

CHAP. 136. and credits, and until such assessments or tax shall be paid, the same shall remain a lien upon the property, subject to interest at the rate of six *per centum per annum*.

Bailiff—his duties

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually in the month of July, and before he shall proceed to execute his office he shall take an oath, or affirmation, before the said commissioners, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff of the said town by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and *with favour, affection or prejudice*; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be to attend the meetings of the said commissioners, whenever he shall be required to perform such services, for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as shall be directed by the said commissioners; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said town, or if so assembled to disperse them by all reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction, under such 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 without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

May pave streets or alleys

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have power, when requested in writing by the owners of two thirds of the property on any street or alley, or parts thereof, in said town, to cause the same to be graded, paved, or otherwise improved, as the case may be, if in their discretion they shall think fit so to do, and to levy the expense thereof on the property binding on said street or alley, agreeable to the extent of said lots on the said street or alley, and to collect the expense of grading, paving, or otherwise improving the same, in the same manner, and on the same conditions, as shall hereafter be prescribed by this act for collection of the tax in said town.

Assessments

10. 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, 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, keeping the property assessed on the eastern side of Will's Creek in said town separate and distinct from the property on the western side of said creek, 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 the 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