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creek to the land of Samuel Harrison, then therewith north, eighty-one degrees east, to the main road, then northerly, with said main road, to the land of Robert Richardson's heirs, then therewith to the waters of Saint-Michael's river aforesaid, then with said waters to the beginning; which town shall be called and known by the name of Saint-Michael's.

Surveyor to
make out a plot,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the surveyor of the county aforesaid, or any other person whom the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall appoint to survey, plot and lay out, the lands and grounds aforesaid, as herein before directed, shall make out a fair and exact plot of the town, and resurvey thereof, whereby each lot, square, street, lane, way and alley, may appear to be well distinguished by their respective names, and the same plot, with a full and plain certificate thereof, shall deliver to the commissioners as aforesaid, to be by them disposed of as herein after directed; and the said surveyor, or the person appointed as aforesaid, shall have and receive, for laying out the town aforesaid, such sum as the aforesaid commissioners shall think reasonable, to be paid as herein after directed.

Commissioners
to employ a
clerk, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby required to employ some sufficient person as their clerk, and shall administer an oath, or affirmation, to such clerk, for the due performance of his office, which clerk shall, and he is hereby obliged, to find and provide a sufficient bound book for registering and entering the proceedings of the said commissioners in the premises, and shall duly and faithfully register and enter in such book the certificate of the surveyor aforesaid, the number and names of each respective lot, square, street, lane, way and alley, in said town, and all other the transactions of said commissioners relative to said town, which said registry, together with the plot of the town and resurvey aforesaid, shall be carefully examined and inspected by the said commissioners, and after the same is completed, shall be lodged with, and delivered to, the clerk of the same county, to be by him recorded among the records of said county; and the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall limit or ascertain what fees their clerk shall have and receive for the several services by him to be done by virtue of this act, to be paid as herein after directed.

And continue
till Jan. 1806,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed by this act shall continue to act as such until the first Monday in January, eighteen hundred and six, when an election shall be held in the said town of Saint-Michael's, at such place as the commissioners may appoint, and on the same day in every year thereafter, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and closing at four in the afternoon, at which the freemen of said town, qualified to vote for delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, shall vote, by ballot, for five persons, residents of said town one year preceding the election, and above the age of twenty-one years, as commissioners for the said town, to serve from the day of election for one whole year next thereafter, and also for one person, qualified as aforesaid, to serve as bailiff to said town for the like term of one year; and it is further provided, that the three or two commissioners first named in this act shall hold the first election, and be judges thereof, and that at every successive election thereafter the three or two commissioners who shall have the highest poll as commissioners at the last election at which they were elected as such, shall be the judges of said election, which judges shall be qualified by any one of the commissioners, or justices of the peace, by oath or affirmation, administered duly and faithfully to perform their duty as judges of the election; which judges shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to take down the name of each voter, and the person or persons he may vote for as commissioners or bailiff; and the commissioners, at the closing of the polls, shall count up the votes given to each respective candidate, and publicly declare the five persons who have the most votes as commissioners, and the person who has the most votes as bailiff, and the same to cause to be entered on the records of the clerk of the commissioners.

How vacancies
are to be filled,
&c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of vacancy in the office of commissioner, the commissioners, or a majority of them, may fill up such vacancy, by appointing some male inhabitant of the said town, (qualified as aforesaid,) to the said vacancy; and the commissioners aforesaid shall have power to remove, or cause to be removed, all nuisances in the public squares, streets, lanes, ways and alleys, which may exist to the annoyance or inconvenience of the inhabitants of said town, or other persons; and the said commissioners as aforesaid shall meet on the first Monday in February next, and on the first Monday in every second month thereafter, (or at such other times as they may think proper and necessary, for the discharge of their duties as commissioners of said town,) who shall receive a *per diem* for their services, not exceeding one dollar, which money, as well as all other monies to defray expences incurred under this act, shall be paid out of the fines and forfeitures incurred under this act, or if such fund should be insufficient, by a levy on said town, as the commissioners may think most adviseable.