

within six months from the time the tax bill is placed in his hands.

SEC. 21. The chief bailiff shall attend the meetings of the commissioners, and perform such duties as they shall direct; shall preserve the peace and good order of said town, and for this purpose is vested with the same power and authority as any constable now has under the laws of this State.

Powers of chief bailiff.

SEC. 22. The president shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, and shall have all the powers of a justice of the peace in criminal cases when the commissioners are a party, and shall receive the same fees allowed a justice of the peace in similar cases; and an appeal from his judgment, where the demand or fine exceeds five dollars, may be taken to the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, which shall hear and determine the matter as upon appeals from justices of the peace.

Powers of president.

SEC. 23. The chief bailiff shall have the same fees for making distresses for taxes as are allowed county collectors, and for making arrests or serving process for violations of any ordinances of the corporation, the same as are allowed constables for similar services; and when the bailiff wilfully fails to discharge any duty of his office, he may be fined not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence.

Fees for making distresses

SEC. 24. Any fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by this charter, or by any ordinance of the commissioners, may be collected by proceedings in the name of the commissioners before the president of the commissioners or a justice of the peace, similar to those for the collection of small debts before justices of the peace; and the said president or justice of the peace shall have the power to commit the offender to the county jail on failure to pay such fines or forfeitures until the same shall be paid, with costs.

Fines—how collected.

SEC. 25. The commissioners shall not expend or contract to expend in any one year more money than the amount receivable from taxes and other sources for that year.

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