

C H A P. XXIII. Squares for public buildings.

XVII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, in laying out the town aforesaid, shall, in the most proper and convenient place thereof, cause to be laid out and ascertain one or more square and convenient lots, or pieces of ground, for building a court-house, market-house, and other public edifices on, as they, or the major part of them shall think proper, which lot or lots is and are hereby declared, at all times hereafter, to belong to the public for the uses aforesaid, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever.

By 1786, ch. 20, the seat of justice was removed to the Head of Elk.

Persons exempted, &c.

XVIII. AND, whereas the present incumbent of the parish wherein the said town and common is to be laid out, has signified his willingness and consent to exempt all persons actually living and residing within the bounds of the said town land from the payment of the forty per poll, and as such privilege or exemption may greatly encourage persons of all professions, religions, persuasions, trades or occupations whatsoever, to build and settle in the said town, and much conduce to the better peopling and seating the adjacent lands, now uncultivated in the said parish, to the equal benefit to the incumbents thereof, BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That all and every person and persons whatsoever, actually residing or dwelling in the said town, their servants and slaves, likewise actually residing there, shall, during such his, her or their residence, be exempted and discharged from the forty per poll granted to the episcopal clergy of this province, and all other parochial taxes, charges and dues whatsoever.

Residents freed from payment, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the inhabitants of the same town, after one year's residence therein, shall and are hereby declared and adjudged to be residents of this province, and shall have and enjoy all the rights, privileges, immunities and exemptions of residents, by virtue of any of the acts of assembly of this province, or otherwise, any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

How vacancies are to be filled.

XX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That when and as often as any of the commissioners aforesaid shall die, remove from the county aforesaid, or refuse or neglect to join in the execution of this act, then, and in any such case, the major part of the other commissioners aforesaid shall choose others in the place of such who shall die, refuse, remove or neglect as aforesaid, and such person or persons so chosen shall have equal power to act as the other commissioners herein mentioned; and that the power and authority of the said commissioners shall continue until all things by them directed by this act to be done shall be completed and finished; and that all monies herein before directed to be paid to them by the clerk aforesaid, shall be applied to the building or repairing of public buildings, wharfs, or other public uses of the said town, as the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall think fit.

This section was repealed by 1786, ch. 32, section 2.

Passed 29th of October, 1742.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT to enable his excellency Thomas Bladen, Esquire, or the governor for the time being, to purchase four acres of land within the fence of the city of Annapolis, for the use of the public, and to build thereon a dwelling-house, and other conveniencies, for the residence of the governor of Maryland for the time being, and to repeal part of other acts therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 277.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT for the assessment and payment of the public charge of this province. Lib. BLC. fol. 279.

