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- II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first day of March next, two days in each week shall be held as market-days within the town of William's Port aforesaid, to wit: Wednesdays and Saturdays, and victuals and provisions brought to the said town for sale, except beef by the quarter or large quantity, and pork by the hog or hogs, upon these or any other days, shall be carried to the public market-house of the said town, there to be sold to the inhabitants at the stated market-house appointed by the said commissioners as herein directed.
- III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners are hereby empowered to ascertain and fix upon a proper hour or time to open the said market; provided, that one month's notice thereof be given, by advertisement, set up at the market-house, and such notice be also published the same length of time in the English and German news-papers printed in Hagar's-town, before any person or persons shall be effected by the same, and the clerk of the market shall also give notice of the commencement thereof, each market-day, by ringing the market-house bell for five minutes next before the time, and any person or persons who shall buy or sell any provisions or other article brought to the said market for sale, (except as excepted in the second section of this act,) before the ringing of the bell shall be over, shall forfeit respectively for the same the sum of ten shillings current money for each offence.
- IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the town of William's Port, or a majority of them, be and are hereby invested with sufficient powers, and it is hereby declared to be their duty, to let the stalls and stands in or about the said market-house in said town to butchers or others, at the best yearly rent that can be got for the same, taking security for the payment thereof, and to compel payment therefor, and to apply such rents, together with all fines and forfeitures which shall be incurred by virtue of this act, towards paying the clerk of the said market a salary, not exceeding twenty pounds per annum, to be ascertained by a majority of the said commissioners, for the faithful performance of his duty, and to apply the residue, if any, in repairing the said market-house.
- V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person appointed commissioner by this act shall die, refuse, or otherwise be rendered incapable to discharge the duties enjoined by this act, that the justices of the levy court of Washington county may nominate and appoint some person or persons in his or their place, so as to make the number of five commissioners as aforesaid, and that commissioners, so appointed, shall have the same powers as the commissioners appointed by this act.
- VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That George Saunders be and he is hereby appointed clerk of the said market for one year from the first of March next; provided nevertheless, that in case of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, of the said George Saunders, a suitable person shall be appointed as clerk of the said market, by a majority of the said commissioners, who are hereby likewise vested with power and authority to remove the said George Saunders for misconduct or neglect of duty.
- VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, the clerk of said market shall be appointed annually by a majority of the said commissioners, and shall be removable by them for misconduct or neglect of duty, and it shall be the duty of said clerk to take the possession, care and charge, of the market and market-house aforesaid, during his continuance in office, and to inspect all provisions brought thereto for sale, to try the weights and measures used at the said market by standards, if any be provided, and kept there by said commissioners of said market for that purpose, and the same, when false or untrue, to seize, and dispose to the highest bidder, and also to try, by standard, the weight of butter, and such other articles of provision as are generally brought to market made up at a stated weight, and if they shall be found deficient in weight, unsound or unwholesome, to seize and sell the same to the highest bidder, and to pay the money arising from every such sale to the commissioners, who shall dispose of the same as herein directed.
- VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of the said market, (unless prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable account or necessity,) shall, and he is hereby required, to attend the said market, at such hours as the commissioners may appoint at the different seasons, and if such clerk shall neglect or repair to attend as aforesaid, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings current money, to be recovered by the commissioners of said market for the time being, before any justice of the peace for Washington county, to be paid and applied as by this act directed.