

## CHAP. 97.

Proviso.

nistered by any one of the said commissioners, after they shall have been qualified as this act directs: *Provided*, that the said tax so laid shall in no case exceed fifty cents in the hundred dollars in any one year.

Appointment of  
bailiff, his power

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall, on the second Monday of April, (or as soon thereafter as is convenient,) and annually every year thereafter, appoint an active, discreet person, to be bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said village, who, before he shall proceed to the execution of his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to be administered by any justice of the peace for Caroline county, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said village, by virtue of this act, without favour, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment; and the said bailiff, constable and collector, shall give bond in the same manner, and under the same penalties, that the several constables and collectors of said county do; and it shall be the duty of the said bailiff or constable to attend the meeting of the commissioners, whenever he shall be required to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed, for the more effectual accomplishing the object of this act; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said village, or if so assembled, to disperse, by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction, all such negroes, and other slaves, as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night-time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in said village, without the consent or permission of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

Taxes to be collected as county charges are

7. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay their taxes, fines or forfeitures, charged against them by virtue of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the said village, to collect the same, in the same manner, by the bailiff, that the county charges are now collected by the county collector.

Clerk to be appointed—his duty

8. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall, on the second Monday in April next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, nominate and appoint some fit person to be clerk to the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair and faithful record of their proceedings by virtue of this act, in a book to be provided for that purpose by the said commissioners, which proceedings shall be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said village, and of all persons who may be concerned in said proceedings; and the said commissioners shall allow their said clerk a reasonable compensation for his services, and also to the said bailiff, as collector, for his extra services, both of which shall be rated by the said commissioners, and paid out of the money arising by virtue of this act.

Money received in virtue of this act to be applied to improving streets

9. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall apply all the money they receive by virtue of this act to defray the expenses of regulating and improving the streets and vil-