

shall from time to time be by them directed; shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of free negroes and slaves within the limits of said town, and disperse them when so assembled by reasonable and lawful measures; shall punish with moderate correction all such slaves and free negroes as shall be found strolling about the streets in the night, and shall prevent slaves from frequenting the houses of other persons in said town without the consent of their masters.

50. All taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by the said commissioners by virtue of any law or ordinance, shall be applied in such manner for the use of said town as may from time to time by ordinance be directed.

51. The plat of said town on file and of record in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, shall be deemed and taken as evidence of the limits and boundaries of said town.

#### CIRCUIT COURT.

52. There shall be four terms of the Circuit Court for Cecil county in each year, commencing respectively on the second Monday of February, the first Monday in April, the third Monday in July, and the second Monday in October.

53. The sheriff shall summon a jury to each term of said court.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

54. There shall be three county commissioners for Cecil county.

55. They shall at their annual meeting in each year appoint a fit and proper person, a resident of said county, to act as clerk.

56. The said clerk, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland, to be approved by the commissioners, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of said office, which said bond shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court.

57. He shall receive as a compensation for his services such sum annually as the commissioners may direct, not exceeding