

tofore surveyed and laid out into lots, lanes and alleys, by the commissioners of confiscated British property, and others, agreeably to the surveys heretofore made, and the same, when surveyed, to lay out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, 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.

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X. And 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 marked with the name of the present occupant or owner, if known; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners, and their successors, from time to time hereafter, to see that the said boundaries be kept up and preserved, and to hinder encroachments to be made on any of the streets, lanes, alleys, or public grounds aforesaid.

Who shall
cause lots to
be bounded,
&c.

XI. And be it enacted, That when the commissioners aforesaid shall have completed their survey as aforesaid, which they are hereby required to do within two years, and shall have caused the same to be recorded among the land records of Cæcil county, the town aforesaid, heretofore called the Head of Elk, shall be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of Elkton.

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to be called
Elkton, &c.

XII. And, that a succession of commissioners, who may be zealous to promote the convenience and interest of the inhabitants, may be provided for, Be it enacted, That on the Easter Monday yearly, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, and every year after the survey aforesaid shall be completed and recorded, the inhabitants of the town aforesaid, qualified by the constitution and form of government, shall assemble and make choice of seven men, being either inhabitants of the town aforesaid, or having a real estate therein worth three hundred pounds current money at the least, which seven men, so chosen, shall be the commissioners of the said town, and the trustees of the school in said town, called the Town School, for and during the year next after their election as aforesaid.

Seven com-
missioners to
be chosen an-
nually, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the said town, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority to employ a clerk, and at their pleasure to displace him and choose another, who shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath, or affirmation, if a quaker, menonist or dunker: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that as clerk of the commissioners of Elkton, I will behave and demean myself diligently, faithfully and honestly, in the several duties of my said office, according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God;" and that it shall be the duty of the said clerk of the said commissioners, fairly and honestly to enter in 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 said town, describing every lot by its number, and who the present occupant and owner is, and shall also duly attend the markets in said town, and use his best endeavours that the regulations of the said market above mentioned shall be observed, and that no false weights or measures be used, or unwholesome provisions be sold, or offered to sale, in said market, and shall have power to try any weights and measures used in said market, and when found faulty, the same to seize, which weights and measures so seized shall be forfeited, and sold for the use of the said town; the said clerk shall also have power to seize and destroy any meat or other victuals that shall be unwholesome, or unsound and offensive, and offered for sale in the said market; and it shall also be the duty of the clerk of the commissioners, while in office, to take the votes of the inhabitants when the commissioners are elected.

Who may
employ a
clerk, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid, and their successors, or a major part of them, are hereby empowered to rent out the stalls in the market to be erected aforesaid, and to impose such toll on provisions sold in the said market, not exceeding the twentieth part of the value of such provisions, as

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