

1747.

MAY.

CHARLES LORD BALTIMORE.

C H A P.  
XXI

town; and further, the said petitioners set forth, that sundry of the lanes and alleys of Baltimore-town were made so narrow as to render them inconvenient, if not useless, wherefore they pray, that by consent of the owners of lots in said town the said lanes and alleys may be enlarged;

I. and to be  
laid out into  
lots, &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That the commissioners of the said Baltimore-town, or the major part of them, do, at any time they shall see convenient before the first day of December next, cause the said eighteen acres of land to be surveyed and laid out into lots, in such manner as to them shall seem convenient, and that when the same shall be so done, it shall be, and is hereby declared to be, part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as fully and amply as if included originally therein, and have the same immunities and privileges as the rest of said town have, or by former laws ought to have; and any person or persons that shall build or improve on the said eighteen acres of land, or thereabouts, after the same shall be laid out into lots, as by former laws relating to said town is directed, and purchase the same from the proprietor or proprietors, shall have an absolute estate of inheritance in any lot or lots so to be built on and purchased, but the purchaser or purchasers of any part of the said eighteen acres, or thereabouts, are hereby left to agree with the proprietor or proprietors thereof, and not otherwise to have title to any the said new lot or lots, to be laid out in virtue of this act.

Power of the  
commissioners.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the commissioners of the said town for the time being, or the major part of them, shall have full power and authority, with the consent and approbation of the owners of any lot or lots already laid out in said town, to alter any lanes or alleys they shall think fit, and to widen the same, so as to render them commodious.

Two annual  
fairs to be held,  
&c.

IV. AND, whereas it may be advantageous to said town to have fairs kept therein, and may prove an encouragement to the back inhabitants and others to bring commodities there to sell and vend; BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of said town to appoint two fairs to be held therein annually, the one fair to begin on the first Thursday of October, and the other on the first Thursday of May, annually, which said fairs shall be held each for the space of three days, and that during the continuance of such fair or fairs, all persons within the bounds of said town shall be privileged and free from arrests, except for felony or breach of the peace; and all persons coming to such fair or fairs, or returning therefrom, shall have the like privilege for one day before the fair, and one day on their return therefrom; and the commissioners for the said town, are hereby empowered to make such rules and orders for the holding the said fairs, as may tend to prevent all disorders and inconveniencies that may happen in said town, and such as may tend to the improvement and regulating of said town in general, so as such rules, except in fair-time, affect none but the livers in said town, or such person or persons as have or shall have lots or a free-hold therein, any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided

V. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That such rules and orders be not inconsistent with the laws of this province, nor the statutes or customs of Great-Britain.

Nuisances to  
be removed.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the commissioners for the said town, or the major part of them, from time to time, and at all times, have power to remove all nuisances that they shall find in any the streets, lanes or alleys of said town.

Penalty for  
chimnies take-  
ing fire,  
&c.

VII. AND, for prevention of any damage by fire in the said town, BE IT ENACTED, That any inhabitant therein, who shall, after the first day of December next ensuing, permit his, her or their chimney to take fire, so as to blaze out at the top, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings current money for every such offence; and any person having a house in the said town with a chimney, and in use, who shall not, after the said first day of December, keep a ladder high enough to extend to the top of the roof of such house, shall also forfeit and pay ten shillings current money; which said fines shall be recovered by and in the name of the said commissioners, or the major part of them, before a single magistrate, as in the case of small debts, and when recovered, shall be appropriated by the said commissioners, or the major part of them, to some building or improvement in the said town, such as to the repair of the bridge, or making and repairing a public wharf; and that their clerk keep an exact account of all fines arising by this act, and how the same shall have been disposed of.

Provided

VIII. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, That this act, nor any thing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to enable or capacitate the said commissioners or inhabitants of the said town

to el  
tives  
the  
the  
T  
now  
An  
BI  
An  
E  
T  
W  
domi  
judg  
out  
many  
reaso  
humb  
II.  
sent of  
Thac  
tising  
other  
cour  
any  
judgm  
it be  
such  
III  
pound  
"tha  
of ab  
cent.  
on; v  
and f  
staple  
judgm  
some  
author  
any p  
any b  
or fo  
the b  
the ti  
said  
time  
goods  
sureti  
clerk  
rised  
cutior  
to fu