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lots, streets, lanes and alleys; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby required, within the space of twelve months after completing the said survey, and locating the same into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, as aforesaid, under the penalty of one hundred dollars on each of the said commissioners for neglecting this duty, to make, or cause to be made, a correct certificate and plot of the said survey, and of the respective lots, streets, lanes and alleys, located thereon, describing and arranging the said lots in numerical order, and the said streets, lanes and alleys, by their respective names, and certifying the metes and bounds of each of the said lots, streets, lanes and alleys respectively, and to return the same into the office of the clerk of the said county, to be by him recorded among the land records of the said county, at the proper cost of the said Gabriel Peterfon Van-Horn, and to be securely kept therein; and the said certificate and plot, or an official copy thereof, or of any part thereof, shall at all times hereafter be sufficient evidence of the said lots, streets, lanes and alleys, and of the respective metes and bounds thereof.

Lots to be
bounded, &c.

III. 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 from time to time hereafter see that the said boundaries be kept up and preserved.

How vacancies
are to be filled.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the death, removal or resignation, of any of the said commissioners, the major part of the remaining commissioners shall appoint another to serve in the stead of such commissioner so dying, removing or resigning.

Commissioners
to employ a
clerk, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the said town, or a major part of them, shall have full power to employ a clerk, who shall be under oath fairly and honestly to enter into a book to be kept for that purpose, of the said commissioners relating to said town, in which book, among other things, shall be kept a fair plot of the said town, describing every lot by its number, and who the taker up or purchaser was or shall be; and the said books shall always be open to the inspection and examination of the said commissioners.

Levy money,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are empowered to levy, assess and take, by way of distress, if needful, from the holder or holders of any lot or lots in the said town, by even and equal proportion, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars yearly, to be paid to their clerk, and also they shall have power to remove or displace their clerk, and appoint another whenever they shall think proper.

And include
otherlands, &c.

VII. AND, whereas it may happen that persons holding lands adjoining the land laid out as aforesaid may be desirous to have some part of their land laid out and annexed to the town aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to include in their survey of the said town all such parcels of land as may be laid out by the proprietors thereof for that purpose, provided that the said commissioners shall deem it for the advantage of the said town, and the land be laid out for that purpose by the proprietors thereof before the first day of March next.

Ground to be
called Van's-
Ville.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the parcel of ground so as aforesaid laid out by the said Gabriel Peterfon Van-Horn, and any ground which the said commissioners shall annex, when surveyed by the said commissioners, shall be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of Van's-Ville; saving nevertheless to all persons not mentioned in this act their several and respective rights.

C H A P. LXVII.

Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that although the commissioners appointed in and by the original act to which this is a supplement did proceed to survey and lay off the ground described therein, and to divide, locate, mark and bound the same into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, and to reserve and sell the same respectively in the manner and under the authority prescribed and given by the said original act, yet the several proceedings of the said commissioners have never been arranged, nor the plot nor certificates of the said survey, nor of the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, been lodged with the clerk of Talbot county, nor recorded in his office, as required by the said act: And whereas three of the said commissioners, and the clerk and surveyor employed by them, are deceased, and doubts may be reasonably entertained whether the two surviving commissioners have now a power to complete the duties which the original commissioners were bound to perform,