

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road shall not pass through any house, garden or orchard, or through any field in which grain, flax or hemp, shall be growing, until the same shall be gathered and secured, without the consent of the owner.

CHAP. 53.

Road not to go through houses, &c.

CHAP. LIV.

An Additional Supplement to the act, (a) entitled, An act to erect a Town in Queen-Anne's County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 258.

Passed Jan. 8 1803.

(a) 1794, ch. 23.—See 1804, ch. 46, and 1815, ch. 129.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Centre-Ville, that they experience great evils and inconveniencies from the want of sufficient powers being lodged in the commissioners of said town to make and establish such regulations and ordinances as are fitted to their particular circumstances, wants and exigencies; therefore,

Preamble.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Centre-Ville shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all such by-laws and ordinances as are necessary to prevent and remove nuisances; to prohibit the running of horses or driving of carts, wagons or other carriages, unreasonably fast, within the limits of the town; to restrain or prohibit gaming; to regulate and provide for the sweeping of chimnies, by the neglect of which the safety of the town may be endangered; to prohibit the firing of guns or pistols within the limits of the town; to prevent the storage of gunpowder, or other combustible matter or article, in such quantities or places within the town as may be deemed dangerous to the safety of the same; to provide for improving and amending the streets, lanes and alleys; to make such regulations as may be useful and necessary relative to public wells and pumps; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the personal property within the limits of said town to be made and returned to the commissioners annually, and to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued such sum or sums of money, in just and fair proportions, according to valuations aforesaid, as the commissioners shall deem necessary for the improvement of said town, provided that the whole of the said sum or sums of money, so levied as aforesaid, shall not exceed in any one year the sum of forty dollars; to make such ordinances and regulations as shall be necessary for levying and collecting annually a tax of fifty cents on every dog, and one hundred cents on every bitch, within the limits of said town, and to kill any dog or bitch whose owner cannot be ascertained; to impose such fines, penalties and forfeitures, for a breach of any of the by-laws or ordinances, as they may think proper, not exceeding five dollars for any one offence; to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all the powers vested in the commissioners; *Provided*, that the by-laws or ordinances of the said commissioners shall be in no wise obligatory upon the persons of nonresidents of the said town, being citizens of this state, unless in cases of intentional violation of the by-laws or ordinances previously promulgated.

Commissioners may en act by-laws and ordinances.

Proviso.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all taxes, fines, penalties and forfeitures, to be imposed in consequence of this act, shall be recovered, collected and appropriated, in the same manner as is prescribed by the act, entitled, A supplement to the act to erect a town in

Taxes, &c. how to be recovered.