

in such manner and to such purposes as the said directors ought to apply the monies arising from the subscriptions of the said company to carry into effect the provisions of this act. C H A P. XVII.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bond shall be lodged in the clerk's office of the county court of Worcester, to be by him recorded, and when recorded, a copy of such bond, under the hand of the said clerk, shall be good evidence in an action of debt against the said obligors, or any of them, their or either of their heirs, executors or administrators, brought in the name of the state for the use of any person concerned, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same. Bond to be lodged, &c.

XXV. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall authorise the said directors to hold such lottery, or sell or dispose of any ticket or tickets for the same, unless the said directors, or a majority of them shall first take an oath or affirmation, before some justice of the peace of the county of Worcester, that they will honestly demean themselves as managers and judges of the said lottery, and that they will faithfully render unto the fortunate adventurers their respective prizes, and a certificate of such oath shall be returned, with the bond aforesaid, to the county clerk's office, under the seal of the justice who shall have administered the same. Provide.

XXVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said river, and the works erected thereon in virtue of this act, when completed, shall for ever thereafter be esteemed and taken to be navigable as a public highway, free for the transportation of all goods, commodities or produce whatsoever, upon payment of the tolls imposed by this act, and no other toll or tax whatever for the use of the water of the said river, and the works thereon erected, shall at any time hereafter be imposed by the said company, president and directors, unless with the consent of the legislature of this state; and provided always, that the same shall be subject to such further regulations by the legislature as they shall deem expedient, in order to prevent imposition by the said president and directors, or to prevent fraud in evading the payment of tolls imposed on all articles or commodities carried up or down any part of the said river or canal from Snow Hill to Mitchell's Bridge as aforesaid, or the division line aforesaid. River, &c. esteemed a highway, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

A Supplement to the act, \* entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 440. Passed 30th of Dec. 1796. \* 1794, ch. 23.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That upon the death, resignation or disqualification, of any of the commissioners of the town of Centre-Ville, appointed by the act to which this act is a supplement, or which hereafter may be appointed in consequence of this act, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining commissioners, who shall immediately proceed to the election of a wise, discreet person, residing within the limits of the said town, whose office, as a commissioner, shall be vacated by his removal from the town. How vacancies are to be filled.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners formerly appointed by the aforesaid act, within one month after the present session, and every commissioner appointed in virtue of this act, before he proceeds to act as such, shall make oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said town, agreeably to the directions of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings. Commissioners to take an oath, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall meet annually at the court-house in the said town on the first Monday in April, and on the first Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener as occasion may require, and when so assembled, the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorised to cause to be removed all nuisances and obstructions that may interrupt the passage, or injure the health, of the said inhabitants, or others, in the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town; to appoint and qualify a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings, in proper and well bound books to be provided by them for that purpose; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the real property within the limits of the said town to be made and returned, annually, between the first day of April and the first day of May, by the clerk to be appointed as aforesaid, and to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued, such sum or sums of money, in just and fair proportions, according to the valuation aforesaid, as the commissioners shall deem necessary for the improvement of the said town, And meet annually, &c.