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of the City Treasurer, notwithstanding any provision in the Ordinance hereby amended or in any other Act, limiting the amount of rates to be imposed in any one year, or the time of the year at which rates are to be levied and collected; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Clerk, and of all assessors, collectors and other officers of the said Corporation, to produce to the Sheriff, on his demand, all assessment books, papers and documents requisite for enabling him to fix the rate mentioned in this section, and to give him any information or assistance which he may require for the purposes thereof, and all such officers of the 10. Corporation shall, for all the purposes of this section, be deemed officers of the Court out of which the writ issued, and amenable to and punishable by such Court accordingly, in case of any failure to perform any of the duties hereby assigned to them respectively; and the proceeds of the said rate shall, by the Treasurer, be paid over to the said Sheriff, and by him applied to the satisfaction of the debt, interest and costs he was commanded to levy, and if there be any surplus after satisfying the same, the said surplus shall be paid back to the Treasurer and form part of the sinking fund for the extinction of the said 20 consolidated debt, or if there be no part of the said debt for which a sinking fund is required under this Act, then such surplus shall be applied to the general purposes of the said Corporation.

Proviso. previous debt not to be impaired.

IX. Provided always, and be it declared and enacted, That 25. Securities for nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair or affect any special privilege or hypotheque, granted by the ordinance hereby amended or by any other Acts, to the holder of any Debenture or Corporation Bond issued before the passing of this Act, forming part either of the said " General debt," or of the 20 said "Water Works debt" of the said Corporation, or any remedy which without this Act any such holder would have to recover the principal orinterest of such Debenture or Corporation Bond, or in any way to relieve the said Corporation from the obligation to make provision by all lawful means for the pay- 25 ment of the same; and that no further provision which the Legislature of the Province may deem it expedient to make for enforcing the provisions of this Act, or the due payment of the principal and interest of any Debenture or Corporation Bond, whether issued before or after the passing of this Act, or of Act any annuity secured by any Corporation Bond, shall be deemed an infringement of the privileges of the said Corporation, or of any citizen or member thereof.