

42. They may make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of said town and the inhabitants thereof, to restrain disorders and disturbances, and prevent and remove all nuisances within said town, as to them, or a majority of them, may seem proper, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, and may enforce the observance thereof under such penalties, fines and forfeitures as they shall deem proper, not exceeding five dollars for any one offence, and all such fines, penalties and forfeitures may be recovered before a justice of the peace as small debts.

43. They may appoint and qualify one or more active and discreet persons as bailiffs of said town, and may prescribe their duties, and may allow their clerk and bailiff such compensation as they may deem reasonable.

44. The said clerk and bailiffs, before they enter upon the duties of their office, shall severally make oath before one of said commissioners that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their skill and judgment, without favor, partiality or prejudice.

45. The bailiffs shall attend the said commissioners at their several meetings; shall perform such services as the commissioners shall direct; shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and negroes within the limits of the town, or if so assembled, shall disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and shall punish by moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by said commissioners, all such negroes or slaves as shall be found strolling about the streets at night, and shall exercise all the powers of a constable within said town.

46. The said commissioners shall cause an assessment and valuation of all the real property and houses within the limits of said town, to be made and returned to them annually, between the tenth of June and the tenth of July, if they shall deem the same necessary, by such person or persons as they shall appoint for the purpose, and may levy on the property so assessed such sum of money as they may deem necessary, not exceeding twenty cents in the hundred dollars in any one year, and may appoint and qualify a person to collect the same.