

quired by the laws of this state to be acknowledged, and any acknowledgment so taken by him shall have the same force and effect as if taken by one or two justices of the peace of Frederick county, and the mayor shall be entitled to receive therefor the sum of fifty cents.

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21. *And be it enacted,* That the aldermen and common council may, by ordinance, provide for taking up, fining or committing to the work-house in Frederick-town, all vagrant and loose and disorderly persons, and persons having no visible means of support and livelihood, and common disturbers of his or her neighbourhood, that may be found within the jurisdiction of said town; and it is hereby made the duty of the keeper or overseer of the said work-house to receive and safe keep all persons who shall be so committed, according to the tenor of such commitment.

Vagrants.

22. *And be it enacted,* That no ordinance of the said corporation shall impose a fine of more than twenty dollars for any one offence, or authorise a commitment to the work-house for more than thirty days at one time; and that all fines imposed by virtue of any law or ordinance of the corporation, may be recovered before the mayor or a justice of the peace, in the same manner that small debts are recoverable in this state, and subject to the same appeal; and in all such proceedings any constable of the corporation shall, within the limits of the corporation, have the same powers, and proceed in the same manner, and have the same fees, as the constable of an hundred in the case of small debts: all fines to be to the use of the corporation, and to be appropriated in such manner as may from time to time by ordinance be directed.

Fines.

23. *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of the said town, and all persons holding property therein, shall be competent witnesses in all actions arising under this act, or the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation, if exempt from all other exceptions than that of interest as an inhabitant of the said town, or member of the said corporation.

Inhabitants to be competent witnesses.

24. *And be it enacted,* That no ordinance of the said corporation shall be binding on persons who do not reside within the limits of the said town, until the same shall have been published in some newspaper of the said town, unless in the case of wilful and intentional violation of said ordinance, after notice thereof; *Provided always,* that the said corporation shall not pass any ordinance inconsistent with the laws of this state, or of the United States.

Ordinances not to affect non-residents, &c.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 75.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to Incorporate a Company to make the several Turnpike Roads therein mentioned.

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Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever five hundred shares, or more, of the stock authorised by the act aforesaid, shall have been subscribed, the commissioners therein named, or a majority of them, shall notify the subscribers, who may proceed to organize the company, and in the

When 500 shares subscribed company to be organized.