

prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement, it shall be, and is hereby declared to be, the duty of the last vestrymen of such parish to call a meeting of the inhabitants thereof, on any day thereafter, by advertisement set up at the door of the parish church of such parish, to make choice of such vestrymen and churchwardens, on which day the inhabitants of said parish being entitled to vote, or such of them as shall attend, shall proceed to elect vestrymen and churchwardens, who, when elected, shall take the oaths, and qualify themselves, in the manner prescribed by the act, entitled, An act for the establishment of select vestries.

C H A P.
XVIII.

II. And be it enacted, That in all cases where the inhabitants of any parish of this state have neglected to meet and choose vestrymen and churchwardens at the time prescribed by the original act, and the vestrymen have continued to act under their former appointment, their proceedings shall be as good and valid as if they had been elected agreeably to the directions of the aforesaid act.

Proceedings
made valid,
&c.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for the weighing of hay and cording of wood in Elkton, Cæcil county.

Passed De-
cember 26.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that great inconveniences have arisen to the inhabitants of Elkton, Cæcil county, from the want of hay-scales for the weighing of hay and other forage, and also from the want of some regulation in the cording of wood brought to said market for sale, therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the town of Elkton, or a majority of them, for the time being, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed within one year from the passing of this act, to erect on the public lot in Elkton, called the Market-lot, a house convenient for hay-scales, and cause to be erected therein a pair of good and sufficient hay-scales, with weights, for the weighing of all hay and long forage that may be hereafter brought for sale to said market.

Commission-
ers to erect a
house, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet on the first Monday of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, and on the same day annually during the continuance of this act, and then and there examine said scales and weights, and, if necessary, have them adjusted, and as soon thereafter as convenient appoint a diligent and honest person, an inhabitant of the said town, to take charge of said hay-scales and weights, who, as often as required, shall weigh all hay, or other long forage that may be brought for sale to said market, or sold within said town, who, before he enters on his office, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, before a magistrate, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will weigh all hay or long forage that I may be required to weigh, without favour, affection or partiality, to the best of my skill and knowledge;" which oath, or affirmation, so taken, shall be entered among the proceedings of the commissioners of the said town, and shall also give bond, with security if required, in the sum of two hundred pounds current money, for the faithful discharge of his duty while in office; and the said weigher shall receive from the purchaser of all hay, or other long forage, such sum for every hundred weight of hay or forage so weighed as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall direct, not exceeding eight-pence per hundred.

And meet in
March, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That all hay and forage, so weighed by the said weigher, shall be by the long hundred, that is, allowing one hundred and twelve net pounds for every hundred weight thereof.

How hay is to
be weighed,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That no person shall purchase within the said town any hay brought by land or water until the same shall have been previously weighed by the weigher aforesaid, under the penalty of twenty shillings, to be paid to the said commissioners for the use of the said town, and may be recovered as small debts are by law recoverable.

No person to
purchase hay
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VI. And