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LIX.

Commissioners
may lay a tax,
&c.

IV. AND, whereas several streets require to be paved and improved as speedily as possible, as well on account of the health and convenience of the people as to promote the extension and increase of the said town and facilitate communications with the country, and it being represented that additional funds will be necessary for such purposes, and the general assembly being disposed to encourage the growth and welfare of the said town, BE IT ENACTED; That the said commissioners may lay and assess, on the taxable property within the said town, annually, a tax not exceeding one shilling and three-pence on every hundred pounds assessable property; and collect the same as directed by the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-two aforesaid: Provided always, that the said tax shall not be laid, imposed or levied, unless the funds already granted, and to be granted by this act, should prove insufficient.

May raise mo-
ney by lottery,
&c.

V. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said commissioners may and are hereby empowered to raise, by annual lottery or lotteries, a sum or sums not exceeding three thousand five hundred pounds *per annum*, and to dispose of the tickets and make all necessary regulations respecting the premises.

The act for the prevention of lotteries, November, 1792, ch. 58, does not repeal or affect the powers given by this act.

And appoint
managers, &c.

VI. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said commissioners, with the advice and consent of the wardens of the port of Baltimore, may and are hereby authorized to appoint managers for conducting the said annual lottery or lotteries, who shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the town commissioners, for the faithful performance of their trusts; which bond shall be recorded and lodged with the county clerk; and the commissioners, or any three of them, with the approbation of the wardens aforesaid, may be managers of the said lotteries, they giving bond and security as aforesaid, to be approved of, recorded and lodged, as aforesaid.

Profits to be di-
vided, &c.

VII. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the profits of the said annual lottery or lotteries be divided and appropriated as follows, viz. Two thirds of the annual profits thereof to be paid to the wardens of the port of Baltimore, for the deepening and cleaning of the harbour and basin thereof, and one third to the street commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

Other lotteries
prohibited, &c.

VIII. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from and after the first day of January next it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, other than the aforesaid commissioners, within the said town of Baltimore, to make, institute, publish, or cause to be made, instituted or published, any lottery or lotteries, for his, her or their use or benefit, or to sell any ticket or tickets of any lottery or lotteries so made, instituted or published, after the said first day of January; and any inhabitant of the said town, offending herein, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, to be recovered, with costs of suit, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any competent court of record, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, nor more than one imparlance, shall be allowed; and all fines, so recovered, shall be applied to the uses and purposes of this act.

Rule to direct
the commission-
ers.

IX. AND, as a rule to direct the street commissioners with respect to what streets, lanes or alleys; ought to be first paved or otherwise improved, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That upon application to the said commissioners, made in writing, and signed by the applicants, to have any street, lane or alley, paved or otherwise improved, that the said commissioners shall, in all such cases, be governed, in forming their judgment, by the greater or lesser importance of such street, lane or alley, to the increase, improvement, and general trade of the said town.

Streets on Fell's
Point to be con-
sidered, &c.

X. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the streets in that part of the town commonly called Fell's Point, and leading from thence to the main part of Baltimore-town, ought to be considered as entitled to early attention, especially to such immediate repairs as to render them more convenient for the transportation of goods and the purposes of commerce.

Commissioners
to license dra-
matic exhibi-
tions, &c.

XI. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said special commissioners shall be and are hereby empowered to license dramatic exhibitions within the limits of the said town; and the managers of the present established theatre, or the manager or managers of any theatre or theatres that may hereafter be erected for dramatic exhibitions, shall, previous to their acting, make application to the said commissioners for a licence to act, therein specifying in writing the time he or they intend to act, whereupon the commissioners shall and are hereby required to grant a licence for the time so specified, for which he, she or they, to whom the same shall be granted, shall pay at the rate of fifty pounds *per annum* for the time specified in the licence, and the same may be recovered as small debts, before a single