

CHAP. 97.

Marsh Ditch, tributary streams and ditches aforesaid, and if so determining shall value and fix the same as they in their judgment may deem just and right; and the said commissioners shall after having finished said valuation, return a particular list of the same to the company, together with the names of the persons owners of the lands benefitted by the opening of the ditch aforesaid, and shall immediately fix some day not exceeding twenty days, to hear any and every appeal that may be made by any person or persons who may think themselves aggrieved by said valuation, a notice of said meeting to be put up at least ten days previous along the line of said ditch, and the determination of said appeals to be final, and the said valuation and appraisement to stand good for seven years, unless two-thirds of the said company shall otherwise determine, counting from the first Saturday in April of this year, and so on for every seven years thereafter; and the said company shall proceed to fix and adjust an equitable tax on all the land through which the said Long Marsh Ditch shall pass, and upon all those persons who may after a final hearing, be deemed benefitted by said Long Marsh Ditch, tributary streams or ditches emptying into said Long Marsh Ditch, whatever sum may be found to be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and shall levy and collect the same as county taxes for said counties are collected; and the said company shall cause a copy of such valuation and levy to be filed in either of the clerks offices of Queen Ann's or Caroline counties, as the case may be; a certified copy of which shall be conclusive against all parties, and shall be good and sufficient evidence in any court of law, or before any justice of the peace in the State; and the said commissioners for each and every day that they may be employed, shall receive the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, to be paid by an order of the company on the treasurer, hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said company at each and every annual meeting thereof, shall choose by ballot, and by a majority of votes, any given number of managers, at the discretion of the company, one treasurer and one secretary, who shall respectively continue in office until the first Saturday of April next ensuing, and until others are appointed; and it shall be the duty of said treasurer so appointed, to notify all those persons upon whose land or lands the aforesaid tax has been levied, and upon those persons who shall be deemed benefitted by

List. &c. to be returned

Appeals to be heard

Notice to be given

Valuation good for 7 years

Levy of tax

Copy of valuation to be filed

Compensation

Officers to be chosen

Treasurer to notify persons who are taxed