

C H A P. XIV.

said town, commanding him to make and levy the several sums of money annexed to the said list with all convenient speed, and to enforce the collection thereof, if necessary, by the seizure and sale of the goods and chattels of any person who shall refuse or delay to make payment of such assessment; and the said bailiff, within the space of ten days after receiving any such list of assessment, shall furnish every person, so chargeable, with the amount of his or her assessment, and the same shall be payable to the said bailiff, by every such person, within the term of twenty days after rendering such account, and if not then paid, it shall be lawful for the said bailiff, and he is hereby required, to proceed to the collection thereof, if necessary, by seizure and sale of the goods or chattels of every person refusing or delaying to pay such assessment; and the said bailiff shall account for the amount of such assessment with the said commissioners, at or before the end of two months after the receipt of every such list of assessment, and pay the sums collected, under the penalty of ten pounds current money.

How penalties are to be recovered, &c.

XXIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several penalties and forfeitures which may be incurred by any person in virtue of this act shall be recovered before any justice of the peace of the said county, upon the complaint and oath, or affirmation, of one competent and credible witness, and shall and may be levied by commitment of the offender in execution to the sheriff of the said county, until payment of the penalty and fees, or by process in the nature of a *feri facias*, directed to the bailiff of the said town, for levying the same by seizure and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender; and the fees to the bailiff shall be the same as are or may be allowed by law to sheriffs for executing a writ of *feri facias*; and the said penalties and forfeitures, and all monies arising by virtue of this act, shall be accounted for by the officer or persons collecting or receiving the same to the said commissioners, and be applied by them to the repair and support of the market-house in the said town, and in providing, ordering and repairing, the scales, weights and engines, herein before mentioned, or otherwise, in their discretion, to such other purposes as may improve or concern the regulations of the said town, and the market thereof, as established by this act.

Part of an act repealed. Chapter 32.

XXX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the eleventh and fourteenth sections of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county, passed at November session, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, * be respectively, and the same are hereby repealed and made void,

Money to be paid to commissioners, &c.

XXXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the said first Monday of April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, all monies which shall be paid to the sheriff of the county aforesaid by any person or persons for licences to be thereafter granted to retail spirituous liquors within the limits of the said town, according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, shall be accounted for and paid by the said sheriff to the commissioners of the said town on or before the first day of October annually; and shall not be otherwise accounted for by the said sheriff, and the same shall be applied by the said commissioners to the regulation and improvement of the said town; and the bond of the sheriff of the said county for the time being shall be liable to the suit of the said commissioners, in case of default in the punctual payment of such monies by the time limited as aforesaid for the payment thereof.

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Passed 10th of Dec. 1790.

An ACT for the suppression of fairs throughout this state. Lib.

JG. No. 1. fol. 253.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many evils arise from the pernicious practice of hawkers, pedlers, and idle and disorderly persons, assembling together under pretence of buying and selling merchandise at fairs, when in truth the said meetings answer no salutary purpose, but generally promote idleness, drunkenness, and other vices injurious to the good order of society; for the prevention thereof in future,

No person shall hold a fair, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no person or persons whatsoever within this state, from and after the publication hereof, shall presume to hold a fair, or set up a booth or stall at any fair or public meeting, in any part of this state, or sell, dispose of, barter or exchange, any goods, wares or merchandise, of any kind, at any such fair or public meeting, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every booth or stall so set up, and for every other offence prohibited by this act, such penalty to be recovered by warrant before a single magistrate, on conviction by the oath or affirmation of one credible witness, or by the confession of the party, and to be applied in the payment of one half thereof to the informer, and of the other half to defray the charges of the county wherein the offence shall be committed; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to prevent any person or persons whatsoever from selling, bartering, or otherwise