

their ordinances and regulations; and the supervisor or superintendent whom they have employed, or shall hereafter employ, shall be compellable to clear, repair and improve, the said streets and alleys, to be so laid out in the said parcel of land, as well as the streets, lanes and alleys, of the town; under such reasonable penalties as the said commissioners shall think proper to impose; and the justices of the levy court, in the execution of the law relating to the public roads in Talbot county, shall have or exercise no jurisdiction or control over any of the streets, lanes or alleys, of the said town.

7. AND, whereas it is also represented by the said memorial, that the peace and security of the said town would be better promoted, and certain inconveniencies more fully remedied, by enlarging the powers of the said commissioners; BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have power and authority, from time to time, to cause to be enrolled the white male inhabitants of the said town above the age of eighteen years, and to arrange them into convenient companies or classes, and to require their services in fair and equal rotation, whenever a majority of the voters of the said town, on being duly notified and assembled, shall determine that there exists an occasion for their attendance as a guard or patrol, and to enforce their attendance and duty under such reasonable regulations and penalties as the said commissioners shall think it expedient to ordain.

White male inhabitants to be classed and called out, when necessary, as a guard or patrol.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall also have power and authority to increase the salary of the bailiff of the said town, and to allow him a compensation for his services, not exceeding the rate of one hundred dollars by the year.

Salary of bailiff may be increased.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of restraining the evils and inconveniencies arising from the number of useless dogs in the said town, the said commissioners shall also have power and authority to increase the taxes authorised to be assessed and levied upon the owners and keepers thereof, and annually to levy and collect, from the said owners and keepers, the sum of one dollar for every dog, and of one dollar and fifty cents for every bitch, owned, kept or harboured in the said town, in such manner as the said commissioners have heretofore thought, or may think it necessary to ordain, for levying and collecting the said taxes.

Tax on dogs may also be increased.

CHAP. LXIV.

*An Act authorising the Commissioners of Charles-Town, in Cecil County, to purchase a Lot of Ground for the purpose therein mentioned.* Lib. TH, No, 1, fol. 261.

Passed Jan 4, 1807.

WHEREAS the commissioners and inhabitants of Charles-town, in Cecil county, have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the said commissioners have lately contracted to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for the erection of a house of religious worship for the use of the inhabitants of said town, and that the monies designed for that purpose have arisen from the rents of the public property of said town: And whereas doubts are entertained as to the power of the said commissioners to make an appropriation of said monies to that object, and the said commissioners and inhabitants have prayed that a law may pass expressly granting such power; and said petition being deemed reasonable, therefore;

Preamble,