

C H A P.  
XXXII.  
An election to  
be held.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That to perpetuate and provide for the continuance of the said corporate body, a general election shall be held for commissioners of the said town at Charles-town, on the first Monday in June, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and on the said first Monday in June every third year afterwards.

None but re-  
sidents enti-  
tled to vote,  
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That no person shall be qualified to vote for commissioners, or be chosen a commissioner, unless he shall be at the time of election an actual resident of the said town, and shall be qualified by the laws of the state to vote for delegates to the general assembly; provided, that in case of a vacancy by death, removal or resignation, of any commissioner, between the times fixed for the general election, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, elect a person or persons qualified as above mentioned to fill such vacancy until the next general election.

Commission-  
ers to make  
bye-laws, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or their successors, be empowered to make and ordain such bye-laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary to promote the welfare of the said town, not contrary to the laws of this state.

Sell the ware-  
house, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners be empowered, on a day to be fixed by them, whereof ten days public notice must be given by advertisement at the market-house, to sell by public vendue, or to lease, the stone warehouse belonging to the said town, with the ground adjoining the same; also the marsh and shores belonging to said town, and such vacant lots as have become forfeited; the profits arising therefrom to be paid to the said commissioners, to be applied to the public use of the said town.

And lease  
lots, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners be empowered to lease for a term of years, or sell in fee-simple, the said forfeited lots, without any condition of the purchaser building or erecting tenements on the same.

When fairs  
are to be held,  
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the fair which is by law held on the third, fourth, and fifth days of May annually, shall hereafter be annually held on the third Thursday in May, and the two following days, annually, and all the privileges granted by the former law, shall be extended to this period.

Annual meet-  
ings of com-  
missioners.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the annual meetings of the commissioners for perpetuating the bounds, and other business heretofore held on the tenth day of May, shall be for the future held on the first Monday in June, and adjourned from day to day as the said commissioners shall deem necessary.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT for marking and bounding lands.

Passed Janua-  
ry 20.  
Preamble.

**W**HEREAS many differences and lawsuits have arisen and may arise, concerning the location of lands, held under courses and distances only, contained in title papers thereof, the direction of the courses varying in most instances, in a length of time, from the former running, from whence the descriptions of such lands were made in the certificates, grants and deeds thereof, and the marking and bounding lands in such manner, that their location would remain fixed and certain, would prevent differences and lawsuits, quiet possessions, and of course render lands more valuable;

II. **Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,** That any person seized of land held under courses and distances only, as to any of the lines thereof, whether courses and distances only are mentioned in the grant or deed under which such land is held, or by the loss of boundaries called for, the person seized is confined to course and distance, or seized of the reversion or remainder on an estate for life or lives therein, having given two months notice by advertisement set up at the court-house door of the county, and by such advertisement set up at

Persons seized  
of lands may  
apply for a  
commission to  
mark and  
bound the  
same, &c.

See 1793: 70: