

streets, lanes and alleys, agreeably to the order of the commissioners; shall disperse, without or with the assistance of the posse comitatus, which he is hereby authorized to summon, all disorderly or tumultuous meetings of slaves, free negroes, or other dissolute or disorderly persons who may be obstructing the footways in the town, and may punish, with moderate correction, negroes and slaves found gambling or frolicking at any time or place within the town, or strolling about the streets at night, after the hour of ten o'clock, and may arrest and secure all Sabbath breakers, vagrants, drunken persons and disturbers of the public peace, and carry them before a justice of the peace, to be dealt with according to law, and shall fully execute all lawful orders of the said commissioners.

58. The clerk of the market shall, before he acts as such, make oath before the commissioners, that he will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of his office to the best of his skill and judgment, without favor, affection or partiality, and that he will not, directly or indirectly, demand or receive for his services as clerk of the market, any fee or reward, except such compensation as shall be allowed by the commissioners.

59. The commissioners may allow their clerk, bailiff, assessor, collector, clerk of the market, treasurer and scavenger, respectively, such compensation as they may deem reasonable.

60. If any of the officers mentioned in the preceding section, shall die, resign, or refuse to act, the commissioners may appoint another in his place, and they may remove any officer for misbehavior or neglect of duty.

61. The said commissioners may from time to time cause the white male inhabitants of the town, above the age of eighteen years, to be enrolled, and arrange them into convenient companies or classes, and may require their services, in rotation, whenever a majority of the voters in said town, on being duly notified and assembled, shall determine that there is a necessity for their attendance as a guard or patrol, and the said commissioners may enforce their attendance and duty, under such penalties as they may think proper.

62. The said commissioners may levy and collect from the owners or keepers, a tax of one dollar on every dog, and one dollar and fifty cents on every bitch, owned, kept or harbored in