$25,000 appropriated.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance; said sum to be provided for in the levy of 1898.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted and ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from and after December 15, 1897.

Approved November 24, 1897.

WM. T. MALSTER, *Mayor.*

No. 2.

An ordinance to create a Commission of five persons, who shall consider, devise, frame and submit to the Legislature of Maryland at its next session a draft of a New Charter for the City of Baltimore, and to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to meet the expenses of said Commission.

Charter Commission.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested and authorized to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of a convention of the two Branches of the City Council to appoint five able and discreet persons, who shall serve without pay, and who, together with the City Solicitor, City Counselor and the City Attorney, shall be members, ex-officio, who shall constitute a Commission to consider, devise, frame and submit to the Legislature of Maryland, for adoption by it at its next session, a New Charter for the City of Baltimore, which shall contain provisions for the proper division and organization of the different departments of the municipal offices and employes, the collection, appropriation and expenditure of all revenue raised within the corporate limits and the application thereof to the uses of the corporation, and creation and limitation of municipal debt, and such other provisions as may appear to them desirable to be enacted into law in order to meet the wants and requirements of a modern, progressive municipality and adequately foster and protect its great interests.

To organize.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted and ordained, That said Commission shall organize immediately after their appointment, and shall report the result of their deliberations as soon thereafter as may be to the Mayor for transmission by him to the two Branches of the City Council.

To submit engrossed bill

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted and ordained, That said Commission shall also submit an engrossed bill, containing such provisions as may appear to them proper to be adopted by it, to the Legislature of Maryland at its next session; said bill to be submitted as early in the session as within the first week thereof, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted and ordained, That the sum of five thousand