

CHARLES RIDGELY, (OF HAMPTON) ESQ. GOVERNOR. 67

and discreet person, resident as aforesaid, to be made at the court-house in the said town, by the house keepers and others qualified to vote as aforesaid, in the month of April in every year; and the person elected shall remain in office for the term of five years, and the succession of the commissioners be so continued as that one commissioner shall be chosen annually.

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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, and shall return his certificate thereof to the said commissioners on the day first appointed for their meeting, and the same shall be filed and recorded among their proceedings; and at every subsequent election the commissioners of the said town, or a majority of them, shall be judges of such election, and the proceedings thereof shall be recorded under their direction; and every commissioner before he shall proceed to open an election shall take an oath, or affirmation, that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election who shall be qualified to vote for a commissioner of the said town, according to the directions of this act, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not in his judgment be qualified to vote as aforesaid.

Judges of elections.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any vacancy shall happen in the office of one or more of the commissioners by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the remaining commissioners, and they are hereby required to cause an election to be made at the court-house in the said town, by the inhabitants thereof, and others qualified to vote as aforesaid, of one or more judicious and discreet persons, resident as aforesaid, to supply every such vacancy during the remainder of the term, and the time of holding such intervening election shall be previously notified for the space of ten days preceding the election.

Vacancies.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner to be appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said town, according to the directions of this act, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Commissioners shall take an oath.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall meet together at the court-house in the said town, or at such other public place within the limits thereof as shall be previously notified, in the month of April eighteen hundred and sixteen, and statedly on the first Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener, by adjournment as they shall judge to be necessary; and when so assembled, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authorities vested in them by this act, from time to time, as occasions shall require.

Meetings of commissioners.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and

Nuisances &c—by-laws &c—clerks—taxes &c.