

said town may suffer thereby, and said town may institute appropriate proceedings either at law or in equity for this purpose in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, and, in addition to any such proceedings as aforesaid, said town may institute, in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, a mandamus proceeding against such removed town Treasurer and thereby compel such removed town Treasurer to turn over to said Commission or to said Secretary Commissioner all funds, money, records, books, papers, and other things and thing of said town. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph of this Act shall be construed to limit said town to the proceedings herein mentioned. And provided, further, that nothing contained in this paragraph of this Act shall be construed as relieving any town Treasurer or former town Treasurer from criminal responsibility under any of the criminal laws of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Town of Cottage City and The Cottage City Commission shall have power to open, widen, repair, maintain and light the streets, roads, lanes, alleys, sidewalks and parking of said town, to provide for drainage, sewerage, sanitation, clerical and other public service, including fire protection, removal of ashes, garbage and other refuse and the disposal thereof, to provide and maintain a meeting place for said Commission and a place for the keeping of the records, books, property and other things of said town, to purchase, acquire by gift or grant, and hold or dispose of real and personal property for the benefit of said town, including the power to lease or rent the same, to incur expenses and debts on behalf of said town, to provide for and pay the expenses of governing said town, including the expense of having a meeting place for said Commission and a place for keeping the records, books, property and other things of said town, the expense of registering voters, conducting elections, providing records, books, and other things necessary for the proper government of said town, the expense of paying the salary of the town Treasurer, the expense of hiring persons, including an attorney or attorneys, to perform work or services for said town, to enter into contracts on behalf of said town for the foregoing or any other lawful purpose in connection with the government of said town and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid thereunder, and to expend the moneys and funds of said town for any of the foregoing or any other lawful purpose for the benefit of said town, and to do all other acts and