

serve for the term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Before acting, he shall take an oath before some justice of the peace of Talbot county, to faithfully perform his duties, without favor, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and shall give bond in the same manner and in the same penalty as constables of Talbot county, and the Commissioners of Oxford, from time to time, may appoint assistant bailiffs for such term or terms as in their discretion they may determine, who shall take the same oath and have the same powers as the bailiff, except that they shall have no authority to collect monies due the corporation.

Pass certain
ordinances.

148. The said Commissioners may pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary and beneficial to the general good, welfare and peace of said town, and to give effect to the powers vested in them, and may impose fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach thereof; they may remove any officer for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty, and if any officer shall die, resign, refuse to act, or within ten days of his appointment, fail to give bond, they may appoint another in his place; and they may exact licenses from persons giving public exhibitions or shows of any description.

Liens on
real estate.

157. All taxes are hereby declared to be liens on the real estate, and to be due and payable by the person or persons, or bodies corporate, or whose property the same may be levied or assessed on the first day of January in each year, and to bear interest from that date; and the said Commissioners shall deliver to the said collector an alphabetical list of all persons or bodies corporate chargeable with taxes, according to the return of the assessor or assessors, on or before the first day of August in each year, and annex thereto a warrant to the collector to collect the same, and the collector within ten days after receiving the said list shall furnish to every person or body corporate so chargeable an account of his tax, to which account shall be annexed a notice that unless the same be paid to the collector on or before the said first day of January, the collector will seize and sell the property so assessed; and the collector shall account with the Commissioners for the amount of said assessment list, and all other sums of money collected by him under their order on or before the first day of June following. The said collector shall have power and authority to sell the real and personal property of any delinquent taxpayer; and the real estate may be sold whether there be personal property or not; and the course of his proceedings, whenever a sale is neces-