

Commissioners appointed for the well ordering and regulating the Town

Their Names.

Who are incorporated into a body Politick, and may sue and be sued &c.

same, That the several Persons in this Act mentioned and their Successors shall and are hereby Impowered and Authorized to be Commissioners and Trustees for the well Ordering and Regulating and Propogating the said Port of *Annapolis*, as well to the building and Inhabiting the same, as to the peaceable and quiet living and residing therein, as also restrain and prevent all Disorders and Disturbances; and also all Inconveniencies and Annoyances with the Town and Port aforesaid, by any Trades or Employments or Callings that may cause Annoyance or Inconveniency to the Inhabitants, That is to say, *viz.* His Excellency *Francis Nicolson*, Esq; The Honourable Sir *Thomas Laurence*, The Honourable *Nicholas Greenbury*, Esq; The Honourable *Thomas Tench*, Esq; Major *John Hammond*, Major *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *James Sanders*, and Capt. *Richard Hill*, or any Five of them, who are by this Act constituted, authorized and incorporated into a Body Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name of The Commissioners and Trustees for the Port and Town of *Annapolis*, to Sue and be Sued, to answer unto and be answered in any Court of Record within this Province touching or concerning any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Debts, Dues or Demands accruing or being the Right or growing due, to or from the said Commissioners and Trustees of the said Port and Town of *Annapolis*, and Appurtenances in Right of the said Town and Port, and not otherwise. To which End they are hereby impowered and required to meet together within the said Port and Town, at such convenient Place and Time as to them shall seem meet and Convenient. And to perpetuate the Succession of such Commissioners and Trustees,

And their Succession perpetuated.

*Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That when and as often as any one of the Commissioners and Trustees shall dye or depart the County or Province so as he cannot Execute the trust and Authority in this Act reposed, one other fit and suitable Person Actually living, inhabiting and residing in the Town, being a Free-man of the same, and such as is capable either by Land or Estate, to serve as a Burgess, according to the Qualifications expressed in the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided, shall be chosen in the room of such absent or deceased Member by the Majority of Voices of the Free-Men and Inhabitants of the said Port and Town at such Time and Place within the same, as by the Commissioners and Trustees as aforesaid, shall be appointed for that purpose; of which Time and Place publick Notice shall be given by the said Commissioners. And for the Incouragement of the Inhabitants of the Town and Port aforesaid, and to enable them to keep Stocks of Cattle, Horses or Sheep, or such like necessary Creatures for their necessary Use.

Impowered to purchase adjacent Lands for commonage. To be paid for.

*Be it likewise Enacted,* That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said Commissioners or Trustees to Purchase any Quantity or Quantities of Land, next adjacent to the Town and for Town-Common, and to satisfy and pay for the same with Tobacco or Money, that now is or hereafter shall be raised for any Lot or Lots of Land, taken up in the said Town, or by any other Money or Tobacco by the free Gift of any Person, or otherwise accruing to the use of the said Town, or any other Lawful Ways or Means whatsoever, so that the same be no ways Burthensom or a Charge to the Publick. And in Case the owners of any such Land be incapable of making Sale thereof, by any manner of disability, or Incapacity whatsoever, or wilfully refusing the same, being offered the full real Value thereof, then and in such Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and Trustees to cause a Jury of Free-holders next adjacent to be Impannelled and Sworn, to Value

On the disability of the Owners.

Or their refusing to sell when offered the full real Value.

A Jury may be sommoned according to direction of a former Act.

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