

Passed 22d of  
Jan. 1785.

An ACT for establishing new markets, and building market-houses,  
in Baltimore-town, and for the regulation of said markets. Lib.  
TBH. No. A. fol. 516.

Supplementary and other acts November, 1765, ch. 34, 1785, ch. 33, May, 1788, ch. 17.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the present market-house is insufficient for the use of Baltimore-town, and that two convenient places may be had for erecting new market-houses, the one on that part of Baltimore-town commonly called Harrison's Marsh, and the other to the westward of the basin of Baltimore-town; therefore,

Market-house  
to be built, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Smith, William Patterson, John M'Lure, David Harris, Thomas Yates, James Jaffray, Englehard Yieser, Abraham Vanbibber and Thomas Elliott, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority by this act to build and erect a market-house on a parcel of ground situate in the said town, opposite Harrison-street, beginning on Baltimore-street, and running thence south, parallel with Gay-street, of the width of one hundred and fifty feet, to Water-street, with the privilege of extending the same to the channel; and that the said market-house, when erected, and the ground whereon the same shall be built, with the privilege aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town and their successors, for ever, from and immediately after the said market-house shall be built and erected, to hold, possess and enjoy, the same market-house, ground, and privilege aforesaid, to and for the use and benefit of the said town, in as full and ample manner as if the said commissioners had been legally constituted a body politic and corporate in deed and in name; provided always, that the said Samuel Smith, William Patterson, John M'Lure, David Harris, Thomas Yates, James Jaffray, Englehard Yieser, Abraham Vanbibber and Thomas Elliott, or a major part of them, shall, on or before the fifth day of March next, enter into a bond, in the penalty of five thousand pounds current money, payable to the commissioners of Baltimore-town and their successors, with condition, that they the said Samuel Smith, William Patterson, John M'Lure, David Harris, Thomas Yates, James Jaffray, Englehard Yieser, Abraham Vanbibber and Thomas Elliott, or a major part of them, shall erect and build the said market-house in a good substantial workman-like manner, according to such plan and dimensions as the commissioners of Baltimore-town shall approve, on or before the first day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

Another to be  
built west of  
the basin, &c.

III. AND BE IT ALSO ENACTED, That colonel John Eager Howard, William Hammond, Jonathan Hudson, William Goodwin, doctor Lyde Goodwin and Leonard Harbaugh, or a major part of them, shall have full powers and authority by this act to build and erect a market-house on a space or parcel of ground to the westward of the basin, situate in a square extending and bounding on Hanover-street one hundred and sixty-six feet, and on Camden-street one hundred and ninety-eight feet, and that the said market-house when erected, and the said square of ground on which it shall be built, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town and their successors, from and immediately after the said market-house shall be built and erected, to hold, possess and enjoy the same, to and for the use and benefit of the said town, in as full and ample manner, as if they the said commissioners had been legally constituted a body politic and corporate as aforesaid; provided always, that the said John Eager Howard, William Hammond, Jonathan Hudson, William Goodwin, Lyde Goodwin, Leonard Harbaugh, or a major part of them, shall in like manner, on or before the first day of March next, enter into bond, in the penalty of three thousand pounds current money, payable to the said commissioners and their successors, with condition, that they the said John Eager Howard, William Hammond, Jonathan Hudson, William Goodwin, Lyde Goodwin and Leonard Harbaugh, or a major part of them, shall erect and build the said market-house in a good substantial and workman-like manner, according to such plan and dimensions as the said commissioners of the said town, or the major part of them, shall approve, on or before the said first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

Ground to be  
sold, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority, as soon as conveniently may be after the new market-house on the said marsh shall be extended and built up for the length of three hundred feet from Baltimore-street, to lay off the ground which was heretofore leased for the use of the present market-house into convenient lots, and the same, together with the buildings thereon, set up and expose to public sale to the highest bidder, under such conditions as they may think proper, and three fourths

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