

tinued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly, which shall happen thereafter; and that another act of assembly, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, from George-town, in Frederick county, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the second day of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-one, (d) be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C. H. A. P. XXXV.

(d) 1771, ch. 15.

C. H. A. P. XXXVI.

An ACT to improve and repair the streets in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 140.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1787.

A Supplement 1796, ch. 26.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Frederick-town, in Frederick county, by their humble petition to this present general assembly, have set forth, that the streets in said town are very subject to be cut in wet weather by loaded waggons, many of which are constantly passing, and that by repeated cuttings, and the waters collecting in some of the principal streets, and particularly in Market-street, the most public street in the said town, and by means of the inhabitants raising the ground before their own houses, and thereby turning the water, with a view to their private convenience only, the said streets are in a very bad condition, and at times have been impassable, and the ground and houses of some of the inhabitants have been much injured by the collected waters in heavy rains and melted snows, which have at times passed through their houses into the town creek; and also setting forth, that the original plot and certificate of said town are now lost; that there is great reason to believe, that the admeasurement of the lots in said town was inaccurate in the first instance; that from the old stakes, set up as boundaries of said lots, being lost, and from the variation of the compass, many disputes have already arisen, and more might probably arise; and prayed that an act might pass, appointing commissioners for said town, with power to direct the levelling, sloping and amending, the streets in said town, with such drains as they may think proper, and also to regulate and direct the posting of footways on the sides of the streets, the breadth of the porches, steps to the houses, the paving of those footways, and placing new buildings on the streets; and also empowering the said commissioners to adjust, fix and settle, the lines and boundaries of the several lots and parts of lots, held in said town; which this general assembly have thought proper to grant;

Preamble.

IF BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Jacob Young, Jacob Miller, Michael Allix, John M'Pherson, John Shellman, Conrad Doll and John Hoffman, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of Frederick-town; and that on refusal, 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 refusing, dying, removing or resigning; but before any person appointed or to be appointed a commissioner shall act as such, he shall take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace, that he will well and faithfully execute his duty of commissioner of Frederick-town, according to the directions of this act, without partiality or prejudice, to the best of his skill.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners are hereby constituted and made a body corporate, by the name of The Commissioners of Frederick-town, with all the privileges of a body corporate, and to have a common seal and perpetual succession.

And incorporated, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, as soon as may be, and from time to time, as often as occasion may require, shall meet and consult together respecting the duties reposed in them by this act, and shall appoint a clerk, who shall take an oath, that he will faithfully and impartially execute his said office; and it shall be the duty of the said clerk to enter into a book, to be kept for that purpose, all the proceedings of the said commissioners relating to the said town; and the said commissioners are hereby directed and authorized to ascertain, fix, determine and bound, the different streets, lanes and alleys, in the said town, and also the lots, and parts of lots held in severalty therein, which said determination shall be final, unless controverted by suit at law within five years after passing the same respectively; and the said book shall always be open to the inspection and examination of the said commissioners and inhabitants of Frederick-town, or any other person interested; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to allow their clerk any sum not exceeding

To consult together respecting their duties, &c.