payable, in order thereby to reduce the liability of the said Mayor and City Council, as guarantor of principal and interest of said bonds, and for the payment of interest on said stock by substituting therefor the stock of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore hereby authorized to be issued; and

Preamble.

Whereas, It is expected that by reducing the rate of interest payable on said bonds and on said stock in the manner provided in this ordinance, the Western Maryland Railroad Company will be enabled to meet the said interest and to entirely relieve the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from the payment of the same by substituting for said bonds so guaranteed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and for said stock so issued by said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, other stock of the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, bearing interest at a lower rate than the rate now borne by said bonds and by said stock; now, therefore

Authority to issue $1,875,000 of stock.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That registered stock of the Mayor and City Counil of Baltimore be issued by the Register of the City of Baltimore, in the usual form of such registered stock, to an amount not exceeding one million eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($1,875,000), bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually

from the date of the issue of the certificates thereof by said Register, which certificates shall be redeemable at the end of fifty years from the date thereof, which stock shall be sold by the Commissioners of Finance of the City of Baltimore at not less than the par of said stock, and the proceeds thereof, subject to the provision hereinafter mentioned with reference to the sinking fund, shall be advanced by said Commissioners of Finance to the Western Maryland Railroad Company, to be applied by it to the payment and extinguishment of all the said third mortgage bonds of the said railroad company guaranteed by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the amount of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($875,000) as and when said bonds shall mature, and shall be applied also under the direction of the Commissioners of Finance to the payment and extinguishment of the stock of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000), issued and loaned to the Western Maryland Railroad Company as hereinbefore mentioned and secured by the said covenant of the Western Maryland Railroad Company with the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, bearing date the 3d day of April, 1872, as and when the said stock shall become due and payable.

How stock is to be sold.

How proceeds are to be applied.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted and ordained, That the Commissioners of Finance of the City of Baltimore shall provide for the due application of the proceeds of the stock hereby authorized to be issued to the