

IV. AND, whereas money may be raised by subscription or otherwise for making necessary additions to the said market buildings, BE IT ENACTED, That the said Baker Johnson, Richard Potts, George Murdock, John Bruner, Jacob Steiner, John Adlum and Peter Mantz, trustees as aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall have authority to make, or cause to be made and done, the necessary additional buildings that may be thought convenient, and may appoint one of their number treasurer, who is hereby empowered to receive and collect all monies owing as aforesaid; and if any person shall refuse or neglect to pay what is owing, the said treasurer, or any of them, in the name of the rest, may and is hereby authorized to sue for, recover and receive the same.

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Additional
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An ACT for erecting a town at the mouth of Susquehanna river, in Harford county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 692.

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See 1795, ch. 63, ch. 72, and 1796, ch. 21.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Robert Young Stoakes, late of Harford county, deceased, did, in his life-time, survey and lay out into lots a parcel of ground at the mouth of Susquehanna river for a town, and called the same by the name of Havre-de-Grace, and that sundry persons have purchased lots and made considerable improvements on the same; that it would greatly conduce to the prosperity and advantage of the said town, and secure the title of purchasers to lots in the same, were commissioners appointed to survey, ascertain and perpetuate, the boundaries of the lots throughout the said town, and also invested with powers to superintend and regulate the same;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Hughes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, (bay-side,) Josiah Carvil Hall and Gabriel Christie, be and hereby are appointed commissioners to survey and lay out all that parcel of land, agreeably to the survey thereof made by the said Robert Young Stoakes in his life-time, and the same when surveyed to lay out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, and a correct and accurate plot thereof return to the clerk of Harford county, by him to be recorded among the land records of the said county, and kept in the said office, and the same, or a copy thereof, shall always be evidence as to the streets, lanes and alleys, and the bounds and lines of lots, in the said town.

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

III. BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall cause all the lots in the said town to be substantially and fairly bounded and numbered, and from time to time hereafter see that the said boundaries be kept up and preserved.

Lots to be
bounded, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the death, removal or resignation of any of the said commissioners, the major part of the remaining commissioners shall appoint another to serve in the stead of such commissioner so dying, removing or resigning.

How vacancies
are to be filled.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the said town, or a major part of them, shall have full power to employ a clerk, who shall be under oath, fairly and honestly to enter into a book to be kept for that purpose all the proceedings of the said commissioners relating to the said town, in which books, among other things, shall be kept a fair plot of the said town, describing every lot by its number, and who the taker up or purchaser was or shall be; and the said books shall always be open to the inspection and examination of the said commissioners.

Commissioners
to employ a
clerk, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are empowered to levy, assess and take, by way of distress, if needful, from the inhabitants of the town, by even and equal proportion, the sum of ten pounds current money yearly, to be paid to their clerk; and also they shall have power to remove or displace their clerk as often as they shall think fit.

And levy mo-
ney, &c.

VII. AND, whereas also the said Robert Young Stoakes did appropriate and set apart for public purposes several lots in the said town, which have not been conveyed, by reason of the death of the said Robert Young Stoakes, BE IT ENACTED, That Clement Brooke, executor of the last will and testament of the said Robert Young Stoakes, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to convey, by deed, to the commissioners aforesaid, and their successors, for ever hereafter, for use of said town, such lots therein as the said Robert Young Stoakes, in his life-time, set apart and allotted for public purposes.

C. Brooke may
convey, &c.

VIII. AND