

or affirmation, administered, duly and faithfully to perform their duty as judges of the election; which judges shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to take down the name of each voter, and the person or persons he may vote for as commissioners or bailiff; and the commissioners, at the closing of the polls, shall count up the votes given to each respective candidate, and publicly declare the five persons who have the most votes as commissioners, and the person who has the most votes as bailiff, and the same to cause to be entered on the records of the clerk of the commissioners.

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7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of vacancy in the office of commissioner, the commissioners, or a majority of them, may fill up such vacancy, by appointing some male inhabitant of the said town, (qualified as aforesaid,) to the said vacancy; and the commissioners aforesaid shall have power to remove, or cause to be removed, all nuisances in the public squares, streets, lanes, ways and alleys, which may exist to the annoyance or inconvenience of the inhabitants of said town, or other persons; and the said commissioners as aforesaid shall meet on the first Monday in February next, and on the first Monday in every second month thereafter, (or at such other times as they may think proper and necessary, for the discharge of their duties as commissioners of said town,) who shall receive a *per diem* for their services, not exceeding one dollar, which money, as well as all other monies to defray expenses incurred under this act, shall be paid out of the fines and forfeitures incurred under this act, or if such fund should be insufficient, by a levy on said town, as the commissioners may think most adviseable.

How vacancies are to be filled,

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bailiff of said town, before he acts as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, (to be administered by any one of the commissioners,) faithfully to execute the duties of his office, according to his best skill and judgment; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be, to attend the meetings of the said commissioners, to perform such services for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act as shall be directed by said commissioners, to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of negroes, slaves, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said town, or, if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish, with moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negro or other slaves as shall be found strolling or wandering about the streets in the night-time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in said town, without the consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

Bailiff to take an oath—his duties.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to keep or raise any geese or swine within the limits of the said town, except in pens or other enclosures; and if any geese or swine shall be found going at large within the said town, (unless they be such straying geese or swine as may belong to any person or persons not residing within the distance of two miles therefrom,) it shall be lawful for the bailiff of the said town, upon the information of any of the inhabitants thereof, or upon his own view, to distrain and seize all and every such geese and swine, and to secure the same in some common pound, to be provided by the said commissioners for that purpose; and all and every such geese

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