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CXIV.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Robert Young, George Biscoe, Robert Bowie, Ignatius Boone and Alexander Contee, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required, after giving three weeks notice in the most convenient public places within the said county, and also in the Baltimore Telegraphe, of the time, place and intention, of their meeting, and after having taken an oath before some justice of the peace of Prince-George's county, well and truly to execute the trust reposed in them by this act, without prejudice, partiality, favour or affection, to proceed to cause the said town to be laid out anew, and to define and regulate the streets, lanes and alleys thereof, so as to promote the interest of the proprietors and the convenience of the inhabitants, as nearly as may be, having regard to the former streets, lanes and alleys, and not incommoding the present buildings.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to employ a surveyor and chain-carriers to effect the purpose which is intended, and to summon witnesses, (if any may be requisite,) and to allow them such reasonable compensation as they may think fit, and they shall cause proper boundaries of wood or stone to be affixed to ascertain the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town, and have a correct plot and certificate made of the same, with proper explanations, to be returned to the clerk of Prince-George's county, under their hands, who is hereby required to receive and record the same among the land records of said county, and the original to keep in his office, and a copy of such original, or the record thereof, shall be conclusive evidence as to the bounds of the said town, and of the lots, streets, lanes and alleys thereof.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to condemn such lands as they may think requisite for the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town, making a proper compensation to the proprietors thereof, as they in their judgments shall deem just and right.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to remove all nuisances, and to make such rules and regulations for the benefit of the inhabitants of said town as they may think proper, and may impose such fines for the due observance thereof as they may adjudge to be just and right, not exceeding five dollars for any one offence, which fine may be recovered before any justice of the peace in the same manner as other small debts out of court now are.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall and may administer an oath to the surveyor to be by them appointed in virtue of this act, and to any chain-carrier or chain-carriers by them employed, to execute their respective duties as surveyor or chain-carriers, as the case may be, faithfully, honestly and impartially, according to the best of their skill and judgment.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all fines and forfeitures incurred in pursuance of this act, shall be paid into the hands of the said commissioners, or their successors, to be by them applied in such manner as they may think best for the improvement of said town.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any commissioner appointed in virtue of this act shall die, resign, or refuse to act as such, the vacancy occasioned by such death, resignation or refusal, shall be supplied by a commissioner to be chosen by the commissioners then remaining, or a majority of them.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the expence arising from the execution of this act shall be paid by all those who are benefitted thereby, in such proper proportions as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall determine.

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## An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts of this session, that there is due from this state the sum of thirty-four thousand five hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirty-four cents and a half,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and he is hereby authorised and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the said journal of accounts, out of any money now in the treasury, or that shall come into the treasury, subject to the appropriation of the general assembly.