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Such fine to be applied agreeably to provisions of this act.

7. *And be it enacted*, That any justice of the peace laying any fine as aforesaid, may receive and apply the same agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Swine running at large without the knowledge of owner not to be impounded, &c.

8. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be the duty of any constable to seize and impound any swine as aforesaid, if it shall appear that such swine are going at large without the knowledge and consent of the owner or owners, but whenever such swine has been running at large in said town for the space of twenty-four hours, it shall be considered as being by the consent of the owner or owners.

Act repealed.

9. *And be it enacted*, That an act, entitled, An act to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties, passed at November session eighteen hundred and one, or so much thereof as is repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

When to take effect.

10. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall not take effect before the first day of June next.

CHAPTER 128.

Passed Feb 5 1819

An act to incorporate Westminster, in Frederick county.

Three adjoining towns to be for ever hereafter known by the name of Westminster.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the three adjoining towns, now called and known by the names of Westminster, New-London, and Winter's Addition to Westminster, shall for ever hereafter be called and known by the name of Westminster.

Westminster constituted an incorporate town.

2. *And be it enacted*, That Westminster aforesaid shall be and is hereby constituted an incorporate town, and the inhabitants thereof constituted a body politic and incorporate, by the name of the burgess and commissioners of Westminster, and as such shall have perpetual succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded.

Burgess and six commissioners to be annually elected.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the free white male citizens of Westminster aforesaid, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and having resided six months in the said town next preceding the election, be authorised to elect on the first Monday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and nineteen, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter, the burgess and six commissioners for the said town, who shall be inhabitants thereof, above twenty-five years of age, and holding real property in the said town; the election to be held at the most central part of said town, and the polls to be kept open from nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon.

Justice of the peace to appoint one judge for holding first election.

4. *And be it enacted*, That a justice of the peace, for the time being, residing in or near Westminster, shall appoint, by writing under his hand and seal, one judge to hold the first election for burgess and commissioners, and the said judge shall conduct the said election in the manner in which the judges of an election district are now by law directed to hold an election for delegates to the general assembly, as far as may be consistent with the other provisions of this act; and the said judge shall make return, under his hand and seal, of the persons elected as burgess and commissioners, to the clerk of Frederick county, to be by him safely kept; all future elections to be held by one or more judges, in such manner as shall be directed from time to time by ordinance of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with this law.