

C H A P. XVII. found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time; and generally to exercise all the powers of, and to act as, a constable within the limits of the said town.

Commissioners to choose a spot, &c.

V. **And**, whereas the inhabitants of the said town, and others, have made liberal subscriptions for the erection of a market-house in the said town, and it is thought that the establishment of a market, under proper regulations, would contribute greatly to the convenience and accommodation of the inhabitants of the said town, as well as to the emolument of the neighbourhood, **Be it enacted**, that the said commissioners may and they are hereby authorized to choose and fix on some proper and convenient spot, on the public ground behind the court-house of said county, or on some other convenient place not on the public ground, at the discretion of the commissioners, provided the consent of the proprietor or proprietors of the said place be first had and obtained, for the erection of a market-house, and to cause to be erected thereon a good and sufficient market-house.

Market-days set apart, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That from and after one month after the said market-house shall be finished, the Wednesday and Saturday of each week shall be set apart as market-days for the said town, subject however to be changed by the said commissioners; and that all provisions whatsoever brought to the said town for sale, after the market-days are set apart aforesaid, shall be taken and carried to the market-house of the said town, and there be sold, or offered for sale, at the market-hours, which are hereby established to be from any time in the morning till twelve at noon; provided always, that this act shall not extend to prevent fish, oysters, and cooked provisions, beef by the quarter or larger quantity, or pork by the hog or hogs, or any kind of grain, flour and bread, or butter in firkins, or other vessels exceeding twenty pounds net weight, or cheese, beef and pork in barrels or larger casks, live cattle, sheep and hogs, respectively brought to the said town, from being sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of, as if this act had not been passed.

Penalty for selling out of market, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That if any free person shall presume to sell, or cause to be sold, any articles of provision in the said town, or within two miles thereof, except the articles herein before provided for, either on the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days during the time of the market-hours, at any place whatsoever but in the said market-house, the person buying and the person selling, by themselves or others, shall forfeit and pay each the sum of thirty shillings current money for every such offence; provided always, that this clause shall not extend to prevent any person residing within two miles of the said town from selling any articles of provision at the place of their actual residence.

And slaughtering in the market-house, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted**, That if any person or persons shall presume to slaughter or butcher any kind of cattle, sheep or hogs, in or near the said market-house, after its erection, or cause the same to be done, or if any person or persons shall put, or cause to be put, any horse, mare or gelding, or any cart, or waggon or other carriage, into or under the said market-house, on any pretence whatsoever, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen shillings for every such offence.

A clerk to be appointed, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted**, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, within one month after the erection of the said market-house, appoint a person of good repute to be clerk of the said market, who shall, before he proceeds to act as such, make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before the said commissioners, or any one of them, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his skill and judgment, execute and perform the several duties of clerk of the said market, without favour, partiality or prejudice.

Market house vested, &c.

X. **And be it enacted**, That the market-house aforesaid, with the stalls and shambles thereof, shall be and they hereby are vested in the commissioners heretofore appointed, and to be appointed in virtue of this act, for the use and