

that the same should be placed under the care and regulation of the nine commissioners, vested with sufficient powers to forward and effect the purposes intended—
Therefore,

CHAP. 138.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Edward B. Hardcastle, William T. Purnell, Nehemiah Fountain, James Dukes, Joseph P. W. Richardson, John Evitts, Thomas H. Baynard, George T. Millington and William Emmerson, be, and they are hereby appointed the commissioners, and they and their successors, or a majority of them, shall forever hereafter hold, possess and enjoy all the public ground on which said market house and lodge house now stands, and all the public ground between the said market house and lodge house and market street, and also, all the public ground between said market house and lodge house and second street, and twenty feet of public ground immediately contiguous to the west side and north end of said market house and lodge house: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to authorise the said commissioners, or their successors, or the officers of the Washington Lodge, to erect thereon any other than public buildings for the use, convenience and benefit of the said village.

Commissioners named.

Property vested.

Conditions.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the members of Washington Lodge, No. fifty-nine, and their successors, shall forever hereafter hold, possess and enjoy the said room or rooms, erected by them over the said market house, in as full and ample a manner as if they had an actual deed for the premises on which it is erected, without any let, hindrance or molestation of any person whatsoever, and in case at any time the said lodge should go down, the commissioners of the village of Denton, shall have it in their power to rent the room or rooms now occupied as a lodge room or rooms, and apply the proceeds to the payment and costs of the subscribers for the erection of the rooms now occupied as a lodge, after keeping up all necessary repairs, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Lodge room vested.

Case of lodge dissolving.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall assemble on the second Monday of April next, at the court house in Denton, or at such other public place within the limits of the said village, as a majority of them shall fix upon, and arrange and number themselves into three classes by lot, and the office of the commissioners of the first class, shall determine at the expiration of one year from the said second Monday of April next, the office of the commissioners of the second class, at the expiration of two years, and the office of the com-

Classification of commissioners.

Expiration of their terms.