

term for which officers so elected to fill vacancies shall expire on the day after the one fixed for holding of annual elections by the by-laws of said corporation ; *and, provided also*, that where the burgess and commissioners, or the person authorized by them to give notice of said election, neglect or refuse to give said notice, it shall be held to be a legal notice for such elections, if given by a justice of the peace residing in said corporation.

In force from March 10, 1865.

HAGERSTOWN.

Chapter 55 amends section 135, as follows :

3. They may regulate by ordinance the market in said town, appoint an inspector of said market, assign his duties and allow him a reasonable salary ; and may authorize him, under their control and direction, to rent out for the benefit of the corporation, the butcher stalls in, and the benches in and about said market house. They may also lease the hall, now known as the Town Hall, for a period, not at any one time, exceeding fifteen years.

In force from March 20, 1865.

Chapter 17 enacts the following :

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that the citizens and inhabitants of Hagerstown, in Washington county, were required and compelled by the rebels under the rebel General McCausland and others, to pay large sums of money and to furnish large and valuable amounts of goods for the purpose of ransoming the said town whilst in the hands and possession of the said rebels in the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-four ; therefore, for the purpose of relieving such persons and citizens :

4. The mayor and council of Hagerstown are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow a sum of money not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, or to issue bonds bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum, signed by the mayor and by the clerk of said mayor and council, and sealed with the seal of said