scribed by the act, entitled, A supplement to the act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-six; and that from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be appointed a commissioner of Centre-Ville who does not hold real property within the limits of said town above the value of three hundred dollars.

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IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the court-house and public ground in said town shall be vested, Court-house an trust, in the commissioners, and their successors, so far as to preserve the same, and to prevent vested, &c. abuses and depredations thereon; and that they shall have power and authority to cause to be removed so much of the earth in front of the court-house as may be necessary for levelling and making even the public ground, and to apply the earth so to be removed, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for filling up and levelling the public ground at the back of the court-house, and in such other way as they may direct; and that the said commissioners shall be authorised to cause a well to be made on the public ground in front of the court-house, and therein to erect a pump if they shall think necessary.

V. And, whereas it is necessary that provision should be made to enable the commissioners to carry this section into effect, Be it enacted, That the justices of the levy court of Queen-Anne's Justices to levy county be and they are hereby authorised and directed to levy on the assessable property of said money, &c. county, at the time of laying their next county levy, the sum of two hundred dollars, which sum the collector of the county shall collect as other county charges, and pay to the said commissioners, or their order.

## C H A P. LV.

## An ACT authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving Passed 8th of January, 1803. the streets of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Natha- A scheme may niel Rochester, Adam Ott, Otho Holland Williams, Jacob Harry and William Hyser, or a mabe proposed, &c. jority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, and to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof; provided the said Nathaniel Rochester, Adam Ott, Otho Holland Williams, Jacob Harry and William Hyser, or such majority of them as shall undertake to act under this law, shall, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned, that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing of said lottery shall commence, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expenses incurred in said lottery, shall, within twelve months from the time the drawing of said lottery shall commence, cause the said streets in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to be improved in the best manner the sum of money raised by said lottery will admit.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, before they act as Bond to be such, to lodge such bond in the clerk's office of Washington county, there to be recorded, and upon lodged, &c. such bond, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

## C H A P.

## An ACT to authorise a lottery in Frederick county.

Passed 8th of January, 1803.

January, I THEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Preamble. Middle-town, and its vicinity, in Frederick county, that they are exposed to great danger from fire, and have prayed that an act may pass, authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money fer the purpose of purchasing a fire engine for the use and safety of said town; and the same being considered reasonable and proper, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Frederick Stemple, Thomas Pow- Persons to proell, Peter Shewman, Henry Stemple and Samuel Shoup, or a majority of them, be and they are pose a scheme, hereby authorised to propose a scheme of a lottery for raising the sum of four hundred dollars for hereby authorised to propose a scheme of a lottery for raising the sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose aforesaid, and to sell and dispose of the tickets therein.

III. And BE IT ENACTED, That the said Frederick Stemple, Thomas Powell, Peter Shewman, And to give Henry Stemple and Samuel Shoup, before they proceed to the sale of any ticket or tickets in said bond, &c. lottery, shall give and execute a bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of one thousand dol-