

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That James Sangston, John Brown, Nehemiah Fountain, Bennett Wherrett and James Hand, the commissioners of the village of Denton, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall forever hereafter hold, possess and enjoy, all the public ground on which said market-house and lodge now stands, and all the public ground between the said market-house and lodge-house and Market-street, and also all the public ground between said market-house and lodge-house and Second-street, and twenty feet of public ground immediately contiguous to the west side and north end of said market-house and lodge-house; *Provided* that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to authorise the said commissioners, or their successors, or the officers of Washington Lodge, to erect thereon any other than public buildings for the use, convenience and benefit, of the said village.

Commissioners to hold public ground

Provide

2. *And be it enacted,* That the members of Washington Lodge No. 59, and their successors, shall forever hereafter hold, possess and enjoy, the said room or rooms erected by them over the said market-house, in as full and ample a manner as if they had an actual deed for the premises on which it is erected, without any let, hindrance or molestation, of any person whatsoever; and in case at any time the said lodge should go down, the commissioners of the village of Denton shall have it in their power to rent the room or rooms now occupied as a lodge room or rooms, and apply the proceeds to the payment and costs of the subscribers for the erection of the rooms now occupied as a lodge, after keeping up all necessary repairs, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Washington lodge to hold rooms over market house

3. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of the village of Denton, or a majority of them, shall meet together at the court house in Denton, or at such other public place within the limits of 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 adjournment, 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.

Commissioners to meet

4. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of Denton, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to make such by laws for the regulation and good government of said village, and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisances, inconveniencies and annoyances, within the 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 ten dollars in any one year.

To make by-laws

5. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of the village of Denton, or a majority of them and their successors,

To assess property in village