

can be raised, by subscription or otherwise, for this salutary purpose; to cause the inhabitants, and others entitled to vote for commissioners, according to this act, to be and to continue registered, and to make such alterations in the register thereof, from time to time, as the increasing number of inhabitants, or other changing circumstances, shall render necessary; to appoint and qualify a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings, in proper and well bound books, to be provided by them for that purpose, and to be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said town, and of all persons who may be concerned; to cause the persons entitled to vote as aforesaid to be summoned, by public advertisement, to meet at some certain time and place, within the limits of the said town, whenever their sentiments may be requisite upon any extraordinary occasion; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the property, real and personal, within the limits of the said town, to be made and returned, from time to time, by some skilful and discreet person to be appointed and qualified by them for such occasion; and whenever it shall be deemed necessary, for any purpose advantageous to the town, by a majority of the voters to be summoned and assembled as aforesaid, to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued any sum or sums of money in equal and fair proportions, provided the money, so to be imposed and levied, shall not exceed, in any one year, the rate of one dollar for every hundred pounds worth of property, according to such respective assessments and valuation, and in the same proportion upon every greater or smaller share of property; to appoint and qualify an active and discreet person, annually, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give him such directions, in the execution of his office, as shall be necessary to accomplish the intentions of this act; to pay their clerk, and the bailiff of the said town, respectively, a reasonable allowance for their services, to be rated by the said commissioners on the property aforesaid, by equal assessments; and, generally, to order and promote such regulations and improvements, for the benefit and advantage of the said town, as the said commissioners, or the inhabitants thereof, shall determine to be necessary.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That any person or persons who may think him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said assessor, may, at any time within six weeks after the completion and return of such assessment, appeal to the said commissioners, who may thereupon, and in all cases where they shall judge the valuation of such assessor to be unequal, make such alteration therein as to them shall seem just and reasonable.

Persons aggrieved may appeal, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually on the first Monday in May, and before he shall proceed to execute his office he shall take an oath, or affirmation, before the said commissioners, or any one of them, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff of the said town by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favour, affection or prejudice; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be, to attend the meetings of the said commissioners whenever he shall be required, to perform such services, for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as shall be directed by the said commissioners, to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of the said town, or if so assembled, to discipline them by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish, with moderate correction, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the said commissioners, all such negro and other slaves as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in the said town, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

Bailiff to be appointed annually, &c.

XI. **And,** whereas it is represented that the erection of a market-house, and the establishment of a market, under proper regulations, would contribute very much to the convenience and accommodation of the inhabitants of said town, as well as to the emolument and advantage of the neighbourhood, **Be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or any three of them, may and they are hereby

Ground to be chosen, &c.

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