

as may be prescribed by ordinance, after due notice in writing, and opportunity to be heard in his defence, under the rules and regulations hereinafter set forth. That whenever charges are preferred in writing under oath, and filed with the Mayor, by any person, against such officer, for any or all of the offenses named or provided for as above, it shall be his duty to have the accused duly served with a copy of such charges, and shall set a day to inquire into the truth of such charges, and shall notify the accused and the members of said Council, and the witnesses for and against the accused, to be present, and the said Mayor and Council shall constitute a court to try and determine said case, and are hereby invested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine said charges, and may continue the investigation from day to day, upon proper showing, to enable the accused or prosecutor to get material evidence before said Council. The accused shall have the right to be heard in person or by counsel, and the said Mayor and Council shall likewise be represented by counsel, if they desire it. Upon the conclusion of the investigation and argument of the cause a vote shall be taken on each charge and specification, and if a majority of all the members of the said Mayor and Council vote to sustain either of the charges against the accused, said Mayor and Council shall enter, or cause to be entered, its judgment, in which shall be recorded the vote of each member of the Council upon the several charges and specifications, and an order shall be entered removing the accused from his office, and declaring the same vacant, but if the vote is otherwise, the accused shall be declared "not guilty" and judgment entered accordingly.

#### ASSESSMENT AND TAXES.

122D. The Mayor and Council of Chestertown in the month of July shall have the power to levy annually a tax on the assessable property of said town for the general purposes of said corporation not exceeding in any one year seventy-five cents (\$.75) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of said assessable property, which shall be a lien on all of said property, real, personal and mixed, within said town until paid, and said taxes shall be due and payable on or before the first day of September, and interest shall be chargeable on such taxes, if not paid on or before December 31st, from date when due.