

CHAP. 148. and they are hereby authorized to pass such ordinances or by-laws for the proper regulation of the village, as to them may seem necessary; *provided*, the same shall not be repugnant to the laws of this state, to remove all nuisances, and prevent all local causes of disease, to suppress and prevent all disorderly and riotous conduct, to punish all violations of their ordinances or by-laws by fine, and to compel each citizen and property-holder, not being a resident of said village, to pay his rateable proportion of the expenses incurred in carrying into effect said ordinances.

Employ a
baillif. **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized to employ a baillif and to pay him a fair compensation for his services, whose duty it shall be to enforce all the ordinances.

No compensa-
tion to com-
missioners, **SEC. 5.** *And be it enacted*, That said commissioners shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for their services.

To keep a
record. **SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted*, That said commissioners shall keep a faithful record of their proceedings.

CHAPTER 148.

Passed, Feb.
21, 1844. *An act relating to free negroes in Howard district Anne Arundel County.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS many negroes and mulattoes, of Howard District, have become entitled to freedom under deeds of manumission, and last wills and testaments, which have been recorded in Anne-Arundel county, prior to the formation of Howard District, and who have not yet obtained certificates of freedom—Therefore,

Copy or ex-
tract sufficient

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, any copy or extract, under seal, of any deed of manumission from the clerk of Anne Arundel county court, or any copy or extract, under seal, of any last will and testament, from the register of wills of Anne Arundel county, shall be good and sufficient authority, when presented to the clerk of Howard District court, or to the register of wills of Howard District for the said clerk or register, to issue, to any negro or mulatto a certificate of freedom in the usual form; *provided*, the said negro or mulatto shall produce proof, as now prescribed by law, of his or

Proviso.