

meeting-houses during Divine service, whereby those places intended for solemn worship are converted into places of traffic, debauchery and immorality, to the very great disturbance of the society; therefore,

No person to erect a booth, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whosoever, from and after the passage of this act, shall erect a booth for the purpose of selling, or shall sell or dispose of, any spirituous liquor, within one mile of any methodist meeting-house in Talbot county, during the quarterly meeting of said methodist society, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money of this state, one half thereof to be applied to the use of the county, the other half to him or them who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in like manner as other fines and forfeitures.

Not to hinder ordinary-keepers, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act shall be construed to hinder any ordinary-keeper, or licensed retailer, from selling liquors and other things in their respective dwelling-houses or stores.

C H A P. LIV.

Passed January 12, 1805.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of Denton, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the inhabitants of Denton, in Caroline county, that they experience great inconvenience for the want of sufficient streets, lanes and alleys, in said village; therefore,

Commissioners to survey, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of Denton, or a majority of them, or their successors, to survey and lay off ten acres of land, adjoining said village, in addition to forty acres directed to be laid off by the original act to which this is a supplement, and in the same manner as is directed to be laid off in said original act.

Lay off one quarter of an acre, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, to survey and lay off one quarter of an acre of land from the public square in Denton, for the purpose of building a school-house thereon; that is to say, the said one quarter of an acre of land shall be laid off from the north-west corner of said public square, and when they have so done, and marked and bounded the same as they are directed to mark and bound the lot by the said original act to which this is a supplement, and shall return a plot of said lot so surveyed and laid off, with a certificate, to the clerk of the county court, to be recorded by him as part of the plot of said village, then the right of the said one quarter of an acre of land shall be and is hereby fully vested in the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, for the purpose of a school in Denton.

Remove nuisances, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, to remove, or cause to be removed, from the streets, lanes and alleys, all nuisances and obstructions whatsoever, that is, shall or may be, within the limits of said village, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And lay a tax, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of defraying the necessary expence of surveying and laying off said village, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, to lay an equal tax on all the real property within the limits of said village, by some person to be appointed by them, or a majority of them, or their successors, who shall take an oath to make true valuation thereof in current money of Maryland, to the best of his skill and judgment, and to make a true return thereof in such reasonable time as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, shall require; which said oath may be administered by any justice of the peace for the county, or any one of the said commissioners, after they shall have qualified as the original act directs; provided, that in no case the tax so laid shall exceed fifty cents in the hundred pounds; and in case any of the owners of the real property in said village shall refuse or neglect to pay the sums so charged to them by virtue of this act, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to cause the same to be collected as small debts are collected out of court before a single justice of the peace; provided always, that notice in writing be made of the amount of said debt, and left at the house or houses of the person or persons at least three months before such demand be made.