

C H A P. XXXI. town, or within one mile of the same, before ten o'clock, other than in or at the market-house, when erected as aforesaid, under the penalty of fifteen shillings current money.

On slaughtering cattle, &c. VI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall hereafter slaughter or butcher any cattle kind, sheep or hog, on the said public lot, he, she or they, so doing, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings current money for every such offence.

On putting horses under market-house, &c. VII. And be it enacted, That if any person shall, after the said market-house shall be removed and erected on the lot aforesaid, put their own or any other person's horse or horses, mare or mares, gelding or geldings, carriages or lumber of any kind, into or under the said market-house, on any pretence whatsoever, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay ten shillings current money for every such offence.

VIII. And, whereas heretofore at sundry times the commissioners of confiscated British property, and others, owners of lands lying and situate between the two principal branches or forks of Elk river, have laid off, sold and conveyed, many small portions or lots of land, now improved by buildings, and held, possessed and inhabited, by sundry traders, mechanics and manufacturers, and, to suit the convenience of the purchasers, and to advance the price of the lots so by them sold and conveyed, did, previous to such sales, lay off sundry streets, lanes and alleys, whereon the said lots respectively bounded: And whereas no law, conveyance, or express grant, has secured the free, quiet, and perpetual use and right of and in the said streets, lanes and alleys, to the purchasers, owners and possessors, of the lots bought as aforesaid, and it is reasonable that such purchasers, owners and possessors, and every other person, should be quieted in the free and uninterrupted use of the streets, lanes and alleys, laid out as aforesaid: And whereas Henry Hollingsworth, for the benefit of the inhabitants aforesaid, and promotion of literature and the christian religion, hath by deed, dated the twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, granted unto Joseph Gilpin, Joseph Couden, Jonathan Booth, Tobias Rudolph, senior, Zebulon Hollingsworth, Thomas Huggins and Daniel Robinson, and their successors chosen annually by the housekeepers of the town called Head of Elk, on the Easter Monday annually, a certain lot of ground containing one acre more or less, under the metes and bounds as in the said deed is contained and expressed, for a school-house, or house of worship; and it is the intention and request of the said Jacob Hollingsworth, Henry Hollingsworth, and others, who have sold and given lots aforesaid, that the grant aforesaid, and all streets, lanes and alleys, should be confirmed and established by law for the uses in the several grants aforesaid mentioned, and for which they have been laid off; Be it enacted, That all the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, that have been laid off, sold and conveyed, given or granted, by the commissioners of confiscated British property, and others, which are situate within the forks of Elk river, and heretofore called the Head of Elk, and all the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, which hereafter may be laid out by the commissioners hereafter appointed, and their successors, shall be reputed, held and esteemed, a town; and that the state of Maryland, Jacob Hollingsworth and Henry Hollingsworth, and others, to whom the right of soil in the said streets, lanes and alleys, and lots aforesaid, did belong and appertain, shall for ever hereafter be barred from having or holding the same, unless the inhabitants of the said town shall cease and decline to use them for the purpose for which they were granted; provided nevertheless, that the commissioners, or their successors, shall not make any street, lane or alley, or lay off any lots, save where they have been heretofore made and laid off by the direction of the commissioners of confiscated British property, and others who have laid off and conveyed lots, or which shall be done with the free consent and approbation of the owners of the lands which shall or may hereafter be laid off into lots, streets, lanes and alleys.

All lots, &c. laid off, &c. shall be reputed a town, &c.

Commissioners appointed, &c. IX. And be it enacted, That Joseph Gilpin, Jonathan Booth, Zebulon Hollingsworth, Henry Hollingsworth and Tobias Rudolph, junior, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to survey and lay out all lands, or parcels of lands, heretofore