

such occasional meetings for that purpose as shall be described, fixed and determined by the statutes, laws, regulations and ordinances of the said society, hereafter to be made; provided always, that no statute, law, regulation or ordinance, shall ever be made or passed by the said company, or be binding upon the members thereof, or any of them, unless the same shall have been duly prepared and fairly drawn up in writing at one stated meeting of the company, and enacted or passed at the next meeting, to be held at least fourteen days subsequent to such former meeting, and upon due notice as aforesaid, that the enacting of statutes and laws, or the making and passing ordinances and regulations, will form a part of the business of such meeting; nor shall any statute, law, regulation or ordinance, be then, or at any time enacted or passed, unless thirteen members of said company, or such greater number of members as may be afterwards fixed by the rules of the company, be present, besides such quorum of the officers as the laws of the company for the time being may require, and unless the same be voted by two thirds of the whole body then present; all which statutes, laws, ordinances and regulations, so as aforesaid duly made, enacted and passed, shall be binding upon every member of the said company, and be from time to time inviolably observed, according to the tenor and effect thereof; and provided also they be not repugnant or contrary to the laws of this state for the time being in force.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the elections of the officers aforesaid should not be made on the days and times in the said act mentioned, that it shall and may be lawful for the president for the time being, or any two of the directors, to give notice of a time and place at which the said election shall be made, other than those in the said act mentioned.

If elections are not made, notice to be given, &c.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT authorising the establishment of a new ferry in Somerset county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 601.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1798.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry persons, inhabitants of that part of Somerset county called the Devil's Island, that they labour under great inconvenience for want of a ferry from the said island to the main land, and have prayed that an act might pass authorising the county court of Somerset county to licence some fit and proper person to keep a ferry at the usual place of crossing from said island to the main land; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the said county court be and they are hereby authorized to grant a licence to some fit and proper person to keep a ferry at the usual place of crossing, or any other that may be deemed more convenient, from the said island to the main, and such licence to renew from time to time as is now practised, and to allow to the person to whom the said licence shall be granted such compensation for keeping said ferry as they in their judgment shall think adequate for the keeping the same.

Justices to grant a licence, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said ferry, when licensed by the county court aforesaid, shall be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to be a public ferry, and subject to the same regulations as public ferries now are by the existing laws of this state.

Ferry deemed public.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Levin Winder, Robert Jones, senior, William Jones, (Menokin,) Lambert Hyland and George Irving, or the major part of them, shall be commissioners, and are hereby authorized to purchase, if they should think necessary, two pieces of ground for the use of the county aforesaid, one of which to be on each side of the ferry aforesaid, not exceeding one acre in the whole, for the purpose of landing places, and on which to erect wharfs, if necessary; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to contract for materials, and to agree with some person or persons to build and finish the said wharfs, which, when completed, shall be and remain as public wharfs for the use of Somerset county.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the peace of Somerset county, at their next levy court, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to impose on the assessable property of said county a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars, together with an allowance of six per cent. to the collector for collection, which sum, so assessed, shall be collected by the collector of Somerset county aforesaid as other county charges are collected, and when so collected shall, by the said collector, be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, to be by them applied in payment for the ground, and the building the wharfs aforesaid.

Justices to levy money, &c.

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