

CHAP. 143.

Passed Mar 1, 1827

CHAP. CXLIII.

An Act incorporating the Master and Wardens of Clinton Lodge number eighty-three, of Free and Accepted Masons, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the members of Clinton Lodge number eighty-three, of free and accepted masons, that they are desirous of erecting a masonic hall upon a portion of the unoccupied public ground of Chester-Town: And whereas the commissioners, and sundry inhabitants of said town, and of Kent county, have recommended this petition to the consideration of the legislature, and believe that the erection of such a building would benefit Chester-Town; Therefore,

Public ground
to be laid off for
building

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Chester-Town, on or before the first Monday in May next, to lay off a parallelogram of sixty by forty feet, on some portion of the unoccupied public ground of Chester-Town, on which said building may be erected, and that they shall inform the master and wardens of said lodge, or any one of them, within six days after the location of the site which shall be thus designated.

Subscription
books to be opened

2. *And be it enacted,* That a subscription book be opened for a capital stock not exceeding three thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting said building, in such shares as may by the master and wardens of said lodge be deemed expedient, under the direction of William Barroll, Timothy Clowes, James M. Anderson, George W. Thomas and Peregrine Wroth, or any three of them, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and who shall, on the third Monday in May next, or within three days thereafter, procure a book, and in said book enter as follows, to wit: We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the master and wardens of Clinton Lodge number eighty-three, of free and accepted masons, the sum of _____ for every share of stock, in a masonic hall to be erected in Chester-Town, set opposite to our respective names. Witness our hands this _____ day of _____, eighteen hundred and _____; and shall give notice in the Chester-Town Telegraph, for two weeks at least, of the times when, and the places where, the said book will be opened to receive subscriptions of stock for the purpose aforesaid, at which times and places, at least three of the commissioners shall attend, and shall permit and suffer all persons who shall offer to subscribe in person, or by attorney duly authorised; in the said book, which shall be kept open for that purpose at least four hours every day, for the space of three days, if three days shall be necessary; *Provided nevertheless,* that the said commissioners shall not permit any one person to subscribe for more than ten shares in the said stock during the first day on which the said book shall be opened, nor more than twenty shares on the second day; and if after the expiration of the said three days, the said book shall not have for the aforesaid purpose, the full number subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, until the number of shares shall be subscribed, of which adjournment public notice shall be given in the newspaper aforesaid, and when

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