

rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negro and other slaves, as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in the said town or precincts, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

10, AND BE IT ENACTED. That the same powers given to the justices of the peace in any county within this state by an act of assembly passed at November session seventeen hundred and eighty seven*, entitled, An act to regulate the assize of bread, shall be and they are hereby vested in the commissioners, to be exercised by them within the said town only.

Powers vested in commissioners.

* 1780, ch. 8.

11. This section repealed by 1817, ch. 101.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever it shall be judged necessary by the said commissioners to assess and levy any sum or sums of money on the inhabitants and owners of property in the said town and precincts, for any of the purposes, and subject to the provisions herein before mentioned, the said commissioners shall make out a fair and alphabetical list of every person chargeable with such assessment, and shall annex the respective sums to be collected from each person, and the said commissioners shall thereupon endorse a warrant in the nature of a *feri facias* and directed to the bailiff of said town, commanding him to make and levy the several sums of money annexed to the said list, with all convenient speed, and to enforce the collection thereof, if necessary, by the seizure and sale of the goods and chattels of any person who shall refuse or delay to make payment of such assessment; and the said bailiff, within the space of ten days after receiving any such list of assessment, shall furnish every person so chargeable with the amount of his or her assessment, and the same shall be payable to the said bailiff by every such person, within the term of twenty days after rendering such account, and if not then paid, it shall be lawful for the bailiff, and he is hereby required, to proceed to the collection thereof, if necessary, by seizure and sale of the goods and chattels of every person refusing or delaying to pay such assessment; and the said bailiff shall account for the amount of such assessment, with the said commissioners, at or before the end of two months after the receipts of every such list or assessment, and pay the sums collected under the penalty of double the amount thereof.

Assessment of taxes.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several penalties and forfeitures which may be incurred by any person in virtue of this act, shall be recovered before any justice of the peace of the said county, upon the complaint and oath, or affirmation, of one competent and credible witness, and the fees to the bailiff shall be the same as are or may be allowed by law to constables for like services; and the said penalties and forfeitures, and all monies arising by virtue of this act, shall be accounted for by the officer or person collecting or receiving the same, to the said commissioners, and be applied by them to such purposes as may improve or concern the regulations of the said town.

Penalties and forfeitures, to be recovered.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to appoint a supervisor of the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town and precincts, and may order and direct in what manner the said streets, lanes and alleys, shall

Supervisor to be appointed