

present possessed by a certain *Edward Oldham*, fit and capable for Launching Ships or other Vessels, if a Property was to be had thereto, so as not to be left to the Will of any Person to frustrate so public a Good; **Be it therefore Enacted**, That the Commissioners for said Town are hereby impowered, to fix upon any Place at or near said *Seneca Point*, convenient for a Ship-Yard to the said Town and Common, and to agree for Two Acres of Land, with the Owner or Owners thereof, which if they cannot do upon reasonable Terms, then they shall cause a Jury, in the usual Manner, to be summoned and impannelled by the Sheriff, to value the said Land; which Value so assessed the said Commissioners shall tender and pay the said Owner or Owners, out of the public Money collected and belonging to the Public of said Town; and the said Two Acres of Land shall for ever be deemed to belong to the Public thereof: In Satisfaction whereof, all Persons Building any Ship or other Vessel on the said Ground, above the Length of Twenty Foot Keel, shall pay to the Commissioners for the public Use of the said Town, such Sum as shall be thought necessary, not to exceed Six-pence Current Money per Ton, for Licence to build any such Ship or other Vessel thereon: And that the Commissioners, or major Part of them, have also Power to lay out a convenient Cart-Road to the said Ship-Yard, so as to do the least Damage they possibly can to the Owner of said Land; and which Road shall be always kept open and free for the Use of the said Ship-Yard.

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XXII.

The Commissioners impowered to lay out Two Acres near *Seneca Point* for a Ship Yard.

All Vessels built therein, of above 20 Foot Keel, to pay 6 *s.* per Ton for the Use of the Town.

XX. **And** to continue a Succession of the said Commissioners, for the good Order and Regulation of the said Town and Trade thereof; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That when and as often as any of the said Commissioners shall die, or depart this Province, or shall refuse or neglect to act in the Execution of this Act, then and in any such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to meet at the said Town, on the Tenth Day of *May* next ensuing such Death or Removal, and appoint such other Person as they shall think fit, to be Commissioner in the Room of him so dead, removed, or neglecting to act as aforesaid.

Succession of the Commissioners provided for.

XXI. **Provided**, That at what Time soever it shall be made appear to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, that there are the Number of Twenty fixed and settled Inhabitants, capable by Land or Estate to vote for a Burgess, according to the Qualifications of the Laws now in being, actually dwelling and residing in said Town, that then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby directed and required, on all such Occasions that shall thereafter happen, to meet at *Charles-Town* aforesaid, on the Tenth Day of *May* next after such Vacancy shall be, and then and there, by Vote of the said Inhabitants of *Charles-Town*, so qualified as aforesaid, to choose or elect one other Person or Persons, to serve as a Commissioner in the Room of him or them so dead, removed, or neglecting as aforesaid; and which said Person or Persons, so chosen or elected by Majority of such Votes, shall be a Commissioner, and be authorized to put this Law in Execution in all Respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as any other Commissioner herein named, is authorized to do.

How Vacancies shall be filled up by Election of the Inhabitants.

XXII. **Be it also Enacted**, That the said Commissioners be, and are hereby directed and impowered to meet at the said *Charles-Town*, on the Tenth Day of *May* yearly, and oftener as Occasion shall require, to view, regulate, and perpetuate the Boundaries of the several and respective Lots and Town, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Return of the Survey-Plat, and Certificate thereof; and from Time to Time, as they shall see Cause, to inspect and enquire into the Proceedings and Management of the said Wharf and Store-house, at said *Charles-Town* to be built and raised, in order to prevent and restrain all Irregularities and Impositions that may there happen.

Commissioners to meet every 10<sup>th</sup> of *May*, &c. to view and perpetuate the Boundaries, &c.