

C H A P. LXVIII.

any other tribunal or persons, touching the police of Baltimore-town, or any of its internal concerns, shall be and they are hereby transferred and vested in the corporation hereby constituted, and the said corporation are hereby empowered to act under such laws, in the same manner, and as fully, as if the said corporation had been particularly named in such laws; the mayor shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of small debts, and may call upon any officer of the city intrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money for a statement of his accounts, as often as he or the corporation may conceive it necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the corporation, during the first five days of their session, a general state of the city, with an accurate account of the money received and expended, to be published for the information of the citizens; the mayor and corporation of the city of Baltimore, the judges and clerks of the elections, and all other officers of the city, before they enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath, or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear, or affirm, as the case may be, that I will faithfully execute the office of _____, to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favour, affection or partiality."

Tax may be collected by distress, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the person or persons appointed to collect any tax imposed in virtue of the powers granted by this act, shall have authority to collect the same by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person chargeable therewith, but no sale shall be made, unless ten days previous notice thereof be given, and if the tax imposed shall be chargeable on any real property, and no goods or chattels can be found liable to be distressed therefor, the same may be recovered by action of debt, or attachment, in Baltimore county court, in which no imparlance shall be allowed.

Powers to extend to Deep Point, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and singular the powers granted to the said corporation shall be and are hereby declared to extend to Deep Point, and to all wharfs and other grounds heretofore made and extended into the basin of Baltimore-town, or which shall hereafter be made or extended into the same, which shall be considered and taken as part of the said city; and the said corporation may provide for the exercise of such powers, in the same manner as if the said wharfs and reclaimed lands were originally condemned as part of the said town.

Act declared perpetual. Chapter 69.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, * entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, shall be, and is hereby enacted and declared to be, a perpetual law, subject nevertheless to such alterations, amendments and revisions, as may hereafter be enacted and ordained by the corporation aforesaid, or the legislature of this state.

Money to be assessed, &c.

XIV. AND, whereas the committee of health of Baltimore have incurred a debt of two thousand two hundred dollars in the execution of the trust reposed in them, BE IT ENACTED, That the corporation aforesaid shall assess and levy, on the assessable property of said city, the amount of the expenditures of the said committee of health for and during the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six, to be collected in the same manner as the county levy is by law directed to be collected, and to be applied as aforesaid.

Duration,

XV. This act to continue in force until the first day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Declared to be perpetual by 1797, ch. 54, except where altered by that act.

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Passed 31st of Dec. 1796.

An ACT to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No 2. fol. 548.

A subscription to be opened, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a subscription be opened for a capital of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, in shares of two hundred dollars each, and that Gustavus Scott, Tobias Lear, Notley Young, William Deakins, junior, and Marsham Waring, be and they are hereby appointed managers for taking subscriptions for three hundred shares at the city of Washington; and that Henry Nicholls, James Carroll, John O'Donnell, Richard Caton and William Lorman, be and they are hereby appointed for taking subscriptions for three hundred shares at Baltimore-town; and that John Davidson, Philip B. Key, James Williams, John Muir and James Mackubin, be and they are hereby appointed for taking subscriptions for two hundred shares at the city