

CHAP. 113. sary, and when so assembled, they, or a majority of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authorities vested in them by virtue of this act, from time to time, as occasion may require.

Empowered to make by-laws for government of village.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of the said village and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisances, inconveniencies and annoyances, within the said village, as from time to time may be necessary and consonant to reason, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state; and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said village, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by such by-laws, not exceeding eight dollars in any one case.

Cause an assessment and valuation of real property to be made.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the real property within the limits of the said village to be made and returned, between the first day of April and the first day of May annually, by some person to be appointed by them, who shall be qualified and bound to make return thereof agreeably to the supplement to the law for the regulation of Denton, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four\*; *Provided*, that the tax so laid shall in no case exceed the sum of one dollar in the hundred pounds in any one year.

\* Ch. 54.

To levy tax on billiard-tables and dogs.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, shall have full power and authority to assess and levy, upon every person or persons keeping for common use a billiard-table within the said village, or within one mile thereof, an annual tax of eight dollars current money for every billiard-table so kept and used, and likewise to assess and levy an annual tax of three shillings and nine-pence like money on every dog, and seven shillings and sixpence like money on every bitch, belonging to any inhabitant of said village, and the said commissioners may direct the killing of any dog or bitch in said village whose owner cannot be ascertained.

And appoint a bailiff—his duties.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall, on the first Monday of April, (or as soon thereafter as is convenient,) and annually every year thereafter, appoint an active discreet person to be bailiff and constable of said village (a), who, before he shall proceed to the execution of his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to be administered by any justice of the peace for Caroline county, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him, as bailiff and constable within the limits of said village, by virtue of this act, without favour, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment; and the said bailiff or constable shall give bond, in the same manner, and under the same penalties, that the several constables of said county do; and it shall be the duty of said bailiff or constable to attend the meetings of the said commissioners whenever he shall be required; to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed, for the more effectual accomplishing the objects of this act; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular

(a) By 1816, ch. 114, his powers limited to the village.