

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each and all of the special commissioners shall take an oath or affirmation before a magistrate, of the tenor and effect following; that is to say, "I, A. B. will well and truly cause the debts arising by virtue of this act to be speedily adjusted, and the several sums of money hereby imposed to be duly collected and applied to the purposes by this act intended, and to no other purpose, and that I will faithfully discharge the office of commissioner to the best of my skill and ability."

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XVII.
Their oath.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the special commissioners, or a majority of them, do, from time to time, or as often as there may be occasion, meet and consult together, respecting what streets or parts of streets, what lanes or alleys, are to be paved; respecting the best method and manner of paving and keeping clean such of the streets, and public lanes and alleys, of the said town, as are within the inhabited and settled parts thereof; and of amending, building or repairing, the bridges; and of amending or repairing the common sewers of said town, made, or that may be made, for discharging and carrying off the water into the river or basin; and of making, amending and repairing, the public streets, roads and highways, within the said town, leading from any of the public roads in the country to the paved and regulated parts of the said streets; and to contract with any person or persons for all materials for the purposes aforesaid, and with such and as many workmen as they shall judge necessary to be employed from time to time in and about the premises; and to agree on, execute and perform, every other act, matter and thing, which to them shall appear necessary for the fulfilment of said act.

Their duty.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the special commissioners shall have full power and authority to enter upon the lots, grounds and possessions, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, through which the common sewers run, or ought to run, to regulate, make, or repair the same; provided that no common sewer or water-course to be laid out, shall be regulated so as to run through any lot of ground belonging to any private person or persons, unless the same shall be agreed to, and approved of, by a majority of the said special commissioners; and in every such case, that the damages sustained, or to be sustained, by reason thereof, by such private owner or owners, shall be valued and appraised by two indifferent persons, one of them to be chosen by the said special commissioners, and the other by such owner or owners; and also that the said damages shall be paid to such owner out of the monies arising by virtue of this act.

Their power.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wilfully stop up or obstruct the passage of the waters of any of the common sewers, made or to be made, he or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, any sum not exceeding the sum of twenty-five pounds.

Penalty on persons obstructing, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said special commissioners, from time to time, shall employ proper and capable persons to clean the cart-way of the said streets, lanes and alleys, which are or may be paved, and to remove and carry off from thence all mud, dirt, and other filth, there found, that shall or may incommode the inhabitants, in such manner and form, and at such time or times, as the said special commissioners shall direct and appoint, which said persons, so agreed with and employed, shall take upon themselves the office and duty of scavengers, pursuant to their respective agreements, under the penalty of five pounds for every neglect or refusal; and if any such scavenger shall neglect or refuse to carry off and remove all and every part of the mud, mire, dirt, and other filth, found in the streets, lanes and alleys aforesaid, agreeable to his contract with said special commissioners, he shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding twenty-five shillings, for every such offence.

Scavengers to be employed, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the inhabitants and occupiers of the houses and lots, and the sextons, porters, or other keepers of churches, meeting-houses, or other public buildings or burying-grounds, fronting the paved streets, lanes and alleys, within the said town, shall rake and sweep into the cart-way the dirt, soil, and other filth, to be found on the brick pavements or foot-way before their respective houses, lots, dwellings, or public buildings, or cause the same to be done, once at least in every week; that is to say, on every Friday, when the snow or ice on the said pavements or foot-way does not prevent, that it may be removed by the said scavengers on the same day or the day following, under the penalty of any sum not exceeding five shillings for every neglect or refusal.

Inhabitants to remove dirt, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person or persons whatsoever shall cast or lay, or cause to be cast or laid, any shavings, ashes, dung, or other filth or annoyance, on any pavements within the said town, under the penalty of any sum not exceeding twenty shillings for every such offence; but every such person or persons, having such shavings, ashes, dung, or other filth, shall keep the same in some other place, until the scavenger shall attend with his cart to carry off the same, which he is hereby

Shavings, &c. not to be laid on pavements, &c.