

original act into execution, upon their complying with the provisions thereof.

CHAP. 127.

CHAP. CXXVIII.

An Act for the relief of Thomas Duvall, of Prince-George's County.

Passed Feb 6, 1818

Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 34.

CHAP. CXXIX.

An Act authorising Commissioners to purchase a Fire-Engine for the use of the Inhabitants of William's Port, in Washington County.

Passed Feb 5, 1818

Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 34.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Jacob T. Towson, Michael A. Finley, Edmund H. Turner, William A. Van Lear and Michael G. Kessinger, be and they hereby are appointed commissioners to procure and purchase a fire-engine for the use of the inhabitants of William's Port, in Washington county, and also to procure by purchase, or otherwise, a suitable house in which the said engine shall be kept.

Engine may be purchased

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall procure a copy of the latest assessments which has been made of the houses and other buildings in the said town, and shall be guided by the same in affixing the proportionate sum which each owner of property aforesaid shall pay towards the sum hereinafter mentioned, and if any buildings have been erected in the said town since the last assessment they shall be valued by any three disinterested men of the county, not residents of the said town, appointed by the commissioners, who shall act under oath, and shall be guided in their valuation by the relative value which said property may bear to other property in said town by the assessment list aforesaid.

Sum which owners of property are to pay

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall cause a copy of the assessment, when completed, to be returned under their hands and seals to the collector of the taxes for said county, who is hereby authorised and required to collect the same, in the same manner, and at the same time, as other county taxes are collected, and shall pay over the money so as aforesaid collected, after deducting the usual commission, unto the commissioners aforesaid, or to their order.

Assessment to be returned

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sum to be raised by the commissioners aforesaid, shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and any balance that may remain on hand after purchasing the fire-engine, and procuring the house aforesaid, shall be laid out in the purchase of fire-ladders, hooks, buckets, or other articles necessary for a fire-company.

Sum to be raised

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have power to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry this act into effect, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and a majority of the commissioners aforesaid shall have full power and authority to carry all the provisions of this act into effect.

Authorised to borrow money

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the citizens of said town, or any thirty of them, shall associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a company to be called "The William's-Port Fire Company," and shall adopt a constitution, and lodge a copy of the

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