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used in the said town; to restrain or prohibit gaming, and to provide for licensing, regulating, or restraining theatrical, or other public amusements, within the limits of the corporation; to erect and regulate pumps in the streets, lanes and alleys; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to lay and collect taxes; to enact by-laws for the prevention and extinguishment of fire; and to pass all ordinances necessary for paving and keeping in repair the streets, lanes and alleys, in the town aforesaid, and for widening the same with the consent of three-fourths of those interested; to tax any particular part or district of the town for paving the streets, lanes and alleys therein, or for sinking wells and erecting pumps, which may appear for the benefit of such particular part or district; to make a new assessment of all real and personal property, as often as it may be necessary; to punish corporally any servant or slave guilty of a breach of any ordinance, unless the master or mistress pay the fine annexed to the offence. And to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all the powers vested in the corporation of the town of Frederick; all laws to be signed by the mayor.

Mayor's powers—
Oath.

11. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the mayor and each of the aldermen, shall in virtue of their office, have and exercise within the limits of the corporation, all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of small debts; the mayor may call upon any officer of the town entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his accounts, as often as he or the corporation may conceive it necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the corporation, during the first five days of their session, a general state of the town, with an accurate account of the money received and expended, to be published for the information of the citizens: The mayor and corporation of the town of Frederick, the judges and clerks of the elections, and all other officers of the town, before they enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath, or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear, (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will faithfully execute the office of — to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favour, affection, or partiality."

Collection of tax.

12. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the person or persons appointed to collect any tax imposed in virtue of the powers granted by this act, shall have authority to collect the same, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person chargeable therewith, but no sale shall be made unless ten days previous notice thereof be given; and if the tax imposed shall be chargeable on any real property, and no goods or chattels can be found liable to be distressed therefor, the same may be recovered by action or attachment, in Frederick county court, in the name of the mayor, aldermen, and common council of Frederick; and where any such action shall be brought, the mayor, aldermen, and common council of Frederick, may declare generally for money had and received to the use of the mayor, aldermen, and common council of Frederick, and give this law and the special matter in evidence; the said tax to be and remain a lien on the real property so taxed, until the tax is paid.

Register to be annually elected

13. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That a register for the town shall be annually elected by the joint ballot of the board of aldermen and