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within the limits or jurisdiction of said town; provided, that they shall not in any case pass, make or ordain, any law to fine for any one offence a sum exceeding twenty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Certain persons may be sold, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That if any person or persons be committed to gaol in virtue of this act, and shall not, at the expiration of the time for which he is committed, pay to the sheriff the amount of his fine and prison fees, or give security for the same, it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff, with the consent of the mayor in writing, to sell such person or persons as a servant for any time not exceeding four months, such time to be expressed in writing by the mayor in giving his consent as aforesaid.

Part of an act repealed, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That so much of the second section of the act to which this is a supplement as continues the authorities and powers of the common council during good behaviour, be repealed, and that the said common council shall, for ever hereafter, be elected to serve for two years only; and an election for a new common council shall be held, in the manner prescribed by the said original act, on the first Monday of February, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and on the first Monday of February in every second year thereafter.

Mayor to be elected, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the recorder, aldermen and common council, may hereafter elect the mayor of said town from their citizens at large, and shall be under no other restriction, except that they shall be confined to a citizen of George-town, and the same person may be re-elected as often as the said aldermen and common council may judge it expedient.

Mayor, &c. may make laws, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws and ordinances for the graduation and levelling of the streets, lanes and alleys, within the jurisdiction of the same town, as they may judge necessary for the benefit thereof.

Erect wharfs, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, shall have full power and authority to erect wharfs on all streets, lanes and alleys, in said town, for the use of the said town; provided however, that no buildings shall be permitted to be erected on front of the said wharfs, or any of them.

Bring ejectments, &c.

VIII. **And,** whereas the said corporation claim a right to certain grounds within the limits of said town, and doubts have arisen with respect to the powers of the said corporation to bring ejectments for the same; therefore, **Be it enacted,** That the said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, in their corporate capacity, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to bring an ejectment or ejectments for all such real estate as they can make a legal title to, and to recover the same for the use of the said town.

And impose money, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That to defray the expences of said corporation, the said mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, shall have full power and authority, by ordinance or by-law made for that purpose, to impose any sum of money, not exceeding one dollar in any one year, on every hundred pounds of property within the said town, and out of the revenues arising from such taxation to allow the said mayor such annual salary as shall appear to them just and proper.

C H A P. LVII.

Passed January 20.

An ACT to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate.

Mayor, &c. to be judges, &c.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the mayor and second branch of the city council of the city of Baltimore, or any three or more of them, for the time being, shall be judges of the elections for delegates