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Public Local Laws.

Public Local Laws

For Talbot County,

PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, AT THE JANUARY SESSION, 1882.

(OFFICIAL.)

A BILL

Entitled an Act to authorize the Commissioners of Easton to borrow a sum of money, for the payment of a certain debt due by said Commissioners, and heretofore contracted to meet the necessary expenses of the town of Easton, to issue bonds for the payment of the same, and to levy and collect taxes for the redemption of said Bonds, and the payment of interest accruing thereon.

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Easton, the municipal corporation created by the laws of the State, is indebted in the sum of ten thousand dollars, heretofore contracted on account of sundry necessary expenses of said Corporation, over and above its annual revenues, and whereas the annual revenues derived from taxes now authorized to be levied on the taxable property within the limits of said Corporation, after discharging the current expenses of said Corporation, are wholly insufficient for the payment of the said indebtedness or any part thereof,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purpose of paying and discharging said indebtedness, the Commissioners of Easton, duly elected and qualified in accordance with the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from time to time the requisite sum of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Easton, duly elected and qualified as aforesaid, be and they are hereby further authorized and empowered to issue bonds in the name of "The Commissioners of Easton," in sums of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the said Commissioners, and counter-signed by the Clerk of said Commissioners, not exceeding in the whole the sum of ten thousand dollars as aforesaid, bearing interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January, and on the first day of July, in each and every year, provided due notice shall be given in the newspapers printed and published in Talbot County, inviting proposals for the purchase of said Bonds, and the same shall be disposed of to the highest cash bidder, and for not less than the par value thereof, and the said bonds shall be exempt from county and municipal taxation.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said bonds shall be issued payable ten years from the date thereof, and redeemable at any time after the expiration of three years from the date thereof, at the pleasure of said commissioners of Easton duly elected and qualified as aforesaid, and the said bonds shall be consecutively numbered as the same shall be issued.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Easton, duly elected and qualified as aforesaid be and they are hereby authorized and required in each and every year to levy and collect a special tax not exceeding ten cents on every one hundred dollars worth of taxable property of all kinds and descriptions, liable to assessment and taxation within the corporate limits of the town of Easton as now established by law to pay the interest on the outstanding Bonds, by them issued under the provisions of this act, as the same shall fall due, and to gradually redeem and retire such bonds, until they shall have all been redeemed and retired; and the proceeds of such tax shall be paid to the said Commissioners and forthwith applied by them to the redemption of said bonds, when and as soon as they become redeemable, and the said proceeds are hereby inviolably pledged to the payment of the interest and principal of the said bonds.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That so much of the proceeds of the tax hereby authorized and required to be levied and collected, as may be applicable to the redemption and payment of the principal of the bonds issued under this act, and which may be collected and received by the Commissioners of Easton for and during the three years next preceding the time after which the said bonds are made redeemable at the pleasure of the said Commissioners, when and as soon as the same may be received in each of said years, shall be invested by the said Commissioners in the purchase of said Bonds, provided, the same in the judgment of the said Commissioners, can be obtained at a fair and reasonable price, and if said Bonds cannot be so obtained, then and in that case such proceeds, as soon as conveniently may be, shall be invested by the said Commissioners, in such other interest bearing securities, readily convertable into money, as the said Commissioners may determine, and the said securities shall be sold and the proceeds thereof applied to the redemption of the said bonds, when and as soon as the same are redeemable at the pleasure of the said commissioners.

SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Easton shall cause a separate and distinct account to be kept of the number and amount of the Bonds which may be issued under this act, of the person or persons by whom the same may be taken or held, of the amount received in each year from the tax hereby authorized to be levied, and of the disposition thereof, and when and as soon as one or more of the said bonds are purchased or redeemed, the same shall be cancelled and destroyed, and a memorandum of such cancellation and destruction, describing such bond or bonds, shall be entered on said account.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We hereby certify, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1882.

Approved March 21, 1882.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
J. M. MILLER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AN ACT

To repeal Section 81, of Article 20, of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to Talbot county, sub-title "Easton," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section eighty-one, of Article Twenty, of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Talbot county, sub-title "Easton," as the same was re-enacted and amended by the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter two hundred and ten, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the said section eighty-one, of Article twenty, of the Code of Public Local Laws, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:—

Sec. 81. All fines, penalties and forfeitures herein imposed for the violation of the charter of the town of Easton, or which may be hereafter imposed therefor, by any law of this State; and all fines, penalties and forfeitures which now are, or may be hereafter lawfully imposed by any by-law or ordinance of said town, may be recovered before any Justice of the Peace residing in the said town, and upon complaint made before him of the violation of any such law, by-law or ordinance, the said Justice shall issue process in the name of "The Commissioners of Easton" for the recovery of the fine, penalty or forfeiture imposed for the violation of such law, by-law or ordinance, against the party offending, and may hear and determine the matter and render judgment therein as in any case arising under the laws of this State, and shall receive the same fees therefor, and the said Justice shall in default of payment of such fine, penalty or forfeiture, or full and ample security for the same, satisfactory to said Justice, payable within thirty days thereafter, for the recovery of which judgment may be rendered by him and costs, commit the party defendant to said judgment to the County Jail of Talbot county for a period of not exceeding thirty days, and the Sheriff of Talbot county shall receive and confine the party so committed, and shall be entitled to the same compensation therefor as is now allowed by law for the custody of prisoners to be paid by the Commissioners of Talbot county. If any person or persons shall violate any of the ordinances of the town of Easton, under the charter of said town, by loud or boisterous talking, cursing or swearing, or using profane or vulgar language, or otherwise, in any manner whatsoever disturb the peace and good order of the said town of Easton, or shall obstruct the street or sidewalks in any manner whatever, or violate any ordinance relating to the market of the town of Easton aforesaid, it shall be lawful and is hereby made the duty of the bailiff of said town, or the sheriff or constable, or other municipal officers of Talbot county to arrest the person or persons so offending or violating the ordinances as aforesaid, and take him, her or them before some Justice of the Peace of said town, and upon conviction of said offense or offenses the said offender or offenders shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than twenty dollars, with costs, and in default of payment of the fine and costs aforesaid, or security aforesaid, the party or parties shall be committed to the county jail as in like cases of default is herein provided. All fines and penalties and forfeitures so secured shall be paid to the Commissioners of Easton and shall form a part of the revenues of said town, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Easton to keep an accurate account of the receipt of all fines, penalties and forfeitures, and of all revenues received from taxes and from all other sources in each and every year, and of the expenditures thereof, and within thirty days after the end of each and every year to publish in the newspapers printed in the town of Easton an accurate and itemized statement of all salaries paid to officers of every kind of said town, or extra pay for any duties performed by said officers not within the scope of duties prescribed by said Commissioners, or in any manner paid or allowed to persons employed by them, omitting the name or names of each individual laborer or laborers by the day in cleaning the streets of said town, or other labor, but giving a general summary thereof under appropriate heads for the information of the inhabitants of said town.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1882.

Approved March 17th, 1882.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
J. M. MILLER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AN ACT

To legalize the erection of a Town Hall and offices by the Easton Town Hall Company over the Market House in the town of Easton and to authorize the Commissioners of said town to convey by lease the privilege of maintaining said Hall and Offices by the payment of a nominal rental by said Town Hall Company.

WHEREAS, The Easton Town Hall Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, has by the permission and consent of the Commissioners of the Town of Easton erected a Town Hall and sundry offices over the Market House in said town, and has agreed to pay a nominal rental of one cent a year for said privilege, and

WHEREAS, The said Town Hall Company is desirous of securing such title to the privileges which it now enjoys by the consent of the said Town Commissioners as will enable it to legally hold and maintain with undisputed right said Hall and offices.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Commissioners of the Town of Easton be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to convey to the President and Directors of the Easton Town Hall Company, by a good and sufficient deed or conveyance for a period of ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, the right to maintain, hold and enjoy the Town Hall and offices and appurtenances thereunto belonging, erected over the Market House in the town of Easton at and for the rental of one cent annually, with the right of ingress and egress to said Hall and offices by the said Company, its officers and employees as well as its lessees and tenants at all times without molestation or hindrance on the part of the said Commissioners of Easton or those acting by or under their authority.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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Approved March 21, 1882.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
J. M. MILLER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AN ACT

To repeal Section sixty-two, of Article twenty, of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Talbot County, sub-title "Easton," and re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section sixty-two, of article twenty of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Talbot county, sub-title "Easton," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 62. The said Commissioners may levy and collect from the owner or owners, keeper or keepers, a tax of one dollar on every dog, and two dollars on every bitch owned, kept or harbored in said town, and may authorize the killing of any dog or bitch in default of the owner or owners to pay such tax, or whose owner or owners, keeper or keepers cannot be ascertained.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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Approved February 17th, 1882.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
J. M. MILLER,
Secretary of the Senate.

A BILL

Entitled an act to repeal Section six, of Chapter one hundred and forty-three of the acts Assembly passed at the January Session of eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act for the better protection of partridges, woodcock and rabbits, and to prevent trespassing with dog or gun on private property in Talbot county."

SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section six, of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the acts of the General Assembly, passed at January Session, eighteen hundred and eighty, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2 Be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1882.

Approved February 17th, 1882.

JOSEPH B. SETH,
Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.
J. M. MILLER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AN ACT

Entitled an Act to authorize the Commissioners of the town of Oxford, in Talbot county, to construct a causeway.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Commissioners of the town of Oxford, in Talbot county, be and they are hereby authorized in their discretion to construct a causeway to connect the said town with Stewart's or Town Island.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the aforegoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January Session, 1882.

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Poetry.

HOPE.

O birds that fly by ocean's rim,
And make your plaint to silent sky;
O waves that crip horizon's dim
Ye shall be tranquil by-and-bye.

O rose tree giving petals fair
In some lost garden lone to die,
Weep not because your stems are bare,
They shall reblossom by-and-bye.

O singer, singing in the night,
Turn not and curse the heavens and die;
Your heritage is peace and light—
You shall be richer by-and-bye

—*Edward King.*

Wanhope.

What is hope? A shifting rainbow
Children follow through the wet;
'Tis not here, still yonder, yonder,
Never urchin found it yet.

What is life? A thawing iceberg
On a sea with sunny shore;
Gay, we sail; it melts beneath us;
We are sunk and seen no more.

What is man? A foolish baby;
Vainly strives and fights and frets;
Demanding all, deserving nothing;
One small grave is all he gets.

Thomas Carlyle.

Select Story.

AUNT AND NIECE.

"Bessie, Bessie, you're a very foolish child," said her Aunt Mary.

"But I can't help it," said Bessie Norton, piteously.

"Help it! nonsense," said her aunt. "Here I am over forty, and I'm not in love; no, nor likely to be."

"But, Aunt Mary," meekly pleaded the blue eyed little damsel, "only think of the difference between forty and seventeen!"

Mary Hepworth rubbed her nose vehemently.

"Upon my word, Bessie," said she, "I don't know what to do about this ridiculous business of yours. Dear, dear, I don't know what this world is coming to anyway."

"But I am seventeen argued Bessie, and I danced at the last charity ball, and my dresses are all made with long trains. Besides, George says I am his guardian angel!"

"Oh, fiddlesticks!" cried Aunt Mary, what do you want with a husband?"

"All the girls have husbands," returned Bessie.

"Aren't you happy as you are?"

"Y—yes," confessed Bessie; "but I—I think I should be happier if I were married to George."

"And why, in the name of reason?" demanded Mary.

"Because he loves me!"

And the deep roses came into Bessie's cheek as she spoke.

"Loves you!" scornfully echoed Mary—"loves your money!"

"I have no money," said innocent Bessie; "so it can't be that."

Mary laughed a hard laugh.

"It has never yet occurred to her mind that she is my heiress, and that the people call me the rich old maid," thought Mary to herself. "Poor little unconscious dove. And for her, of all people in the world, to become the prey of a fortune hunter! I won't have it—so there."

And she turned once more to Bessie.

"Bessie," said she, coaxingly, "do oblige me and give up this foolish notion of a husband."

"Oh, Aunt," cried the girl, "really I couldn't."

"I'll give you the diamond cross that you fancied last week."

"Oh, Aunt!"

"Or come—you shall have a summer at Saratoga."

"I don't want to go to Saratoga."

"Would you prefer going abroad?" urged the elder lady. "I don't like sea voyages, but anything would be preferable to wrecking your future."

"I—I think I prefer George, Aunt," faltered Bessie. "That is, if you won't be angry."

"You will rush headlong on your fate then?" cried Mary;

"Yes," confessed Bessie. "I think that if you don't object, I will."

"Bessie," said Aunt Mary, "I never denied you anything yet, and I don't suppose I shall deny you this. Tell George Dickson to come and see me. And if he is really in earnest——"

"Oh, Aunt, there never was any one half so much in earnest as we two are," fervently interrupted Bessie, clasping her hands.

"Yes, yes, I daresay," said Mary; "very well, as I was remarking, I'll take it into consideration."

And Bessie sat down and wrote a little pink note to her lover:

"DEAREST GEORGE:—Aunt Mary has relented, and you are to come and see her at once. Oh, joy, joy! Yours Eternally, BESSIE."

And she called the gardener's boy and gave him twenty-five cents to post the letter immediately.

Mr. George Dickson, being like his fair fiancee, very much in earnest, lost no time in responding to this rose-scented summons.

"Frank," he said to his law partner and particular friend, "you'll stand by a fellow low, won't you?"

"To the death," said Frank Wright.

"Then come with me to face Bessie's old aunt," said Dickson. "For it all depends upon her—our future I mean. Bessie is such a dear, dutiful little kitten that she will never marry without her aunt's consent."

"That's the situation of affairs, eh?" said Mr. Wright. "And where does this arbitress of your destiny reside?"

"In the Bloomingdale road," said Mr. Dickson; "but you see, rich or poor, it makes no difference to me. It's her niece I want—not her money."

"Money is a convenience, for all that," thoughtfully remarked Wright. "Yes, I'll help you to face the music. At what hour am I to present myself?"

"At ten to-morrow morning," said Dickson.

"Isn't that rather early?"

"The sooner I know my fate the better it will be for me," said Dickson. "Either I enter into the pale of paradise, or drown myself."

"What a thing it is to be in love," said Wright, yawningly.

"Mary! Mary! the spring-water! Tell the boy Dickson waits!" the old gentleman arrived.

"Go away," said Mary, without turning her head, as she held the unlocking of the garden gate. "You and the boy have broken down my lovely blue iris yesterday. Go away I say."

"I—I beg your pardon," said Mr. Dickson, in very—very—very—low—low tones. "I—I—I—