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## By AUTHORITY.

### AN ACT
*To amend the charter of George-town.*

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the ſecond Monday in March current, the corporation of George Town, in the diſtrict of Columbia, ſhall be divided into two branches; the firſt branch to be compoſed of five members and a recorder, and to be called the board of aldermen; and the ſecond branch to be compoſed of eleven members, and to be called the board of common council men; which ſaid two branches ſhall be elected as hereafter particularly provided.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That immediately after the paſſage of this act, and before the ſaid day above mentioned, the preſent members of the ſaid corporation ſhall meet at their uſual place of meeting, and then and there chooſe by ballot, from their body, five perſons to compoſe the ſaid board of aldermen, which ſaid perſons, when choſen as aforeſaid, ſhall compoſe the ſaid board of aldermen, and be, and continue ſuch, until the fourth Monday in February 1806; and that the preſent recorder of the ſaid corporation ſhall be the Preſident of the ſaid board of aldermen, until the time laſt aforeſaid: that the other members of the ſaid corporation, (except the mayor) ſhall compoſe the ſaid ſecond branch, called the board of common council men, and be, and continue ſuch, until the time aforeſaid, and ſhall chooſe, out of their own body, a preſident, to be, and continue ſuch until the time aforeſaid—and when thus organiſed, ſaid corporation ſhall have, exerciſe, and poſſeſs, all the powers and rights now veſted in the ſaid corporation, and to be herein and hereby veſted in them.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the preſent mayor of the corporation of George-town, ſhall be, and continue ſuch, until the firſt Monday of January next.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That on the fourth Monday of February next, the free white male citizens of George town, of full age, and having reſided within the town aforeſaid, twelve months previouſly, and having paid tax to the corporation ſhall aſſemble at a place to be appointed, as hereafter directed, and then and there ſhall proceed to elect, by ballot, five fit and proper perſons, citizens of the United States, and reſidents of the ſaid town, one whole year next before the ſaid day of election, above twenty one years of age, and having paid a tax to ſaid corporation, to compoſe the ſaid board of aldermen; and ſhall alſo at the ſame time proceed as aforeſaid, to elect eleven fit and proper perſons, having the qualifications laſt aforeſaid, to compoſe the ſaid board of common council; the ſaid board of aldermen to continue two years, and the ſaid board of common council to continue one year: and the ſaid mayor, together with ſuch other fit perſons as ſhall be named and appointed by the ſaid corporation, ſhall be judges of the election, and the five perſons voted for as aldermen, who ſhall have the greateſt number of legal votes on the final caſting up of the polls, ſhall be declared duly elected for the board of aldermen; and the eleven perſons voted for as common council, who ſhall have the greateſt number of legal votes upon the final caſting up of the polls, ſhall be declared duly elected for the board of common council; and that the like election for aldermen be held on the fourth Monday in February, every two years thereafter: and for the ſaid common council, on the ſaid fourth Monday in February annually, forever thereafter.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That on the firſt Monday of January next, and on the ſame day annually, forever thereafter, the ſaid corporation ſhall, by a joint ballot of the ſaid two branches preſent, chooſe ſome fit and proper perſon to be mayor of the ſaid corporation, and ſome fit and proper perſon, learned in the law, to be the recorder of the ſaid corporation, to continue in office one year.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted* That the ſaid mayor, before he acts as ſuch, and the ſaid recorder, before he acts as ſuch, ſhall reſpectively make oath, before ſome juſtice of the peace, for the county of Waſhington aforeſaid, in the preſence of both branches of the ſaid corporation, that he will well and faithfully diſcharge the ſeveral and reſpective duties of his office; and that each member of the ſaid two branches ſhall, before he acts as ſuch, in the preſence of the corporation, take an oath to diſcharge the duties and truſt repoſed in him, with integrity and fidelity.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That four members of the board of aldermen, and ſeven members of the board of common council, ſhall form a quorum to do buſineſs—the ſaid corporation ſhall hold two ſeſſions in each year; one to commence on the firſt Monday in March, and the other on the firſt Monday in December, with power to adjourn from day to day, to be held at ſuch place as the mayor may deſignate, not otherwiſe provided for by ordinance: *Provided always*, That the mayor ſhall have power, on urgent occaſions, to convene ſaid corporation, on application of at leaſt five members, in writing, giving reaſonable notice of ſuch intended meeting.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the ſaid branches ſhall judge of the elections, qualifications and returns of its own members, and may compel the attendance of the members of each branch by reaſonable penalties; and either branch ſhall have power to appoint their preſident, pro tempore, in caſe of the abſence of the one duly choſen as aforeſaid; any ordinance may originate in either branch, and no ordinance ſhall be paſſed, but by a majority of both branches, nor unleſs it ſhall paſs both branches during the ſame ſeſſion, and be approved of by the mayor, who ſhall ſign the ſame, unleſs he objects thereto within forty-eight hours from the time the ſame is preſented to him for ſignature, if he does ſo object, he ſhall immediately return the ſame to the ſaid corporation, with his objections in writing, and if, on reconſideration, two thirds of each branch of the corporation, ſhall be of opinion that the ſaid law ought to be paſſed, it ſhall, notwithſtanding the objections of the mayor, become a law, and he ſhall ſign the ſame; if the ſaid mayor ſhall not return his objections to the ſame, to the ſaid corporation, within the time aforeſaid, it ſhall become a law, and ſhall be ſigned by him; the clerk of the corporation ſhall record, in a book to be kept by him for that purpoſe, all the laws and reſolutions which ſhall be paſſed as aforeſaid, and deliver a copy of them to the public printer, to be printed by him for the uſe of the people.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That in caſe the aldermen compoſing the firſt branch, ſhall at any time, on any queſtion before them, be equally divided, the recorder ſhall have the caſting vote, and determine ſuch queſtion to the ſame effect as if the ſame had been determined by a majority of the aldermen preſent, and ſimilar power is hereby given to the preſident of the ſecond branch, in caſe of an equal diviſion in that body.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it ſhall be the duty of the mayor, to ſee that the laws of the corporation be duly executed, and to report the negligence or miſconduct of any officer to the ſaid corporation; who on ſatisfactory proof thereof, may remove from office the ſaid delinquent, or take ſuch other meaſures thereupon as ſhall be juſt and lawful; he ſhall lay before the ſaid corporation from time to time, in writing, ſuch alterations in the laws of the ſaid corporation as he ſhall deem neceſſary and proper; he ſhall have and exerciſe the powers of a juſtice of the peace in the ſaid town; and ſhall receive for his ſervices, annually, a juſt and reaſonable compenſation to be allowed and fixed by the ſaid corporation; no perſon ſhall be eligible to the ſaid office of mayor unleſs a citizen of the United States of the age of thirty years, a reſident of the ſaid town for five years then laſt paſt, and unleſs he ſhall have paid a tax to ſaid corporation.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That in caſe of a vacancy in either branch of the ſaid corporation, by death, removal or otherwiſe, of either of the members, a fit perſon or perſons qualified as aforeſaid, ſhall be elected by the people in the manner aforeſaid, to fill ſuch vacancy immediately thereafter, the mayor giving however at leaſt five days notice of ſuch election: and in caſe of the vacancy of the mayor or recorder, the ſaid corporation ſhall, within five days thereafter, as herein before directed, proceed to the choice of a fit perſon or perſons, qualified as aforeſaid, to fill his or their place.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the ſaid corporation, ſhall have power to impoſe a tax not exceeding in any one year fifty cents in the hundred dollars, on all property within the ſaid town, and the ſeſſions of the ſaid corporation ſhall be held as heretofore, until the ſaid ſecond Monday in March current; and the ſaid corporation ſhall have, poſſeſs and enjoy all the rights, immunities, privileges and powers heretofore enjoyed by them; and ſhall be called by the ſame name as heretofore, and ſhall have perpetual ſucceſſion; and in addition thereto they ſhall have power to regulate the inſpection of flour, and tobacco in ſaid town, to prevent the introduction of contagious diſeaſes within ſaid town and precincts, to eſtabliſh night watches and patroles, and erect lamps; to regulate the ſtationing, anchorage and mooring of veſſels; to provide for regulating and licenſing ordinaries, auctions and retailers of liquors, hackney carriages, waggons, carts and drays within ſaid town and precincts; to reſtrain or prohibit gambling; to provide for licenſing, regulating or reſtraining theatrical or other public amuſements; to regulate and eſtabliſh markets; to paſs all laws for the regulation of weights and meaſures; to provide for the licenſing and regulating the ſweeping of chimneys, and fixing the rates thereof; to eſtabliſh and regulate fire wards and fire companies; to regulate and eſtabliſh the ſize of bricks to be made and uſed within ſaid town; the inſpection of ſalted proviſions, and the aſſize of bread to ſink wells, and erect and repair pumps in the ſtreets; to impoſe and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures for breach of their ordinances; to erect work houſes; to open, extend and regulate ſtreets within the limits of the ſaid town, provided they make to the perſon or perſons who may be injured by ſuch opening, extenſion or regulation juſt and adequate compenſation to be aſcertained by the verdict of an impartial jury to be ſummoned, and ſworn by a juſtice of the peace of the county of Waſhington, and to be formed of twenty three men who ſhall proceed in like manner as has been uſual in other caſes where private property has been condemned for public uſe; and they ſhall have the power of reſtraining, regulating and directing the manner of building wharves and docks; alſo to direct the manner in which the improvements thereon to be erected ſhall be made, ſo that they may not become injurious to the health of the town; in addition to the power heretofore granted to the ſaid corporation by the act of Congreſs, entitled "An act additional to and amendatory of an act, entitled "An act concerning the diſtrict of Columbia," of laying a tax of two dollars per foot front, for paving the ſtreets, lanes and alleys of the ſaid town, they ſhall have the power upon petition in writing of a majority of the holders of the real property fronting on any ſtreet or alley, if in their judgment it ſhall be deemed neceſſary, to lay ſuch further and additional ſum on each foot front on ſaid ſtreet or part of a ſtreet, as will be ſufficient to pave ſaid ſtreet or part of a ſtreet, lane or alley ſo petitioned for; and the like remedy ſhall be uſed for the recovery thereof, as is now uſed for the recovery of the public county taxes in the ſaid county of Waſhington; and they ſhall have power by ordinance to direct or order the paved ſtreets to be cleanſed and kept clean, and appoint an officer for that purpoſe; to make and keep in repair all neceſſary ſewers and drains, and to paſs regulations neceſſary for the preſervation of the ſame.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the duties on all licenſes to be granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be to and for the proper uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation; and the ſaid corporation ſhall have power to paſs all laws not inconſiſtent with the laws of the United States, which may be neceſſary to give effect and operation to all the powers veſted in the ſaid corporation; and to appoint conſtables and collectors of the taxes, and all other officers who may be deemed neceſſary for the execution of their laws, whoſe duties and powers ſhall be preſcribed in ſuch manner as the ſaid corporation ſhall deem fit for the purpoſe aforeſaid.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the juriſdiction of the ſaid corporation ſhall extend to the limits of the original plan of ſaid town, and to ſuch additions as are recognized by law; and that a ſurvey as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſage of this law, ſhall be made, under the direction of the ſaid corporation, aſcertaining ſaid limits, and a plat thereof made and returned to ſaid corporation, which when approved of by them, ſhall be preſerved, and become a record.

NATHL. MACON,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
JOS. ANDERSON,
*President of the Senate* pro tempore.
March 3, 1805—APPROVED.
TH: JEFFERSON.

### AN ACT
*To continue in force "an act, declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of Maryland passed the twenty-eighth day of December 1793, for the appointment of a health-officer."*

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the conſent of Congreſs be, and is hereby granted and declared to the operation of an act of the General Aſſembly of Maryland, paſſed the twenty-eighth day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety three, intituled "An act to appoint a health officer for the port of Baltimore, in Baltimore county;" ſo far as to enable the ſtate aforeſaid to collect a duty of one cent per ton on all veſſels coming into the diſtrict of Baltimore, from a foreign voyage, for the purpoſes in ſaid act intended.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act ſhall be in force for nine years from the paſſing thereof, and from thence to the end of the next ſeſſion of Congreſs thereafter, and no longer.

NATHL. MACON,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
JOS: ANDERSON, *President of the Senate*, pro tempore.
March 1ſt, 1805.
APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

### AN ACT
*To authorise the Secretary of War, to issue military land warrants, and for other purposes.*

*Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of war, be and he hereby is authoriſed, from and after the paſſing of this act, to iſſue warrants for military bounty lands, to the ſixty-three perſons who have exhibited their claims, and produced ſatisfactory evidence, to ſubſtantiate the ſame to the Secretary of war, and alſo to ſuch perſons as ſhall, before the firſt day of April next, produce to him ſatisfactory evidence of the validity of their claims, in purſuance of the act of the twenty ſixth of April eighteen hundred and two, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act in addition to an act, regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the Heathen."

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the holders or proprietors of the land warrants, iſſued by virtue of the preceding ſection, ſhall and may locate their reſpective warrants, only on any unlocated parts of the fifty quarter townſhips, and the fractional quarter townſhips, which had been reſerved for original holders, by virtue of the fifth ſection of an act, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the Heathen."

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act, in addition to an act, entitled 'An act, in addition to an act regulating the grants of lands appropriated [illegible] military ſervices, and for the ſociety of the United Brethren, for propagating the goſpel among the Heathen," approved the 26th day of April, 1802, be and the ſame is hereby continued in force until the 1ſt day of March 1806.

NATHL. MACON,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
A. BURR,
*Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*
March 2, 1805.
APPROVED.
TH: JEFFERSON.

### AN ACT
*To establish the districts of Gennessee, of Buffaloe Creek, and of Miami; and to alter the port of entry of the district of Erie.*

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the thirty firſt day of March next, all the ſhores and waters of the lake Ontario, and the rivers and waters connected therewith, lying within the juriſdiction of the United States, and within the State of New York, to the weſtward of the weſtern extremity of Sodus bay, but excluding all the rivers and waters, emptying into the ſaid bay, and to the eaſtward of the eaſtern extremity of a certain creek or bay, lying between Niagara and the Geneſſee river, and known by the name of Oak Orchard creek, ſhall be a diſtrict, to be called the diſtrict of Geneſſee, of which the river Geneſſee ſhall be the ſole port of entry; and a collector for ſaid diſtrict ſhall be appointed, to reſide on the river Geneſſee.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the ſhores, rivers and waters, heretofore belonging to the diſtrict of Niagara, which empty into Lake Erie, or into the river Niagara, above the falls of Niagara, ſhall, from and after the thirty firſt day of March next, be a diſtrict, to be called the diſtrict of Buffaloe Creek, of which Buffaloe creek ſhall be the ſole port of entry; and a collector for the ſaid diſtrict ſhall be appointed, to reſide on Buffaloe Creek.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the thirty firſt day of March next, all the ſhores, rivers, and waters of lake Erie, within the juriſdiction of the United States, which lie between the weſt bank of Vermillion river, and the north cape, or extremity, of Miami bay, into which the river Miami of Lake Erie, empties itſelf, and including all the waters of the ſaid river Miami, ſhall be a diſtrict, to be called the diſtrict of Miami; and the Preſident of the United States is authoriſed to eſtabliſh ſuch place at or near Sanduſky, or on the ſaid river Miami, to be the port of entry, as he ſhall judge expedient, and alſo to eſtabliſh, not exceeding two other places, to be ports of delivery only; and a collector for the ſaid diſtrict ſhall be appointed, to reſide at the port of entry, and ſurveyors to reſide at ſuch ports of delivery as may be eſtabliſhed as aforeſaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Preſident be, and he is hereby authoriſed to deſignate ſuch place in the diſtrict of Erie, as he ſhall judge expedient, to be the port of entry of the ſaid diſtrict.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the ſeveral collectors and ſurveyors, who may be appointed by virtue of this act, or by virtue of the third ſection of an act, paſſed the third of March, one thouſand eight hundred and three, which authoriſes the eſtabliſhment of a new collection diſtrict on Lake Ontario, in addition to the fees and commiſſions allowed by law, reſpectively receive the ſame annual ſalary, which by law is allowed to the collectors and ſurveyors of the ſeveral diſtricts compriſing the northern and weſtern boundaries of the United States.

NATHL. MACON,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*
JOS. ANDERSON,
*President of the Senate pro-tempore.*
March 3, 1805—Approved,
TH: JEFFERSON.

### AN ACT
*Further to alter and establish certain post roads and for other purposes.*

*Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following poſt roads be diſcontinued, namely;

From Willieſville by Waldon's ſtore, Speed's and Wilſon's, Sterling Yancey's and Norman's ſtore, to Pearſon court houſe in North Carolina.

From Wilkes to Aſhe court houſe, in North Carolina.

From New Dublin by Tazewell, Ruſſell and Lee court houſe, to Cumberland Gap in Virginia.

From Georgetown by Concord and Laurel, to Saliſbury in Maryland.

From Ringo's tavern, to Flemington in New Jerſey.

From Worceſter to Lancaſter in Maſſachuſetts.

From Springfield to Northampton.

From Boſton to Bridgewater.

From Vincennes to Kaſkaſkias.

From Annapolis by Kent Iſland and Queenſtown to Centreville.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following poſt roads be eſtabliſhed;

*In Massachusetts.*

From Worceſter by Holden, Rutland, Hubbardſtown, Templeton, Winchendon and Fitzwilliam, to Keen in New-Hampſhire. From Weymouth landing by Abington, Eaſt Bridgewater and Weſt Bridgewater, to Taunton.

*In New Jersey.*

From Cooper's ferry by Haddinfield, Longacoming, Blue Anchor, Great Egg Harbor, River Bridge and Somers Point, to Abſecome in Gallaway townſhip.

*In Pennsylvania.*

From Alexandria by Centre Furnace and Bellefont, to Williamſport. From Briſtol by Attleboro', Newtown and Doyleſtown, to Quakertown. From New Hope through Doyleſtown, Montgomery's Square to Norriſtown: From Norriſtown by Pawlingsford, Pughtown,