

state or elsewhere, in all suits, complaints, pleas and causes, of whatsoever kind, in as full and effectual manner as any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, in like cases may or can do or perform, and the said trustees, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make, keep and use one common seal, with such device or devices and inscriptions thereon as they may think proper, and therewith to pass and authenticate the certificates, acts, orders or proceedings of the said corporation, and the same seal at their pleasure to break alter and renew.

DEC. SESS.
1815.

CHAPTER 136.

An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the town of Cumberland in Alleghany County, and to incorporate the same.

Passed Jan^y
23, 1816.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That five judicious and discreet persons, residing in said town, and holding real property therein, shall be elected by ballot, on the first Monday of June eighteen hundred and sixteen, and on the same day in every year thereafter, at the court house in said town, by the free white male citizens of the age of twenty one years, and having resided in the said town of Cumberland for the space of one whole year next preceeding the day of election, and the five persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of votes at the close of the election shall be declared duly elected the commissioners of said town, and shall have and exercise all the powers vested in them by this act.

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ers.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall meet upon the business of the town at least four times in every year, to wit, on the first Monday in May, July, October and December, and oftener if they deem it necessary; that at their first meeting in each year, they shall elect from among themselves one of their own members to be their chief burgess for that year, provided he continues so long in office, and upon all questions the chief burgess shall be entitled to vote as one of the commissioners.

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sioners.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the town of Cumberland shall be and is hereby erected constituted and made an incorporate town, and that the corporate body of the said town consist of a chief burgess and four other commissioners, which chief burgess and commissioners shall be a body incorporate and one community forever, in right, and by the name of the Chief Burgess and the other commissioners of the town of Cumberland, and shall be able and capable to sue and be sued at law, and to act and to execute, do and perform as a body incorporate, which shall have succession for ever, and to that end, to have a common seal, and the same to change and alter at pleasure.

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cession,

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners so chosen shall assemble on the first Monday in July next ensuing their election, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, at the court house in said town, and before they proceed to execute the duties imposed on them by virtue of this act, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgment, perform the duties of commissioners of the said town, according to the provisions of this act, without favor,

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sioners.