

**CHAP. 367.** and discreet persons to perform the duties of bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said town, who, before they shall proceed to the execution of their duties, shall take an oath or affirmation, to be administered by a justice of the peace for the said county, that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of them, as bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said town, by virtue of this act, without favor, affection or partiality, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and the said bailiff, constable or collector shall give bond in the same manner, and under the same penalties that the several constables and collectors of the said county do; and it shall be the duty of said bailiff or constable to attend the meeting of the commissioners, whenever they shall be required to perform such services as shall, from time to time, be, by them directed, for the more effectually accomplishing the object of this act, to prevent tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and free negroes within the limits of said town, or if so assembled, to be dispersed by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish, with moderate correction, all such slaves and free negroes as shall be found strolling or wandering about the streets in the night time, and to prevent slaves frequenting the houses of other persons in said town without the consent of their owners.

Taxes, fines, &c. to be applied for use of town.

**SEC. 17.** *And be it enacted,* That all taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by said commissioners, by virtue of any law or ordinance, be applied in such a manner, for the use of said town, as may, from time to time, by ordinance be directed.

Power to open, close, grade and level streets and alleys.

**SEC. 18.** *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall have full power to open, close, grade and level streets and alleys, and remove all nuisances and obstructions from the same; and also, to prevent encroachments, by building or otherwise, on streets and alleys, and all the property, rights, power and authority now held by the present commissioners of said town, under former laws, grants or otherwise, be, and they are hereby vested in the commissioners elected in pursuance of this act, as soon as an election shall take place.

Power of present commissioners.

**SEC. 19.** *And be it enacted,* That the present commissioners of said town, shall have, until the time appointed by this act for the election of commissioners, the same power, to all intents and purposes, which they now possess.

Banking for-bid.

**SEC. 20.** *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize or em-

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