

CHAP. 44. large number of subscribers living in the city and precincts of Baltimore, and in Baltimore county; therefore,

Commissioners appointed—their powers.

2. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John E. Howard, John S. Horne, Daniel Lamot, Christopher Johnson, Adam Welch, George Warner and George F. Warfield, or a major part of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners (a) for the time being of the market-house hereby to be erected, and as such, shall have full power and authority hereby vested in them to fix upon a lot or lots of ground in the western precincts of Baltimore, in such a situation as in the judgments of a majority of them shall be considered most eligible and convenient for a market-house, and the same to contract for and purchase, and to receive a deed or deeds therefor, executed in due form of law, to them and their successors; and the right and title to the said lot or lots of ground, when conveyed as aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, vested in the said commissioners, and their successors, for ever, to hold, possess and enjoy the same, and the market-house thereon, to and for the use and benefit of Baltimore, and the precincts thereof, in as full and ample a manner as if the said commissioners had been legally constituted a body politic and corporate, in deed and in name; and the said commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered to erect and build a market-house upon the said lot or lots, so to be conveyed as aforesaid, and for that purpose to contract for and purchase materials, and to contract and agree for the building of the same; *Provided always*, that the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall, on or before the first Monday of February next, enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars, with condition that they the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, a market-house, in a good, substantial, workmanlike manner, according to such plan as the levy court of Baltimore county shall approve, and shall finish and complete the same on or before the first Monday of February, eighteen hundred and six, which bond shall be lodged with the clerk of Baltimore county court for safe keeping, and upon such bond, or office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein named for any breach or non-performance of the condition thereof.

Proviso.

(a) By 1805, ch. 19, other commissioners are appointed. But see 1811, ch. 18, by which new commissioners were constituted, and the mode prescribed for electing those in future. By 1817, ch. 148, all the powers, &c. vested in or granted to the commissioners of the western precincts market, are vested in the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

Books of subscriptions to be opened.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That to defray the expense of building said market-house, the said commissioners, or a major part of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to open books of subscriptions, and to receive subscriptions for the same, and the sums of money so subscribed to collect and receive, and the same, when received, to expend in the purchase of sufficient ground, and building the market-house aforesaid.

Market days.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That after the said market-house shall be built, the days for holding the market thereat shall be, and the same are hereby appointed to be, on Tuesdays and Fridays in each week.