

CHAP. 106. shall cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the real and personal property within the said village, to be made and returned between the second Monday of April and the second Monday of May annually, by some fit and proper person, to be by them appointed for that purpose, who shall, before he proceeds to act, take the following oath, or affirmation: I, A B, do swear, (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will assess and value all the real and personal property within the village of Denton, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, to the best of my skill and judgment; which oath, or affirmation, shall be administered by one of the commissioners, and the said assessor shall be bound to make return thereof, agreeably to the provisions of this act; *Provided*, that no person not holding personal property in said village, whose assessment shall not exceed the sum of forty dollars, shall not be liable to pay an assessment; *And be it further provided*, that the tax so laid shall in no case exceed the sum of one dollar in three hundred dollars in any one year.

Proviso

To levy tax on
billiard tables

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to assess and levy, upon every person or persons keeping for common use a billiard table within the said village, or within one mile thereof, an annual tax of fifty dollars for every billiard table so kept and used, and likewise to assess and levy an annual tax of fifty cents like money on every dog, and one dollar like money on every female dog, belonging to any inhabitant of said village; and the said commissioners may direct the killing of any dog as above described, in said village, whose owner cannot be ascertained, or who refuses or neglects to pay the tax for the same within three months after the demand of the same.

To appoint bailiff
-Duties

7. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall, on the first Monday in April, (or as soon thereafter as may be convenient,) and annually every year thereafter, appoint an active discreet person to be bailiff and constable 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 and constable 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 or constable shall give bond in the same manner, and under the same penalties, that the several constables of the said county do; and it shall be the duty of said bailiff and constable to attend the meetings of the said commissioners when he shall be required, to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed, for the more effectual accomplishing the objects 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 them 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