healthfulness of the city, to consult with and take the advice and obtain the assistance of such medical men, other than the health officer, as he may judge to be required by the occasion.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances that may be inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and are hereby repealed.

Approved March 1, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*

No. 7.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools, and for the purchase of a building for the use of the High School.

School Tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That for the year eighteen hundred and forty four, a tax of five cents on every hundred dollars of assessable property in the city of Baltimore, and in like proportion for any greater or less amount be, and the same is hereby levied and imposed for the payment of the ordinary expenses of the public schools in the city of Baltimore, and for the purchase of the property at the north east corner of Fayette and Holliday streets, known by the names of the Assembly Rooms and the Theatre Tavern, with all their appurtenances.

Commissioners to purchase Assembly Rooms.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That the tax hereby levied and imposed shall be collected and paid in the manner prescribed by the laws of the state and the ordinances of this corporation, and that the school commissioners be and they are hereby authorised and directed to purchase (at a sum not exceeding twenty-three thousand dollars, subject to the ground rent of three hundred and fifty-one dollars,) in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the property referred to in the first section of this ordinance, and that the property when so purchased shall be for the use of the public high school and such other public schools as the commissioners of public schools may think proper to have therein.

Cellar not to be rented, for sale of liquor or oysters.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That the cellar, library rooms and saloon of the property heretofore referred to, shall be under the direction of the commissioners of public schools, and by them leased or rented for the benefit of said public schools, until such time as the high school may require the use of them—provided, that the cellar of the Assembly Rooms shall not be rented to any person engaged in the business of selling oysters and liquors.

Assent of the Mayor and City Council in certain cases.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That all contracts hereafter made by the commissioners of public schools, for the purchase or lease of any property, for a longer term than one

year, shall require the sanction of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Treasurer to bond.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That the treasurer of the commissioners of public schools shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, give bond to the corporation, with securities to be approved by the Mayor, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the trust reposed in him, and of the duties required of him by the commissioners of public schools, acts of Assembly, or ordinances of the city, passed or to be passed, in relation to the public schools.

Repeal of certain ordinances and resolutions.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions, that conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved March 11, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*

No. 8.

AN ORDINANCE to authorise the Mayor to accept a deed for the bed of Short street, from Jefferson street to McEldery street.

Mayor to accept a deed for the bed of Short street.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to receive and accept a deed of surrender from the owners and proprietors of the property, to form the bed of Short street, to be a continuation of Short street from its intersection with Jefferson street to McEldery street,—provided, that all the parties interested in the bed of said street unite in the surrender of the same to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore—and provided also, that said street shall be continued from Short street as located on Poppleton's plat, by straight lines, and of the same width as Short street as laid down on said plat.

Said street to become a public highway.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted and ordained*, That immediately from and after the execution and delivery of said deed, the said street shall henceforth and forever be deemed and taken as a public highway, and shall be subject to all the laws and ordinances relating to streets, lanes and alleys in the city of Baltimore.

Approved March 11, 1844. JAS. O. LAW, *Mayor.*