

of the said commissioners, or a major part of them, and the said plot shall be recorded amongst the records of the territory of Columbia as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, there to remain as evidence of the location of said streets, which said several streets to be laid out in pursuance of this act shall be highways, and be so deemed and taken to all intents and purposes whatsoever; provided nevertheless, that the corporation of George-town, when in common-hall assembled, or a majority of them, are hereby vested with full power and authority, immediately after such streets are located and continued, to cause a valuation to be made of the damage which any person or persons, not named in this act, shall sustain by reason of the continuation of any of the said streets through his, her or their lot or lots, and cause the same to be recorded by their clerk; and if any proprietor or proprietors of a lot or lots, valued as aforesaid, conceive him, her or themselves injured by such valuation, he, she or they shall, upon application in writing to the mayor of George-town for the time being, at any time before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be entitled to a second valuation of the injury done thereto; and the said mayor shall and he is hereby authorized and empowered to command the sheriff of George-town, immediately on such application, to summon twelve good and lawful men, not residents nor holders of real property in any of the additions aforesaid, to appear on the premises before him, on a certain day, then and there, on oath, to value and ascertain such damage, and make return thereof to him under their hands and seals, and the said mayor shall cause a record to be made of the same; and no person or persons shall have the benefit of a second valuation, unless application as aforesaid is made before the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to affect the rights of any infant, *feme-covert*, or person *non compos mentis*, or beyond sea, from appealing from the said first valuation, and having a second valuation according to the provisions of this act, if he, she or they shall prosecute the same within six months after such disability shall be removed; and that demand for payment of the amount of the damage so ascertained shall be made by the respective owner or owners claiming the same, or his, her or their agent or attorney, in writing, of the mayor aforesaid, and if the damage so assessed is not paid within sixty days next after such demand made, then and in such case the respective owner or owners of any such lot or lots shall again hold and possess the said lot or lots, and be seized of his, her or their former interest and estate therein, any thing in this law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XIV.

AN ACT to build a market-house in Bentz-town, an addition to Frederick-town, and for the regulation of said market. Lib. JG.

Passed 24th of Dec. 1795.

No. 2. fol. 282.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Frederick-town, by petition, have stated their desire that trustees be appointed to purchase lot No. 7, in Bentz-town, an addition to Frederick-town, for the purpose of erecting thereon a market-house, and have prayed that the same, when erected, be put under proper regulations;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Jacob Shellman, Samuel Norris, Henry Baer, Thomas Taylor and David Levy, junior, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power and authority in them vested to purchase, in fee-simple, the aforesaid lot of ground, and to erect, or cause to be erected thereon, a market-house, for the vending and selling provisions on the days hereafter mentioned; which said lot of ground, when purchased, and the building which may be thereon erected, shall be held by the aforesaid trustees, and their successors, in trust, for the purposes contemplated by this act.

Trustees appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees shall appoint a person of good repute and skill to be clerk of the aforesaid market, who may be removed from office by the said trustees, and the said trustees shall, from time to time, supply any vacancy in the office of clerk of the said market; and the said clerk, before he acts as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, that he will diligently and faithfully perform the several duties of clerk of Bentz-town market, a certificate of which qualification shall be filed among the proceedings of the said trustees.

A clerk to be appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk so appointed as aforesaid shall have authority at all times to take care and charge of the market-house and ground aforesaid, to dispose of the stalls and shambles therein, to examine and inspect the provisions or market-stuff brought thereto for sale, and if any be found unwholesome, to seize and destroy the same, to weigh and measure, if necessary, all provisions brought as aforesaid, and if any be found deficient in weight or measure, it shall be the duty of the clerk to seize the same, and dispose thereof at public sale at the said market-house.

Who shall have authority, &c.