

deemed necessary, for any purpose advantageous to the town, by a majority of the voters to be summoned and assembled as aforesaid, to impose and levy on the property, so directed to be assessed and valued, any sum or sums of money in equal and fair proportions, provided the money, so to be imposed and levied, shall not exceed, in any one year, the rate of one dollar for every hundred pounds worth of property, according to such respective assessments and valuation, and in the same proportion upon every greater or smaller share of property; to appoint and qualify an active and discreet person, annually, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give him such directions in the execution of his office, as shall be necessary to accomplish the intentions of this act; to pay their clerk, and the bailiff of the said town, respectively, a reasonable allowance for their services, to be rated by the said commissioners on the property aforesaid by equal assessments; and, generally, to order and promote such regulations and improvements for the benefit and advantage of the said town, as the said commissioners, or the inhabitants thereof, shall determine to be necessary.

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XIV.

**IX. And be it enacted,** That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually on the first Monday in May, and before he shall proceed to execute his office, he shall take an oath, or affirmation, before the said commissioners, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him, as bailiff of the said town, by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favour, affection or prejudice; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be to attend the meetings of the said commissioners, whenever he shall be required; to perform such services, for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as shall be directed by the said commissioners; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of the said town, or if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means; and to punish with moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negro and other slaves as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in the said town, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

Bailiff to be  
appointed an-  
nually, &c.

**X. And,** whereas it has likewise been represented, that the inhabitants of the said town, and others, are erecting a market-house in a convenient place therein appropriated to that purpose; and that if the market thereof were properly established and regulated, it might be rendered useful to themselves, and to the citizens of the neighbouring counties; **Be it therefore further enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Monday of April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, the Tuesday and Saturday in every week shall thereafter be set apart, appointed and held, as market-days within the limits of the said town; and that all victuals and provisions whatsoever brought to the said town for sale, after the said first Monday of April, in the year aforesaid, shall be taken or carried to the public 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, of the said days, until twelve o'clock at noon: Provided always, that fish or oysters, or 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, or beef and pork in barrels or larger casks, or live cattle, sheep and hogs, respectively brought to the said town or market upon the days aforesaid, or on any other days, except Sunday, may be sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Market-days  
set apart, &c.

**XI. And be it enacted,** That if any person shall presume to buy, or cause to be bought, any article of victuals or provisions, of any other person or persons bringing, or having brought, to the said town, or within two miles thereof, any kind of victuals or provisions whatsoever for sale, (except the articles herein before provided for,) either upon the stated market-days aforesaid, or on any other days, during the time of the market-hours herein before established, at any other place

Penalty on  
persons buy-  
ing out of  
market, &c.