LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MARYLAND

MADE AND PASSED

AT A SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BEGUN AND HELD AT THE
CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, ON THE FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1876,
AND ENDED ON THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1876.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.

CHAPTER 88.

AN ACT to repeal section one hundred and fifteen of chapter three hundred and forty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to the City of Westminster, in Carroll county, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section one hundred and fifteen, of chapter three hundred and forty-three, of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to the charter of the City of Westminster, in Carroll county, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

115. SUB-SECTION 1. The said Mayor and Common Council may levy annually a tax on the property in said city, assessed as aforesaid, of ten cents on every hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof, which, together with all other taxes which are now or may hereafter be authorized to be levied, shall be a lien on the said property, real, personal, or mixed of the tax-payers of the said city respectively, till paid, and interest shall be chargeable on such taxes after thirty days from the time when such tax is due and payable; they may also, in their discretion, allow a discount not exceeding five per cent. for prompt payment of said taxes.

Levy tax.

SUB-SECTION 2. The said Mayor and Common Council may levy annually, as aforesaid, a further tax, not exceeding five cents on every hundred dollars, to be used and applied to the payment of water rents for the use of water for the public uses of said city, that is to say, for use on the public streets of said city and for the suppression of fires. to any incorporated company which may be organized for the introduction of a supply of water into said city; and the said Mayor and Common Council may contract with any such incorporated, or to be incorporated, company for the introduction of water into said city, to pay such company annually any such sum, not exceeding the proceeds of said levy of five cents, as aforesaid, as the said Mayor and Common Council

Levy tax.

Proviso.

may deem proper; provided that no such payment shall be made until water shall have been actually introduced into said city by such company; and provided further, that said levy of five cents, as *Proviso.* aforesaid, shall not be made, or used and applied for any other purpose whatsoever; provided that sub-section two shall have no binding effect unless the project receive the approbation of the Mayor and Common Council to be elected at the next municipal *Proviso.* election in said City of Westminster; and provided further, that in the event of the said project receiving the approbation of said Mayor and Common Council, a certificate to that effect shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll county and be by him recorded; any surplus of said tax, levied under the provisions of this sub-section over the amount of water rent necessary to be paid to said water company, the said Mayor and Common Council may expend as they may deem best, in providing facilities for the use of said water on the streets and at fires as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take *In force* effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1876.

CHAPTER 89.

AN ACT to authorized and empower the States Attornies for Dorchester and Caroline counties to stet certain cases on the dockets of the Circuit Courts for said counties, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the States Attornies for Dorchester *Authorized to* and Caroline counties be, and they are hereby author- *stet cases.* ized and directed to stet each and every case of indictment now upon the dockets of the Circuit Courts for Dorchester and Caroline counties, respectively,