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meet together, at such times as are herein after mentioned, for the executing and performing the duties hereby enjoined; and said wardens shall have power to appoint and employ a skilful person to be their clerk, who shall keep fair minutes and entries of all their orders, regulations and transactions, and shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, give good and sufficient security for its faithful discharge, in the sum of one hundred pounds, to be approved of by said wardens; all which said minutes and entries shall be public, and submitted to the inspection of any person or persons who shall desire to peruse them, he or they paying to the clerk the sum of one shilling for each time the books shall be examined; and that the said clerk shall give true copies of any such entries or minutes made in the said books, he or they paying one half-penny for each line the said copy shall contain, every line to consist of not less than twelve words; and the said wardens are hereby empowered to have and use one common seal in their affairs, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to have perpetual succession, as herein directed.

To be elected
every five
years, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That the electors for special commissioners for said town, at the place of holding their election for said special commissioners, shall, on the first Monday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and on the first Monday of October in every fifth year for ever after, ballot for nine wardens, in the same manner as directed for said special commissioners, by the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, and shall signify the election of said wardens in the public news-paper; that the aforesaid electors, before they proceed to the election for wardens, shall take an oath or affirmation, to elect, without favour or partiality, such persons for wardens, as they in their judgment and conscience believe best qualified for said office; that the persons elected wardens must have been residents in the said town three whole years preceding the election, and must have real or personal property in said town above the value of one thousand pounds; and that vacancies happening from death, refusal, disqualification, or resignation, be filled up by the wardens, in the manner directed in the aforesaid act for filling up vacancies of special commissioners for said town.

Town to be
equally repre-
sented, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the electors have special care in their choice of wardens, to make such election as that the several parts of the town be as nearly as possible equally represented.

Wardens to
choose a
chairman, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the said wardens, or a majority of them, shall and hereby have power to choose yearly, and every year, by ballot, one of their own number, to be their chairman; and the said chairman, with a majority of wardens, hereby have authority to do and perform all and every act, matter and thing, herein enjoined and required of them; and in case the said chairman, so chosen, shall neglect or refuse to attend at any of the times appointed for the meeting of the wardens, being at least a majority in number, to choose in the same manner a chairman for the time being.

To meet four
times a year,
&c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That there shall be four meetings of said wardens in every year, that is to say, on the second Mondays in March, June, September, and December, respectively, and at such other times as the chairman, or in his absence two other wardens, may think necessary, on application made to him or them for that purpose; which meetings shall be called by his or their order issued to the clerk, directing him to summon all the said wardens to meet, on twelve hours notice, to hear and determine whatever shall or may come before them; and that the chairman shall receive, for each day he shall attend or be employed, the sum of seven shillings and six-pence, and every other warden the sum of five shillings, and no more.

To take an
oath, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That before the said wardens take upon themselves the office of wardens, each and every of them shall take an oath or affirmation, that he will well and faithfully, to the best of his skill, understanding and judgment, perform, do, execute and discharge, the office and duty of a warden, according to the