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debts are recoverable out of courts, and he shall be entitled to charge the same fees as a justice of the peace would for similar services on the said fines and forfeitures as may be recovered before any justice of the peace.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to make all such bye-laws, regulations and ordinances as from time to time they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and prosperity of the said town and its inhabitants, for the prevention or removal of nuisances, preservation of health, and suppression of vice and immorality within the limits of said town, for the prevention of the firing of guns or crackers, horse-racing, cock-fighting and all other such improper practices within the limits of said corporation, and shall have power to have an assessment made of the value of all the property within the taxable limits of said town, and to lay an equal tax on the same to such amount as may from time to time be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, which tax shall be collected and paid to the said commissioners by the said burgess, who shall have the same power to distrain therefor as the collector of the public county assessment has to distrain for taxes, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall fix and allow such compensation to the said burgess for his collection of said taxes, as under all the circumstances they make think right.

Burgess to report annually.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That no fine or forfeiture to be imposed by virtue of this act shall exceed the sum of twenty dollars for each offence, and all fines and forfeitures shall be recovered for the use of the corporation and in the name of the burgess and commissioners, of the Point of Rocks, and it shall be the duty of the burgess aforesaid to see that all ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and he shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace, and he shall report annually to the commissioners during the first two days of their session a general state of the town, with an accurate amount of the money received and expended, to be published for the information of the citizens, and the said burgess before he acts as such shall take an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before some justice of the peace for Frederick county, that he will well and faithfully, without favor, affection or partiality execute the office of burgess to

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