ary inhabitants of the village of Greensborough, that they la- CHAP. 97. bour under serious inconveniencies for want of an act of incor-

poration; Therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Commissioners to That it shall and may be lawful for the citizens of the village of cauche. Greensborough, to meet on the second Monday in April Levi, and annually forever thereafter, at such place as they, or a majority of them, shall appoint, and by ballot, from amongst themselves, choose five of the most discreet persons, residents of said village, as commissioners; and in case any of the said commissioners should die, refose to act, or remove out of the said village, the others, or a major part of them, shall elect some other lit and proper person or persons of the said village, to fill said vacancy or vacancies, until a new election shall happen.

2. And be it enacted. That every commissioner appointed To take an oath in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute the duties of his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said village, according to the directions of this act, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded

amongst their proceedings.

3. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of said vil- Meetings lage, or a majority of them, shall meet together at such place as they shall appoint within said village, as shall be previously notified for that purpose, on the second Monday in April next ensuing, and on the second Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener by adjournments as they shall judge to be necessary; and when so assembled, they, or a majority of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authorities vested in them by virtue of this act, from time to time, as occasion may require.

4. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a ma-Their powers jority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws for the regulation and good gevernment of the said village, and the inhabitants thereof, to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisarces, inconveniencies and annoyances, within said village, as from time to time may be necessary and consonant to reason, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state; and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said village, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by such by-laws, not exceeding five dollars in any one case.

5. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall Valuation of the cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the real property, within the limits of the said village, to be made and returned, between the second Monday in April, and the second Monday of May annually, by some person to be appointed by them, or a majority of them, or their successors, who shall take an oath to make true valuation thereof in current money, to the best of his skill and judgment, which said outh may be admi-