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LIX.

Rule to direct
the commis-
sioners.

IX. And, as a rule to direct the street commissioners with respect to what streets, lanes or alleys, ought to be first paved or otherwise improved, Be it further enacted, That upon application to the said commissioners, made in writing, and signed by the applicants, to have any street, lane or alley, paved or otherwise improved, that the said commissioners shall, in all such cases, be governed, in forming their judgment, by the greater or lesser importance of such street, lane or alley, to the increase, improvement and general trade, of the said town.

Streets on
Fell's Point
to be consid-
ered, &c.

X. Be it further enacted, That the streets in that part of the town commonly called Fell's Point, and leading from thence to the main part of Baltimore-town, ought to be considered as entitled to early attention, especially to such immediate repairs as to render them more convenient for the transportation of goods and the purposes of commerce.

Commission-
ers to licence
dramatic ex-
hibitions, &c.

XI. Be it further enacted, That the said special commissioners shall be and are hereby empowered to licence dramatic exhibitions within the limits of the said town; and the managers of the present established theatre, or the manager or managers of any theatre or theatres that may hereafter be erected for dramatic exhibitions, shall, previous to their acting, make application to the said commissioners for a licence to act, therein specifying, in writing, the time he or they intend to act, whereupon the commissioners shall and are hereby required to grant a licence for the time so specified, for which he, she or they, to whom the same shall be granted, shall pay at the rate of fifty pounds per annum for the time specified in the licence, and the same may be recovered as small debts, before a single magistrate; and that part of the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-two before recited, imposing a tax of fifty pounds per annum on theatrical exhibitions, is hereby repealed.

Penalty for
acting with-
out licence,
&c.

XII. Be it further enacted, That any company of comedians acting without a licence obtained as aforesaid, may be fined at the discretion of the county or criminal court of the county of Baltimore, in a sum not exceeding ten pounds for every night they shall so exhibit without licence.

Court may
order certain
persons to
work, &c.

XIII. Be it further enacted, That Baltimore county criminal court may, at their discretion, order any person sentenced to hard labour, to work on the streets of Baltimore-town, or as many of the said description of persons as they may, in their judgment, think necessary to aid any of the objects of this act.

Commission-
ers may set
the affize of
bread, &c.

XIV. Be it further enacted, That the said street commissioners, or a major part of them, are hereby authorised and required to set, ascertain and appoint, the affize and weight of the several sorts of bread within the said town and precincts, and do all and every other thing enjoined on the magistrates by an act, entitled, An act to regulate the affize of bread, passed in seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and make all necessary regulations and appointments for carrying the said act into execution in the said town and precincts not contrary to law, and to act in as full and ample a manner as if they had been named in the said act, any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Billiard tables
taxed, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the billiard tables erected in the precincts of said town are hereby taxed and made subject to the same tax imposed on billiard tables within the town, and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to collect the same,

On applica-
tion, lots may
be enclosed,
&c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That on application, in writing, by the proprietors of lots in Ridgely's Addition to Baltimore-town, to the said street commissioners, for permission to enclose the said lots under fence, or any part thereof, that thereupon the said commissioners shall view the said Addition, and grant, under hand and seal, permission, reserving, nevertheless, a thoroughfare through the said Addition, by directing such street or streets in the said Addition to be left open as correspond with other streets leading into the country and improved part of Baltimore-town, as, in their judgment, may appear necessary; provided