

Choptank bridge; and another petition of many other inhabitants of the same county hath also been preferred to this general assembly, praying that the said buildings may be erected at or near the centre of said county; and both of the said petitions have been referred by the house of delegates to the next session of assembly;

G. H. A. P. XXXI.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the erecting of the public buildings in Caroline county shall be suspended till the end of the next session of assembly, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Buildings suspended, &c.

G. H. A. P. XXXII.

An ACT to alter and amend the laws respecting Charles-town, in Cecil county. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 128.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1787.

WHEREAS the commissioners and other the inhabitants of Charles-town, in Cecil county, have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that sundry alterations and additions to the laws concerning the said town were necessary to be made: And whereas many parts of the laws heretofore passed for the founding and further regulation of the said town, are found to be insufficient and improper;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the eleventh section of an act, entitled, An act for laying out and erecting a town at a place called Long Point, on the west side of North-east river, in Cecil county, passed the twenty-ninth day of October, seventeen hundred and forty-two, * which directs, that persons taking up lots shall erect buildings on them within three years, on pain of forfeiting their titles to them; also the twenty-first section of the said act, which provides for the succession of the commissioners of said town; also part of the twenty-first section of an act, entitled, A supplementary act to the last above recited, passed the fourth day of June, seventeen hundred and forty-four, † which fixes a day for the meeting of the commissioners for the purpose of filling up vacancies; also the twenty-second section of the said act, which appoints a time for the meeting of the commissioners, for to view and perpetuate the boundaries of the said town; also the fifth section of an act, ** entitled, An additional supplementary act first above recited, empowers the commissioners to lease out the marsh appertaining to the said town, be and are hereby repealed.

Part of several acts repealed.

* Chapter 23.

† Chapter 23.

** 1750, ch. 12.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the present commissioners of the said town, and their successors, be and are hereby constituted a corporate body by the name and description of The Commissioners of Charles-town; that the said commissioners be enabled to sue and to be sued, and have a public seal, with such marks and devices as to them shall seem proper, for the purpose of attesting official papers.

Commissioners incorporated.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That to perpetuate and provide for the continuance of the said corporate body, a general election shall be held for commissioners of the said town at Charles-town, on the first Monday in June, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and on the said first Monday in June every third year afterwards.

An election to be held.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be qualified to vote for commissioners, or be chosen a commissioner, unless he shall be at the time of election an actual resident of the said town, and shall be qualified by the laws of the state to vote for delegates to the general assembly; provided that in case of a vacancy by death, removal or resignation, of any commissioner, between the times fixed for the general election, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, elect a person or persons qualified as above mentioned to fill such vacancy until the next general election.

None but residents entitled to vote, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or their successors, be empowered to make and ordain such by-laws and regulations as may be deemed necessary to promote the welfare of the said town, not contrary to the laws of this state.

Commissioners to make by-laws, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners be empowered, on a day to be fixed by them, whereof ten days public notice must be given by advertisement at the market-house, to sell by public vendue, or to lease, the stone warehouse belonging to the said town, with the ground adjoining the same; also the marsh and shores belonging to said town, and such vacant lots as have become forfeited; the profits arising therefrom to be paid to the said commissioners, to be applied to the public use of the said town.

Sell the warehouse, &c.