

C H A P.
LXVII.
Congress may
prohibit im-
portations,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the United States in congress assembled be invested, for the term of fifteen years from the thirtieth day of April last, with power to prohibit the importation into, or exportation from, any of the said states, of any goods, wares or merchandise, in vessels belonging to or navigated by the subjects of any power with whom the said states shall not have formed treaties of commerce; and also to prohibit, during the term aforesaid, the subjects of any foreign state, kingdom or empire, unless authorised by treaty, from importing into the United States any goods, wares or merchandise, which shall not be the produce or manufacture of the dominions of the sovereign whose subjects they are; provided that nine states in congress assembled shall agree to the regulations and prohibitions respecting the commerce of the United States, in virtue of the authority given to congress as aforesaid.

C H A P. LXVIII.

An ACT to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government.

For the ensuing year only.

C H A P. LXIX.

An ACT for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the ordering and regulating a watch, and enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys, in the night time, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, is of very great importance for the preservation of the persons and properties of the inhabitants thereof, and very necessary to prevent fires, burglaries, and other outrages and disorders,

Commissioners to meet, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a major part of them, are hereby authorised and directed, to meet at such times and places as they shall think proper, and may, from time to time, during the continuance of this act, contract with fit and proper persons to erect, put up and fix, any number of lamps, in such parts and places in the said town as to them shall seem meet and expedient, and to contract with any person or persons for the lighting, trimming, snuffing, supplying, maintaining, and repairing them, and shall likewise from time to time order, appoint, hire and employ, as many watchmen as they shall judge necessary, and shall then and there direct and order what wages shall be given them, and if any of the said watchmen die within the time for which they were appointed, or shall be negligent in their duty, or be guilty of any misbehaviour, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, at any intermediate time of the year, to remove any of the said watchmen so appointed, and to employ, hire and appoint, one or more persons fitly qualified in the room and stead of him or them so dying, neglecting his duty, or misbehaving, as aforesaid.

Their powers, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That each of the commissioners aforesaid, for the time being, shall have all the powers and jurisdictions of a justice of the peace within said town, and they, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority to appoint any number of persons of good character, to be constables in said town.

To appoint funds, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, shall, as soon as they conveniently can, direct and set down in writing, at what stands it is fit for the said watchmen to be placed, how often they shall go the rounds, and also appoint the rounds each watchman is to go, and shall, from time to time, make such further and other orders and regulations for the better government of the said watchmen, as the nature of the case shall require.

Orders to be copied, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That a true copy of all orders, regulations, nominations and appointments, which shall from time to time be so made for the better direction