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neglect to act in the execution of this act, then and in any such case it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or the major part of them, to meet at the said town, on the tenth day of May next ensuing such death or removal, and appoint such other person as they shall think fit, to be commissioner in the room of him so dead, removed, or neglecting to act as aforesaid.

Proviso

XXI. PROVIDED, That at what time soever it shall be made appear to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, for the time being, that there are the number of twenty fixed and settled inhabitants, capable by land or estate to vote for a burgess, according to the qualifications of the laws now in being, actually dwelling and residing in said town, that then it shall be lawful for the said commissioners, and they are hereby directed and required, on all such occasions that shall thereafter happen, to meet at Charles-town aforesaid, on the tenth day of May next after such vacancy shall be, and then and there, by vote of the said inhabitants of Charles-town, so qualified as aforesaid, to choose or elect one other person or persons to serve as a commissioner in the room of him or them so dead, removed, or neglecting as aforesaid, and which said person or persons, so chosen or elected by majority of such votes, shall be a commissioner, and be authorized to put this law in execution in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, as any other commissioner herein named is authorized to do.

This and the next section are repealed by 1786, ch. 33, section 2.

Commissioners  
to meet, &c.

XXII. BE IT ALSO ENACTED, That the said commissioners be and are hereby directed and empowered to meet at the said Charles-town on the tenth day of May yearly, and oftener as occasion shall require, to view, regulate and perpetuate the boundaries of the several and respective lots and town, according to the true intent and meaning of the return of the survey plot, and certificate thereof, and from time to time, as they shall see cause, to inspect and inquire into the proceedings and management of the said wharf and store-house, at said Charles-town to be built and raised, in order to prevent and restrain all irregularities and impositions that may there happen.

Fairs to be  
held, &c.

XXIII. AND, whereas the present inhabitants of Charles-town aforesaid have already, of their own accord, published a fair, which was held at the said town on the tenth day of this present instant, May, whereat great numbers of people did meet: And whereas the adjacent country produceth many useful commodities, which, brought to such fair or fairs to be sold, might be of benefit and advantage to the trade and people of this province, if the time and manner of keeping such fair or fairs were under due regulations; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to appoint two fairs to be held at the said town, to wit, to begin on the twenty-third day of April, and the eighteenth day of October, yearly, not being Sunday, otherwise to begin on the day following, and to continue the said fairs not more than three days each, Sundays exclusive; and that during such continuance of the said fair or fairs, all persons within the bounds of said town and common shall be privileged from all arrests, except for felony and breach of the peace, as also all persons coming to and returning from the said fair or fairs, have the like privilege for one day before and after the same; and the said commissioners have also hereby power and authority to make and appoint such good rules and orders, to be observed in holding the same, as may tend to prevent all disorders and inconveniencies that may therein happen.

By 1786, ch. 33, different days were appointed for holding the fairs, but by 1790, ch. 15, the holding of fairs is prohibited throughout the state.

Commissioners  
to employ a  
clerk, &c.

XXIV. AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid may employ some person, if occasion should be, to register their proceedings at their appointed or annual meetings, at Charles-town aforesaid, and that they are hereby empowered to pay the said register, or person by them employed for that purpose, out of the fines and forfeitures, or other public money, so as the expence thereof do not exceed five pounds in any one year.

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lowance made,  
&c.

XXV. AND, whereas John Veazy, the present deputy-surveyor of Cecil county, has not only been at extraordinary trouble in surveying and laying out the said Charles-town, but likewise hath been obliged to pay several sums of money to chain-bearers, and other labourers, and his own necessary expences, to the value of more than the allowance made to him by the act for laying out the said town; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That the justices of Cecil county aforesaid shall and are hereby enabled and required, at the laying of the next levy, to tax and levy the sum of two thousand pounds of tobacco on the taxable inhabitants of the said county, with the sheriff's commission thereon, which sum of two thousand pounds of tobacco, so levied, shall be paid by the sheriff of said county to the said John Veazy, for his services and expence aforesaid.

XXVI. AND, whereas the small number of lots directed to be laid out in Charles-town aforesaid were not sufficient to accommodate the great number of persons appearing willing to enter, and pay for

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