

ROBERT BOWIE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of the said town, and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent and have removed all nuisances, inconveniences and annoyances, within the said town, and its limits; as to them, or a major part of them, shall seem meet and reasonable, not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States, and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said town, and all persons trading therein, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by the said by-laws, not exceeding five dollars; and all penalties, fines or forfeitures, imposed by this act, shall be recovered before a single magistrate as small debts are recoverable by law.

To make by-laws for regulation of said town.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to appoint and qualify one or more active and discreet person or persons, as they shall deem necessary, to be bailiff or bailiffs of the said town, and to give him or them such directions in the execution of the office of bailiff as shall be necessary to accomplish the objects of this act, to remove the said bailiff or bailiffs at pleasure, and to pay the clerk and bailiff or bailiffs of the said town respectively such reasonable compensation for their services as the said commissioners shall think they deserve.

Bailiffs may be appointed.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk and bailiffs of the said town shall, before they proceed to execute their respective offices, make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before any one of the said commissioners, that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of them by this act, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and without favour, partiality or prejudice; and the duties of the said bailiffs shall be, to attend the said commissioners at their several meetings; to perform such services, for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as the said commissioners shall direct; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and negroes within the limits of the said town, or if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish, by moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negroes or slaves as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night-time, and generally to exercise all the powers of, and act as, a constable within the said town.

Clerk and bailiff to take an oath of bailiffs duty.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to have public pumps erected in such parts of the said town as they shall deem necessary, and to employ a person or persons to keep the same in good repair, and to alter or change the place or situation of any of said pumps when they shall determine the same to be for the benefit and advantage of the said town; to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping of chimneys, and fixing the rates thereof, in the said town, and to establish and regulate fire wards and fire companies, and to appoint fit and proper persons to keep the streets, lanes, alleys and public grounds, in good order and repair.

Public pumps may be erected, &c.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall cause all stakes now standing in Chester river, from Skulking Point

Stakes standing in Chester river to be drawn up.