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Proviso.

To sue and be sued &c.

To make rules and by-laws.

Passed Feb 3

Preamble.

Market-house to be erected

ing, all manner of lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, or other property, real, personal or mixed; *Provided always*, that the clear annual value or income from the property of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars exclusive of the monies arising from annual or other stated subscriptions or payments.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all or any court of justice, and it shall and may be lawful for them to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure, and generally to do all things and acts which may be necessary to carry into effect the benevolent designs of said corporation.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, shall be capable of making such rules and by-laws as may be necessary for the regulation and government of said corporation, the same not being contrary to the laws and constitution of this state, or of the United States.

CHAPTER 101.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the Town of Princess-Anne, in Somerset County.

WHEREAS, doubts are entertained whether the commissioners under the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the town of Princess-Anne in Somerset county, are authorised and empowered to establish and regulate a market in said town, Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of said town, under the act to which this is a supplement, be fully authorised and empowered, if in their opinion the interest of the said town require it, to choose and fix on some proper and convenient spot of ground, within the limits of said town or precincts, for the erection of a market-house, and shall contract for and purchase the same, or any part thereof which may be deemed sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, and in case the owner or proprietor of the said ground shall refuse to sell or dispose of such ground, so selected and chosen by the commissioners as aforesaid, then the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to condemn so much of the said ground as will be sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, and shall issue a warrant to the sheriff of Somerset county, to summon a jury of twelve judicious disinterested persons of the county, having no assessable property within the said town; and the said jury shall meet at the town of Princess-Anne, upon such day as the said sheriff shall appoint, (of which appointment notice shall be given to the proprietor of the ground thus condemned) and having first taken an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to be administered by the said sheriff, without partiality or prejudice to value the said ground, and the damages sustained by the owner or owners by means of such condemnation, according to the best of their skill and judgment, shall proceed to make such valuation; and the said