

CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT to incorporate the Village of Port Tobacco in Charles county.

Passed February 17, 1858.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that it would greatly contribute to the advantage and improvement of the Village of Port Tobacco, in Charles county, if the same should be placed under the care and regulation of certain Commissioners to be elected by the citizens thereof, and vested with sufficient power to forward and effect the purposes intended; Therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the citizens of the Village of Port Tobacco in Charles county, shall be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate by the name of "The President and Commissioners of the Village of Port Tobacco," and as such shall have succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, receive and do all other acts, as natural persons; and may purchase and hold real estate, and personal and mixed property, or dispose of the same for the benefit of the said Village, and have and use a common seal which may be changed at pleasure.

Incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all free, white male citizens of the Village of Port Tobacco aforesaid, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have resided in said Village for the space of four months, and twelve months in the State next preceding the election, shall on the third Monday in April next, at the Court house in said Village, and on the third Monday in April in each and every year thereafter, at such house as shall be hereafter designated as the Town Hall, by the said municipality, be authorised to elect five discreet persons Commissioners for the said Village, who shall have resided within the limits of said Village for at least twelve months next preceding the election.

Qualification of voters.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, shall in the first instance be the Judge of the said election, who shall open the polls at twelve o'clock, M., and close the same at six o'clock the same day;

First election.