

as aforesaid, to impose and levy on the property so to be directed CHAP. 159.
 to be assessed and valued, any sum or sums of money in equal and fair proportions, provided the money to be imposed and levied shall not exceed in any one year the rate of fifty cents for every hundred dollars worth of property, according to such respective assessment and valuation; 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 assessment; and generally, to order and promote such regulations and improvements for the benefit and advantage of the said town, as a majority of the voters aforesaid shall determine to be necessary.

17. *And be it enacted.* That the commissioners of the said town, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of the said town, and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisance, inconveniences and annoyances, and other matters, exigencies and things, within the said town, as to them shall seem meet, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state, and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said town, and all persons trading therein, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by the said by-laws, not exceeding fifty dollars, the said penalties, fines and forfeitures, to be levied by distress and sale of the goods, or execution of the bodies of persons offending, and applied to the use of the said town. May make by-laws, &c

18. *And be it enacted,* That the same power given to the justices of the peace in any county within this state, by an act of assembly passed November session seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled An act to regulate the assize of bread, shall be and they are hereby vested in the said commissioners, to be exercised by them within the said town only. Power to regulate assize of bread vested in them.

19. *And be it enacted,* That the bailiff of the said town shall be appointed annually on the third Monday of September, and before he shall proceed to execute his office, he shall give bond, with security to be approved by the said commissioners, for the faithful performance of the duties imposed on him by this act, and shall also take an oath before the said commissioners, 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 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 the more effectually accomplishing the objects of this act, as shall directed by the said commissioners, or the by-laws by them to be made; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of the said town, or if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and punish with correction, under such rules and regulations as

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