No. 54.

An Ordinance to lay and collect a Direct Tax for the repairs of Highways and Bridges in certain parts of the City of Baltimore.

Highways and bridges tax.

Levy of six and one-half cents on every one hundred dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That for the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, a direct tax of six and one half cents, shall be and the same is hereby levied and imposed on every hundred dollars of assessed value of all houses and lands in the city of Baltimore, lying without the limits of direct taxation, and within the exterior limits of the city,—and in proportion for a greater or less sum—and the said direct tax shall be laid and collected in the same manner as is now provided with respect to other direct taxes which the Mayor and City Council are now authorized to impose,—and the tenants in possession shall be liable to the payment of said tax upon the premises so occupied by them, without its operating, however, to alter the nature of contracts between landholders and tenants.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted and ordained*, That the tax thus levied and collected shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioners, with the approbation of the Mayor, for the purpose of making and repairing such of the public highways and bridges within the limits subject to the present assessment, as they shall deem most important to the public necessity and convenience, unless otherwise directed by ordinance or resolution; provided however, that no greater sum than two hundred dollars shall be appropriated to the erection of any one bridge within the limits aforesaid,—any thing in any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

No greater sum than 200 dollars to be expended on any one bridge.

Approved May 31, 1847.

JACOB G. DAVIES, Mayor.

No. 55.

An Ordinance to lay and collect a Direct Tax for the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

Direct city tax.

Levy of thirty cents on every one hundred dollars.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That for the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, a direct tax of thirty cents shall be and the same is hereby levied and imposed on every hundred dollars value of property in the limits prescribed by the commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council, under the first section of an act of the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, passed at December session 1830, chapter 139, and in proportion for a greater or less sum, as said property shall have

been assessed, pursuant to an act of assembly, passed at the extra session of the legislature of Maryland, 1841, chapter 23, entitled "An act for the general valuation and assessment of property of in this state, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the state,"—and the said direct tax shall be collected and paid in the manner prescribed by the acts of assembly and ordinances of this city.

Approved June 11, 1846.

JACOB G. DAVIES, Mayor.

No. 56.

An Ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the City Court of Baltimore, and for the City Poor in the Alms House of Baltimore City and County.

City court tax.

Levy of three cents on every one hundred dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, That the sum of three cents on every hundred dollars worth 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 year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for the payment of the salaries of the associate judges of Baltimore city court, and all the expenses incurred in the administration of justice therein, as said expenses shall be ascertained and certified under the authority of said court.

City poor tax.

Levy of two and one quarter cents on every one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted and ordained*, That the sum of two and one quarter cents on every hundred dollars worth of the same property, and in like proportion for any greater or less amount, be and the same is hereby levied and imposed for the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for defraying the expenses of the city poor in the alms house of Baltimore city and county, as the said expenses shall be ascertained and certified by the trustees of the poor of Baltimore city and county; provided, the said trustees account annually with the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the disbursements of all monies received by them, in virtue of their trust from the corporation of Baltimore, for the use of the poor of said city.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted and ordained*, That the taxes hereby imposed, shall be collected and paid in the manner prescribed by the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city of Baltimore; and the Register of the city shall pay to the two associate judges of the city court, their salaries,—