

board of electors constituted of Walter Dorsey, Charles W. Hanson, Alexander Nisbet, Owen Dorsey, Robert Walsh, James A. Buchanan and William Cooke, Esquires, the number of the said commissioners shall be seven; and a majority of the said board of electors, of the board of the commissioners, of the judges of Baltimore county court, and of the board constituted of the city commissioners and port wardens, shall respectively be competent to exercise all the powers, and to perform all the duties, granted or imposed by this act, upon them respectively; and where legal disabilities exist in the proprietors of property affected by this act, they may be fully represented by the persons authorised by law to act for them in other cases; and before the said board of electors shall proceed to act under the authority of this law, they shall take an oath to appoint said commissioners without favour, affection or partiality, to the best of their skill and judgment, which oath shall be taken on or before the first Monday in March next, and the first appointment of commissioners shall be made within ten days thereafter; and any vacancy happening in said board, from neglect to take such oath, or otherwise, shall be filled within ten days thereafter, by the electors, or a majority of them, who shall have so qualified; and the person so appointed shall within ten days thereafter take the like oath, or his place shall be filled as aforesaid.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed under this act, shall each take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, before some one of the said board of electors: "I, A. B. do swear, (or solemnly affirm) that I will execute the duties of a commissioner in pursuance of an act, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt street in the city of Baltimore, to the best of my skill and judgment, with diligence, integrity and impartiality;" and if any person appointed a commissioner shall neglect to take the said oath, (or make the said affirmation,) within ten days after his appointment, he shall be presumed to have declined it, and his place shall be supplied; and the said commissioners shall each be entitled to six dollars *per diem* as a compensation for his services.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the act, entitled, An act for the opening and extending of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven*, and the several supplements thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed.

CHAP. LXXII.

A Supplement to the act(a), entitled, An act concerning Crimes and Punishments. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 568. Passed Jan 29 1818

(a) November 1809, ch 138. See 1811, ch. 177, and December 1813, ch. 69.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Inspectors of the Penitentiary be hereafter styled the Directors of the Penitentiary, and that they have power to appoint the keeper of the penitentiary, and to remove him at pleasure, and also to appoint at their pleasure, all such deputies and assistants to said keeper, and such other officers and agents, as they may deem necessary for the wholesome and effectual administration of the concerns of the penitentiary, and also to hire and employ, at pleasure, from time to time, such and so many guards as they may deem ne-

Directors to appoint keeper and assistants