

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for erecting a town at the mouth of the river Susquehanna, in Cæcil county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 292.

Passed 24th of Dec. 1795.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that George Gale, of Cæcil county, has surveyed and laid out into lots a parcel of land near the mouth of the river Susquehanna, in Cæcil county, for a town, and called the same by the name of Chesapeake, and that sundry persons are disposed to purchase lots and make considerable improvements thereon; that it would greatly conduce to the prosperity and advantage of the said town, and secure the title of purchasers to lots in the same, were commissioners appointed to survey, ascertain and perpetuate, the boundaries of the lots throughout the said town, and invested with powers to superintend and regulate the same;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Philip Thomas, Tobias Rudolph, Joseph Baxter, Richard Snowden, Thomas and Jonathan Mifflin, or any three of them, be and hereby are appointed commissioners, to survey and lay out into lots, all that parcel of land heretofore surveyed and laid out by the said George Gale, agreeably to the survey thereof as by him heretofore made, and the same, when surveyed, to lay out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, as by him, the said George Gale, heretofore done, and a correct and accurate plot thereof returned to the clerk of Cæcil county, by him to be recorded among the land records of the said county, and kept in the said office, and the same, or a copy thereof, shall always be evidence as to the streets, lanes and alleys, and the bounds and lines of lots, in the said town.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall cause all the lots in the said town to be substantially and fairly bounded and numbered, and from time to time hereafter see that the said boundaries be kept up and preserved.

Lots to be bounded, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the 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 dying, removing or resigning.

How vacancies are to be filled.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the said town, or a major part of them, shall have full power to employ a clerk, who shall be under oath, fairly and honestly to enter into a book, to be kept for that purpose, all the proceedings of the said commissioners relating to the said town, in which book, among other things, shall be kept a fair plot of the said town, describing every lot by its number, and who the taker up or purchaser was or shall be; and the said books shall always be open to the inspection and examination of the said commissioners.

Commissioners to employ a clerk, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are empowered to levy, assess and take, by way of distress if needful, from the inhabitants of the town, by even and equal proportion, the sum of ten pounds current money yearly, to be paid to their clerk, and also they shall have power to remove or displace their clerk as often as they shall think fit.

And levy money, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the parcel of ground so as aforesaid laid out by the said George Gale into lots, when surveyed by the commissioners aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of Chesapeake.

Ground called Chesapeake.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to alter the public road leading from Miles river ferry through the lands of Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 294.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county, that the public road leading from Miles river ferry through his lands operates greatly to his prejudice: And whereas it appears that the alteration of the said road will meet with the approbation of many individuals immediately affected by the said alteration, and that the same cannot injure the public; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Hayward, Perry Benson, junior, and William Dawson, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners,

Commissioners appointed, &c.