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lar returns thereof; to abate all nuisances and remove all obstructions in the streets, lanes and alleys, agreeably to the orders and directions of the commissioners to dispose by reasonable, proper and lawful means (without or with, as circumstances may require, the aid and assistance of a posse comitatus which he is hereby authorised to summon and call to his assistance) all disorderly or tumultuous meetings of slaves, free negroes or other dissolute or disorderly persons who may be obstructing the foot ways or any of the streets, lanes or alleys, in the town, and thereby preventing the inhabitants and others from freely, quietly and safely passing along the street, where they are assembled, and to punish with moderate correction all such negroes and slaves as shall be found gambling or frolicking at any time or place within the town or strolling about the streets in the night, after the hour of ten o'clock, also to arrest and secure all sabbath breakers, vagrants, drunken persons and disturbers of the public peace, and carry the same before some justice of the peace, to be there dealt with as the law shall direct in such cases, and fully to execute all the lawful orders of the said commissioners.

Clerk of the market.

3. *And be it enacted* That the clerk of the market before he shall proceed to act as such, shall take an oath or affirmation, (as the case may be,) before a board of the said commissioners, that he will diligently and faithfully perform all the duties of a clerk of the market in the town of Easton according to the act of assembly aforesaid, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town, and the several supplements thereto, and the existing orders and ordinances of the commissioners aforesaid, respecting the said market to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favor, affection, or partiality, and that he will not, directly or indirectly demand or receive for his services as clerk of the market, any fee or reward, excepting such salary or compensation as shall be allowed by said commissioners.

Assessor.

4. *And be it enacted*, That every person who shall be appointed assessor as aforesaid, shall take the following oath or affirmation, (as the case may be,) before a board of the said commissioners, to wit: "I, A B, do swear (or affirm,) that I will justly, faithfully and impartially execute, to the best of my skill and judgment, the duties of an assessor of property in the town of Easton, and that I will value at what I shall believe to be the value in ready money, all the real and personal property that shall or may come to my sight and knowledge and be properly assessable under the orders, ordinances or directions of the commissioners of the said town, and make true return thereof to the said commissioners, and that therein I will spare no person for favor or affection or grieve any person for hatred, malice or ill-will;" and it shall be the duty of said assessor, when so qualified, to inform himself, by all lawful ways and means, of all the assessable, real and personal property in the said town, and forthwith to proceed to value the same, at what it shall in his judgment be worth in ready money, and return to the commissioners, within four weeks from the time of his qualification as aforesaid, a list of all the assessments made by him, and a book of accounts, arranged in alphabetical order in which such person so assessed shall be charged with the particulars so assessed to him, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners upon receiving the said return, to appoint at least three separate days for hearing and deciding the complaints and appeals of persons who may think themselves ag-