

in particular part or district; to establish and regulate guagers, and their fees, and the fees of all the corporation officers; to license and regulate brokers, sedan chairs, hackney coaches, or other carriages kept for hire, and employed within the city, and also draymen, waggoners, carters, porters and watermen, residing and employed within the said city, with powers to make all necessary regulations respecting the same; to direct in future in what parts of the city buildings of wood shall not be erected; to erect and provide magazines for the storage of all gunpowder brought to the city, or precincts, and to compel the same to be stored in said magazines, and to regulate the price of said storage; to prevent the storage of naval stores, or other combustible matter, in such quantities or places within the city, or precincts, as may be deemed dangerous to the safety of the same; to erect or build houses of correction, hospitals or pest-houses, within or without the city, if necessary, and to pass all ordinances for the government of the same; to make a new assessment of all real and personal property as often as it may be necessary; to punish corporally any servant or slave guilty of a breach of any ordinance, unless the master or mistress pay the fine annexed to the offence; to prevent the making new docks or canals without the consent of the corporation; and to add to the city any of the adjoining lands, on the application, and with the consent, of the owners, and to lay off the necessary streets, lanes and alleys, through the same, giving them the rights and privileges, and subjecting them to the laws and ordinances, of the city.

III. **And be it enacted,** That an act of assembly, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, passed at November session, seventeen hundred ninety-six, with this supplement, shall be, and are hereby enacted and declared to be, perpetual, except where altered by this act; and that all acts and ordinances passed, or to be passed, by and under the authority of the same, are hereby enacted and declared to be good and valid, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Act declared perpetual, &c.

C H A P. LV.

An ACT for the adjournment of Baltimore county court.

**W**HEREAS Baltimore September county court stood adjourned till the first Monday in January, and persons having business in said court are members of the general assembly, and obliged to attend their duty therein,

Passed January 20.  
Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, now depending and returnable to the said September court, shall be and are by virtue of this act adjourned and continued to the first Monday in April next; and that all the said causes, pleas, process and proceedings, in the said court, now depending and returnable to the said September court, shall be in the same state and condition as they would be in on the said first Monday in January, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Causes, &c. adjourned, &c.

C H A P. LVI.

Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate George-town, in Montgomery county.

**W**HEREAS the citizens of George-town have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that they sustain many inconveniencies from the want of proper powers in said corporation to pass laws to restrain the mischiefs arising from vagrants, loose and disorderly persons, free negroes, and persons having no visible means of support, and for the want of proper powers for the due government of the affairs of the said town; therefore,

Preamble.

**Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the mayor, aldermen and common council, of George-town, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to pass, make and ordain, all laws necessary to suppress, fine, imprison or punish, any and all vagrants, loose and disorderly persons, and persons having no visible means of support, that may be found within

Mayor, &c. to pass laws, &c.