

1878, ch. 468.

228. The commissioners of Laurel may purchase and hold any property, real, personal or mixed, and dispose of the same for benefit of said town.

Ibid.

229. They may provide by ordinance for the immediate arrest, without warrant, of any person found violating any town ordinance; and when it shall appear that the offender is intoxicated, may confine said offender in some secure place until he shall be sober; and may provide, further, for the confinement of any person arrested, if the time be unreasonable, as in the night, whereby he cannot attend the justice, until a reasonable hour the succeeding morning, when he shall be taken before a justice of the peace and dealt with according to the nature of the offence.

Ibid.

230. Justices of the peace for Prince George's county, resident in the town, are hereby declared to be conservators of the peace of the town; and it shall be their duty to order the arrest of any person found breaking the peace or disturbing the quiet and order of the town, or violating any of the ordinances made by the commissioners for securing the safety of the property or lives of the inhabitants of the town, and upon complaint made before them of the violation of any ordinances of the said corporation, shall issue process in the name of the commissioners of Laurel, to recover the fine or penalty imposed for the violation of such ordinances, against the party offending, and may hear and determine the matter as any case arising under the laws of the State, and shall receive the same fees therefor.

Ibid.

231. The justice of the peace, in default of payment of any fine or penalty imposed by him or prescribed by ordinance, for a violation of any ordinance of the said corporation, may commit the party fined as provided in section 205, and in all such proceedings the bailiff shall have the same powers, proceed in the same manner, and have the same fees as constables in cases of small debts, and for police duties shall be entitled to the same fees as