

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bailiff of said town, before he acts as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, (to be administered by any one of the commissioners,) faithfully to execute the duties of his office, according to his best skill and judgment; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be, to attend the meetings of the said commissioners, to perform such services for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act as shall be directed by said commissioners, to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of negroes, slaves, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said town, or, if so assembled, to disperse 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 or other slaves as shall be found strolling or wandering about the streets in the night-time, or frequenting the houses of other persons in said town, without the consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

C H A P. LXXXII. Bailiff to take an oath, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to keep or raise any geese or swine within the limits of the said town, except in pens or other enclosures; and if any geese or swine shall be found going at large within the said town, (unless they be such straying geese or swine as may belong to any person or persons not residing within the distance of two miles therefrom,) it shall be lawful for the bailiff of the said town, upon the information of any of the inhabitants thereof, or upon his own view, to distrain and seize all and every such geese and swine, and to secure the same in some common pound, to be provided by the said commissioners for that purpose; and all and every such geese and swine, so distrained and secured, shall be forfeited for the benefit of the said town, and shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and the profits arising from the sale thereof, (except the sum of one shilling for every goose, and the sum of two shillings for every swine, to be retained by the said bailiff for his trouble,) shall be accounted for and rendered by the bailiff to the said commissioners, to be applied by them for the use and advantage of the said town.

No person to raise geese, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall have power and authority to make and execute, or cause to be executed, all such further laws, rules and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as may be necessary for the preservation of order and decorum within the said town, and to promote the happiness and convenience of its inhabitants.

Commissioners may make laws, &c.

C H A P. LXXXIII.

An ACT to authorise a lottery in Allegany county for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed January 19, 1805.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Upton Bruce, David Hoffman, senior, Thomas Thistle, George Hoffman and William M. Mahon, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, and to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof; provided the said Upton Bruce, David Hoffman, senior, Thomas Thistle, George Hoffman and William M. Mahon, or such majority of them as shall undertake to act under this law, shall, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned, that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months from the time the drawing of said lottery shall commence, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expences incurred in said lottery, shall apply the residue of the money so raised, first to the purchase of a fire engine for the use and safety of the town of Cumberland, in said county, and the balance afterwards remaining, to be applied to the erecting a bridge across Will's creek in said town.

A scheme may be proposed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, before they act as such, to lodge such bond in the clerk's office of Allegany county, there to be recorded, and upon such bond, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

Bond to be lodged, &c.

C H A P. LXXXIV.

An ACT authorising the levy courts of Kent and Queen-Anne's counties to levy a sum of money for building a bridge over Chester river, at the Head of Chester.

Passed January 19, 1805.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the public bridge across Chester river, at the head of Chester, which has been kept up in common by Kent and Queen-Anne's

Preamble.