

CHAP. 160. a majority 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 receive from any person or persons a suitable lot of ground in the eastern precincts of the city of Baltimore, in such situation as in the judgment of a majority of them shall be considered as most eligible and convenient for a market-house, and to receive a deed or deeds therefor, executed in due form of law, to them and their successors; and the right and title of the said lot 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 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 majority of them, shall, within sixty days after obtaining the aforesaid piece of ground, enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars, with condition that they the said commissioners, or a majority of them, within two years thereafter, shall erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, a market house, in a good and substantial workmanlike manner, according to such plan as the levy court of Baltimore county shall approve, and shall finish and complete the same within the time heretofore prescribed; 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.

(a) By 1817, ch. 148, all the power, &c. granted to the commissioners herein mentioned, are vested in the Mayor and City Council.

Subscriptions authorised for defraying expenses of building.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That to defray the expense of building said market-house, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to open books of subscription, 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 erecting 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 Mondays and Thursdays in each week.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

5. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That in case of the death, refusal to act, or removal from the city of Baltimore, or precincts thereof, of any of the commissioners appointed by this act, that the levy court of Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to appoint a fit and proper person to fill up such vacancy, and so from time to time to fill up such vacancies, that the said commissioners may have perpetual succession for ever thereafter.