

C H A P.

LVIII.

Chief justice,
&c. may
grant licences,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That during the continuance of the original act to which this is a supplement, it shall be lawful for the chief justice, or either of the associate justices, of any county court in this state, to grant licences to such persons as they shall think fit to be ordinary keepers, for keeping of ordinaries in such places, within the counties where such chief justice, or associate justices, respectively reside, for the ease and convenience of the inhabitants and travellers, as to them respectively shall seem proper; which licences shall continue in force until the end of the next county court after the same shall be granted, and for the taking of which the ordinary keepers shall respectively pay in proportion to the time between their taking thereof and the end of the next court aforesaid.

Persons li-
censed to re-
cognise, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That every person who applies for a licence under this act shall enter into a recognizance before the justice who grants the said licence, with security, in the same sum, and in the same manner, and on the same condition, and shall be subject to the same regulations, orders, forfeitures and penalties, to be recovered in the same manner, as are prescribed by the said original act with respect to ordinary keepers licensed under the same.

C H A P. LIX.

Passed De-
cember 26.

An ACT supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the special commissioners, and others, inhabitants of Baltimore-town, that the taxes established by act of assembly, entitled, An act to amend and alter sundry parts of an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, are greatly inadequate to the object of the aforesaid act: And whereas the duties arising from the sales of goods by vendue, as imposed by an act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, did cease as a fund at the end of the session of seventeen hundred and eighty-nine: And whereas the two shilling and six-pence tax on every hundred pounds of assessed property in Baltimore-town, as imposed by the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-two, did cease and determine with the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and the remaining taxes established by the said act of seventeen hundred and eighty-two, are not more than sufficient to keep the streets already paved in repair: And whereas it is further represented, that the said commissioners have experienced that the tax fixing the rate *per* foot at one price for streets or alleys of different widths, operates unequally and oppressively; which they pray may be remedied by an apportionment of the tax to their respective widths,

A tax imposed
for every
street, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for every street eighty-five feet wide or upwards, a tax not exceeding twelve shillings and six-pence *per* foot fronting on the said street, and for every street seventy-five feet wide, and less than eighty-five, a tax not exceeding eleven shillings and three-pence for every foot on said street, and for every street sixty feet wide, and less than seventy-five feet, a tax not exceeding ten shillings *per* foot fronting on the said street; and for every street forty feet wide, and less than sixty feet, a tax not exceeding eight shillings and four-pence *per* foot fronting on the said street; and for every street, lane or alley, of twenty-five feet, and less than forty feet, a tax not exceeding six shillings and three-pence *per* foot fronting on the same, and for every street, lane or alley, under twenty-five feet, a tax not exceeding four shillings *per* foot on every foot fronting the same, is hereby laid and imposed, and shall and may be levied and collected by the commissioners aforesaid, in the manner and according to the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two.