, made or held by residents of this State; all public loans and stocks whatsoever, (except those created or issued by the United States,) owned or held by residents of this State; all stocks or shares in any bank, institution or company, incorporated by this State; and all other property of every description whatsoever, shall be valued agreeably to the directions of this act, and shall be chargeable according to such valuation, with the public assessment;

Description of property to be assessed.

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