

Wren, Simon Summers, John Jackson and Thomas Gunnell, gentlemen, are hereby constituted trustees thereof.

3. The trustees of the said towns respectively, or a majority of them, shall cause a correct plan of the said towns, to be returned to the said county of Fairfax there to be recorded.

4. The trustees of the said towns respectively or a majority of them, are empowered to make such rules and orders for the regular building of houses therein, as to them shall seem best; and to settle and determine all disputes concerning the bounds of the lots. So soon as the owners of any lot within the said towns, shall have built a dwelling house thereon, equal to sixteen feet square, with a brick or stone chimney, such owner shall have and enjoy the same privileges and immunities, which the freeholders and inhabitants of other towns, not incorporated, hold and enjoy.

5. Vacancies by death or otherwise, of any one or more of the trustees of the said towns respectively, shall be supplied by the remaining trustees, and the persons so elected, shall have the same power as if they had been named in this act.

6. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

CHAP. 52.—An ACT to establish towns on the lands of Joseph Coones and John Spilman, in the county of Culpeper.
(Passed December 31, 1798.)

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That twenty-five acres of land, the property of Joseph Coones, in the county of Culpeper, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in John Fishback, Thomas Spilman, John Dillard, Philip Latham, Thomas Freeman, John Spilman, senior, Robert Freeman, Francis Payne and William Ferguson, gentlemen, trustees, to be by them, or a majority of them, laid off into lots of half an acre each, with convenient streets, and established a town by the name of Jefferson.

2. That twenty acres of land, the property of John Spilman, in the county of Culpeper, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in Thomas Spilman, Elisha Matthews, John Fletcher, William Tapp and John Spilman, senior, gentlemen, trustees, to be by them, or a majority of them, laid off into lots of half an acre each, with convenient streets, and established a town by the name of Springfield.

3. So soon as the lands of the said Joseph Coones and John Spilman, shall be respectively laid off into lots, the trustees of each, or a majority of them, shall proceed to sell the same at public auction, for the best price that can be had, the time and place of the sale shall be previously advertised for two months, in one of the Fredericksburg newspapers, and convey the same to the purchasers in fee, subject to the condition of building on each lot a dwelling house, the superficial content of the foundation whereof is twelve feet square, or equal to that quantity, with a brick or stone chimney, to be finished fit for habitation within five years from the day of sale; and to pay the money arising from the sales of the said lots, to the proprietors of the said lands, or their legal representatives.

4. The trustees of the said towns respectively, or a majority of them, are empowered to make such rules and orders for the regular building of houses therein, as to them shall seem best, and to settle and determine all disputes about the bounds of the said lots.

5. So soon as the purchasers of lots in the said towns, shall have built thereon according to the conditions of their respective deeds of conveyance, they shall then be entitled to, and have and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities, which the freeholders and inhabitants of other towns in this state, not incorporated, hold and enjoy.

6. If the purchaser of any lot in either of the said towns, shall fail to build thereon, within the time herein before limited for that purpose, the trustees of the said town, where such failure happen, may thereupon enter into such lot, and sell the same again, and apply the money for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said town.

7. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

CHAP. 53.—An ACT to enable the freeholders of the county of Harrison, residing within that part thereof to be erected into a new county, by the name of Wood, to give their suffrages at the next election, within the bounds of the said intended county.

[Passed January 10, 1799.]

Whereas the extent and particular situation of the county of Harrison, renders it highly inconvenient, and almost impossible for a considerable part of the freeholders thereof, to attend the various elections in the said county, at the place where the same are now held; and whereas it is unjust, that those persons would on this account be deprived of their rights of suffrage:

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the sheriff or any deputy sheriff for the aforesaid county, shall on the fourth Wednesday in April next, cause a poll to be taken at the house of Hugh Phelps, near the mouth of the Little Kanawha, in the manner prescribed by an act, intituled, "An act concerning elections of members of general assembly," for the purpose of receiving the votes of all freeholders of the said county, who shall reside in that part thereof, lately erected into a new county by the name of Wood, as well for representatives in the state legislature, as a member of this state in the congress of the United States: And the said sheriff or his deputy, shall cause the number of votes so taken, to be added to the poll taken at the courthouse of the said county of Harrison, which shall be to all intents and purposes as valid in the election of a representative to the congress of the United States, and of members of the state legislature, as if said votes had been given at the courthouse aforesaid.

2. This act shall commence and be in force from the passing thereof.

CHAP. 54.—An ACT to establish a town on the lands of William Skinker, in the county of Prince William.

(Passed January 11, 1799.)

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That the land of William Skinker, lying at the place known by the name of the Red House, in the county of Prince William, as the same is already laid off into lots, with convenient streets, shall be established a town, by the name of Hay-Market, and that Henry Washington, Bernard Hoee, Edward Carter, Edmund Brooke, Richard Alexan-

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der, William Tyler, George Tyler, Washington J. Washington and Matthew Whiting, are hereby constituted trustees thereof.

Empowered to make by-laws for the government thereof.

2. The said trustees, or a majority of them, shall have power from time to time, to settle and determine all disputes concerning the bounds of the said lots, and to make such rules and regulations for the building of houses thereon, as to them shall seem most proper.

Privileges of lot holders therein.

3. The purchasers of lots, when they shall have respectively built thereon, according to the conditions of their deeds, shall have the same rights, privileges and immunities, which the freeholders of other towns in this state, not incorporated hold and enjoy.

Vacancies in the office of trustees, how supplied.

4. In case of the death, resignation or removal out of the county, of any of the said trustees, it shall be lawful for the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, to supply such vacancy; and the persons so elected, shall have the same power as if they had been particularly named in this act.

Commencement.

5. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

CHAP. 55.—An ACT to amend the act, intituled, "An act to establish a town and an inspection of tobacco, on the lands of John Nelson, in the county of Mecklenburg, and for other purposes."

(Passed January 11, 1799.)

Preamble.

Whereas the ferry established from the land of John Nelson, in the county of Mecklenburg, across the thoroughfare of Dan and Staunton, to the opposite shore, has been found inconvenient:

Former ferry discontinued and one established in lieu thereof at place herein mentioned.

1. *Be it therefore enacted*, That the said ferry shall henceforth be discontinued at the said place, and that a ferry shall be established from the land of the said John Nelson, known as the Mill Quarter landing, in the said county of Mecklenburg, across Staunton river, to the Fork landing, in the county of Halifax.

Name of town of Nelson altered to that of Little York.

2. That the name of the town established on the lands of the said John Nelson, shall instead of Nelson, be called and known by the name of Little York; and that the inspection of tobacco, established on the land of the said John Nelson, shall henceforth be called and known by the name of Nelson's warehouse.

Commencement.

3. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

CHAP. 56.—An ACT concerning the town of Harrisonburg in the county of Rockingham.

(Passed January 16, 1799.)

Trustees of Harrisonburg empowered to open streets and make regulations for the better government of the town, according to the power herein given them.

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly*, That the trustees of the town of Harrisonburg, in the county of Rockingham, for the time being, and their successors, or a majority of them, shall have power to open and repair from time to time, the streets and alleys in the said town, and for that purpose to require the male labouring tithables resident therein, to work on such streets and alleys, and to appoint one or more surveyors thereof; to establish a market and appoint a clerk thereof, with such salary as they shall judge proper; to regulate weights and measures; to open two public wells, and keep the same fit for use, if necessary; to impose fines not exceeding four dollars for any one offence, to be recovered in the name of the trustees by warrant before a justice of the peace, and applied to the purposes of this act; and to make such by-laws, rules and regula-

tions, as the said trustees, or a majority of them shall deem most proper for carrying this act into effect.

2. The male labouring tithables within the said town shall be, and they are hereby exempted from working on the roads without the limits of the said town; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Tithables in said town exempted from working on roads.

3. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

Commencement.

CHAP. 57.—An ACT to incorporate a librarian society at Front Royal in the county of Frederick.

(Passed January 18, 1799.)

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly*, That the librarian society, at Front Royal, in the county of Frederick, shall be, and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, by the name of the "Front Royal Librarian Society," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal; and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, with power to make such by-laws, rules and regulations for their conduct and government, as to them shall seem best.

Librarian society at Front Royal incorporated with certain powers herein mentioned.

2. The officers of the said librarian society, shall consist of a president, treasurer, two directors, and librarian.

Officers of the society.

3. The president and directors shall be chosen by the said society on the first Saturday in April, annually; who, or a majority of them shall have power to appoint a treasurer and librarian, and ascertain their salaries.

President and directors how chosen.

4. All penalties imposed on the members of the said society, and librarian, shall be recoverable on motion, in the court of the said county of Frederick, where the sum amounts to five dollars or upwards, and if under that sum, by warrant before a magistrate, in either case with costs.

Penalties imposed on members how recoverable.

5. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

Commencement.

CHAP. 58.—An ACT concerning John Hutcheson, John Rogers and William M'Clung.

(Passed January 11, 1799.)

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly*, That the governor of this commonwealth, by and with the advice of the council of state, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to examine and liquidate the claim of John Hutcheson, John Rogers and William M'Clung, and thereupon to make them such allowance for the services performed by them, as commissioners under an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, intituled, "An act for assessing the lands in the counties of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph," as he the said governor shall be advised, is just and reasonable, without the certificate of the court of Greenbrier, required by the fifth section of said act; and shall direct the auditor of public accounts, to issue to the said John Hutcheson, John Rogers and William M'Clung, a warrant or warrants on the treasurer for such sum as shall be allowed them, payable out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law.

Executive to settle account of J. Hutcheson and others; and make them for services by them performed such allowance as shall seem just.

2. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

Commencement.