

quired by the laws of this state to be acknowledged, and any ac-
 knowledge so taken by him shall have the same force and ef-
 fect as if taken by one or two justices of the peace of Frederick
 county, and the mayor shall be entitled to receive therefor the
 sum of fifty cents.

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21. *And be it enacted,* That the aldermen and common council
 may, by ordinance, provide for taking up, fining or committing
 to the work-house in Frederick-town, all vagrant and loose and
 disorderly persons, and persons having no visible means of sup-
 port and livelihood, and common disturbers of his or her neigh-
 bourhood, that may be found within the jurisdiction of said town;
 and it is hereby made the duty of the keeper or overseer of the
 said work-house to receive and safe keep all persons who shall
 be so committed, according to the tenor of such commitment.

Vagrants.

22. *And be it enacted,* That no ordinance of the said corpora-
 tion shall impose a fine of more than twenty dollars for any one
 offence, or authorise a commitment to the work-house for more
 than thirty days at one time; and that all fines imposed by vir-
 tue of any law or ordinance of the corporation, may be recover-
 ed before the mayor or a justice of the peace, in the same man-
 ner that small debts are recoverable in this state; and subject to
 the same appeal; and in all such proceedings any constable of
 the corporation shall, within the limits of the corporation, have
 the same powers, and proceed in the same manner, and have the
 same fees, as the constable of an hundred in the case of small
 debts: all fines to be to the use of the corporation, and to be ap-
 propriated in such manner as may from time to time by ordinance
 be directed.

Fines.

23. *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of the said town,
 and all persons holding property therein, shall be competent wit-
 nesses in all actions arising under this act, or the by-laws and
 ordinances of said corporation, if exempt from all other excep-
 tions than that of interest as an inhabitant of the said town, or
 member of the said corporation.

Inhabitants to be competent witnesses.

24. *And be it enacted,* That no ordinance of the said corpora-
 tion shall be binding on persons who do not reside within the li-
 mits of the said town, until the same shall have been published
 in some newspaper of the said town, unless in the case of wil-
 ful and intentional violation of said ordinance, after notice
 thereof; *Provided always,* that the said corporation shall not
 pass any ordinance inconsistent with the laws of this state, or
 of the United States.

Ordinances not to affect non-residents, &c.

Proviso.

CHAPTER 75.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to Incorporate
 a Company to make the several Turnpike Roads therein
 mentioned. Passed Jan. 15

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That
 whenever five hundred shares, or more, of the stock authorised
 by the act aforesaid, shall have been subscribed, the commission-
 ers therein named, or a majority of them, shall notify the sub-
 scribers, who may proceed to organize the company, and in the

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 scribed compa-
 ny to be orga-
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