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partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and the said bailiff, constable and collector shall give bond, in the same manner, and under the same penalties, that the several constables and collectors of said county, do and it shall be the duty of the said bailiff or constable to attend the meeting of the commissioners whenever he shall be required to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed, for the more effectual accomplishing the object of this act, to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves, negroes, and other desolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said village, or if so assembled, to disperse by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction, all such negroes and other slaves, as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in said village, without the consent or permission of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

Clerk.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall, on the first monday in April next or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, nominate and appoint some fit person to be clerk to the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair and faithful record of their proceedings by virtue of this act, in a book to be provided for that purpose by the said commissioners, which proceedings shall be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said village, and of all persons who may be concerned in said proceedings, and the said commissioners shall allow their said clerk a reasonable compensation for his services, and also to the said bailiff, as collector for his extra services both of which shall be rated by the said commissioners, and payed out of the money arising by virtue of this act.

Power to collect.

9. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay their taxes, fines or forfeitures charged against them by virtue of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to collect the same in the same manner, and with the same costs, that small debts are collected out of court.

Application of money.

10. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall apply all the money they receive by virtue of this act, to defray the expences of regulating and improving the streets and village of Hillsborough in such manner and way as shall appear to them most expedient.

Voters

11. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall be entitled to a vote for commissioners of the said village of Hillsborough unless he has been a residentor of said village six months previous to the day of election, and having a right to vote for delegates to the general assembly of Maryland.

General issue

12. *And be it enacted*, That if any suit or action shall be commenced against any person or persons for any thing done in pursuance of this act, such person or persons may plead the general issue and give this act in evidence, any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 22.

Passed Dec. 31, 1822.
Levy \$50.

An act for the relief of Whittington Steel and Hetty Parker, the idcot daughter of Azariah Parker of Worcester county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Worcester county, may in their discretion, at their first meeting in the month of April next, and at their first meeting in the month of April annually thereafter, so long as