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erty, real and personal, within the limits of the said town, to be made and returned from time to time by some skilful and discreet person to be appointed and qualified by them for such occasion; and, (whenever it shall be deemed necessary for any purpose advantageous to the town by a majority of the voters to be summoned and assembled as aforesaid,) to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued, any sum or sums of money, in equal and fair proportions, (provided the money so to be imposed and levied shall not exceed in any one year the rate of one dollar for every hundred pounds of property, according to such respective assessments and valuation, and in the same proportion upon every greater or smaller share of property;) to appoint and qualify an active and discreet person annually, to be the bailiff of the said town, and to give him such directions in the execution of his office as shall be necessary to accomplish the intentions of this act; to pay their clerk and the bailiff of the said town respectively, a reasonable allowance for their services, to be rated by the said commissioners on the property aforesaid, by equal assessments; and generally to order and promote such regulations and improvements for the benefit and advantage of the said town, as the said commissioners or the inhabitants thereof shall determine to be necessary.

Persons ag-
grieved.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons who may think him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said assessor, may at any time within six weeks after the completion and return of said assessment, appeal to the said commissioners, who may thereupon and in all cases where they shall judge the valuation of such assessor to be unequal, make such alteration therein as to them shall seem just and reasonable.

Bailiff—when
to be appoint-
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take an oath—
his duties.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually on the first Monday in May; and before he shall proceed to execute his office, he shall take an oath or affirmation before the said commissioners, or any one of them, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff of the said town by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favour affection or prejudice; and the duties of the said bailiff shall be to attend the meetings of the said commissioners whenever he shall be required, to perform such services for more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act as shall be directed by the said commissioners; to prevent the tumultuous and irregu-