

Dec. Ses. 1821. lands shall be valued and assessed as lots of four acres of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, and shall not be valued and assessed by the number of acres in said farms or part or parts of farms.

Appeal.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the owners of property assessed within said town, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by the assessment so as aforesaid made by said assessors, they may appeal to the said president and commissioners, who shall have power and authority to make such deduction from the valuation of their property as to them shall seem reasonable and just.

**Officers—
bonds.**

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and commissioners from time to time, and under such conditions as they may by their ordinances direct, appoint such officers as they may deem necessary to carry into effect their ordinances, among whom shall be a town bailiff who shall ex-officio be collector of the town tax, and who shall have all the power and authority of a constable within said town, and within the hundred wherein said town is situated; and said town bailiff shall give bond to be approved of by the justices of the levy court of Cecil county, as other constables now do, for the faithful performance of his duty as constable; and also bond to said president and commissioners for the faithful performance of his duty as town bailiff and collector of the tax as aforesaid, and for the faithful performance of such duties as shall be imposed on him by the ordinances of said president and commissioners.

Powers of president.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president of the commissioners shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise within the limits of said town, all the jurisdiction and power of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of small debts; he shall have power to call upon any officer of the town entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money for a statement of their accounts as often as he shall see proper; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and report to the commissioners at their stated meetings the general state of the town, and also call special meetings of the commissioners whenever he shall see fit.

Oath.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president of said commissioners and all other officers of said town, before they enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath or affirmation. "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will faithfully execute the office of _____ to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality."

Failure to elect.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That should the inhabitants at any time neglect to make an election in the manner and at the times required by this act, the power of electing commissioners shall not thereupon cease, but the right and powers of said inhabitants of said town, in that respect, shall continue the same as though such election had been made; and the president and commissioners for the time being shall continue and remain in office, with like power and authority until such annual election shall be held as aforesaid.

Repeal.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the acts of assembly heretofore passed in relation to the Town of Elkton, or to the commissioners thereof, and the several parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.