

point, hire and employ, as many watchmen as they shall judge necessary, and shall then and there direct and order what wages shall be given them, and if any of the said watchmen die within the time for which they were appointed, or shall be negligent in their duty, or be guilty of any misbehaviour, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, at any intermediate time of the year, to remove any of the said watchmen so appointed, and to employ, hire and appoint, one or more persons fitly qualified in the room and stead of him or them so dying, neglecting his duty, or misbehaving, as aforesaid.

Their
powers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That each of the commissioners aforesaid, for the time being, shall have all the powers and jurisdiction of a justice of the peace within said town, and they, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority to appoint any number of persons of good character, to be constables in said town.

To appoint
stands, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, shall, as soon as they conveniently can, direct and set down in writing, at what stands it is fit for the said watchmen to be placed, how often they shall go the rounds, and also appoint the rounds each watchmen is to go, and shall from time to time, make such further and other orders and regulations for the better government of the said watchmen, as the nature of the case shall require.

Orders to
be copied,
&c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That a true copy of all orders, regulations, nominations and appointments, which shall from time to time be so made for the better direction and government of the watchmen, shall be fairly printed or written, and signed by the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, and shall be delivered to the watchmen aforesaid.

Constables
to attend,
&c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That one or more of the constables in said town, as by orders and regulations shall be thought necessary, shall attend at the court-house, or some other convenient place to be appointed by the commissioners, or a major part of them, aforesaid, shall appoint and keep watch and ward in manner following, to wit: From the tenth of September to the tenth of March in every year, from eight in the evening to six in the morning; and from the tenth of March to the tenth of September in every year, from nine in the evening to four in the morning; and the constables shall, in their several turns and courses of watching, use their best endeavors to prevent fires, murders, burglaries, robberies, and other outrages and disorders, within said town, and to that end shall, and they are hereby empowered, directed and required, to arrest and apprehend all night-walkers, malefactors, and other suspected persons, who shall be found wandering and misbehaving them-