

five days after their election, select one of their number president, who shall preside at their meetings and preserve order, and in case of a vacancy in the board of commissioners, the remaining commissioners or commissioner shall have power to fill the same. President.

233. All persons who have resided in the town of Upper Marlborough for twelve months prior to the election, and who are otherwise qualified to vote for delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, shall be entitled to vote for commissioners. Ibid. s. 7. Qualification of voters.

234. No one who has not resided for two years preceding his election in the town of Upper Marlborough shall be qualified to serve as commissioner, and non-residence shall create a vacancy. Ibid. s. 8. Qualifications of commissioners.

235. The said commissioners shall meet once a month or as much oftener as the public good requires, and shall receive no compensation for their services. They shall have power to appoint such officers as they may deem necessary for the proper carrying into effect the powers and duties hereby conferred, and shall define their particular duties and fix their compensation; they shall take from the person appointed to collect taxes such bond as they think sufficient, and the bonds of said collectors shall be liable to be sued in the same manner as the bonds of collectors of county and state taxes now are, and shall require all officers appointed by them to take an oath, to be by the president administered, to "faithfully discharge the duties of their office without fear, favor or partiality." The commissioners shall, before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, take a similar oath before some justice of the peace. Ibid. s. 9. Meetings of commissioners Powers. Bond of collector. Oath of officers.

236. Any officer or officers that the commissioners may appoint by virtue of this act, to preserve the peace and good order of said town, shall be invested with the same power that a constable now has under the laws of Maryland. Ibid. s. 10. Powers of police.

237. When the comfort, health, convenience or the prosperity of said town shall require the taking of private property for the purpose of opening streets or widening the same, or for any other purpose, the com- Ibid. s. 11. Proceedings to condemn property for streets, &c.