

CHAPTER 241.

CHAP. 241.

An act relating to Dogs in Port Tobacco in Charles county.

Passed March 4, 1844.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Aquilla Batemen, Elijah W. Day and William M. Hodges, be, and they are hereby appointed, commissioners in and for the Town of Port Tobacco, for the purposes herein specified.*

Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall have power to fill any vacancy in their board, which may happen from refusal to act, death removal or other cause.*

May fill vacancies.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted, That there shall be, and hereby is imposed upon every dog owned or remaining longer than five days in Port Tobacco, an annual tax of two dollars, and upon every bitch, an annual tax of five dollars, which tax shall be paid on or before the first day of May, in each and every year to the said commissioners, who are required upon the payment of such tax, to issue a license or permit, to be signed by one of said commissioners to the owner of such dog or bitch, for twelve months, describing the same as near as may be.*

\$2 tax on each dog.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted, That any dog or bitch, which shall be kept closely confined upon the premises of its owner shall not be subjected to such tax.*

Dog confined on premises, exempt.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted, That all money which may arise under the operation of this act, shall be expended under the direction of said commissioners, in cleaning and improving the said town.*

Applied to improvement of town.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the town constable and he is hereby authorized and required to kill any dog or bitch going at large in the town whose owner has not complied with the provisions of this law, and for such services the said commissioners are authorized to allow him such compensation as they may think just and right, to be paid out at the funds, arising under the provisions of this act.*

Constables to kill dogs going at large.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted, That the said constable for every failure to discharge the duties required of him by this act, shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars, which may be recovered by common warrant before a justice of the peace, in the name of "the commissioners of Port Tobacco," as aforesaid.*

Constable to pay fine of ten dollars for neglect of duty.