No. 37.

JANUARY 5, 1809.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

Supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of George town."

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the following shall, and are hereby declared to be the limits of George town, in the district of Columbia, any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, that is to say: beginning in the middle of College street as laid down and designated in Fenwick's map of the said town, at or near to the bank of the river Potomac; thence by a straight line drawn northernly through the middle of said street to the middle of First street; thence by a line drawn through the middle of First street to a point drawn directly opposite to the termination of the eastern line of the lots now inclosed as the property of the College; thence northernly

13 by the eastern line of said inclosure as far as the same extends;
14 thence in the same northernly direction to the middle of Fourth
15 street; thence eastwardly by a line drawn along the middle of
16 Fourth street to a point at the distance of one hundred and twenty
17 feet westward from the west side of Fayette street; thence nor-
18 thernly by a line drawn parallel to Fayette street at the said
19 distance of one hundred and twenty feet westward from the west
20 side thereof, until it intersects a boundary line of Beatty and
21 Hawkins' addition to George town; thence westwardly by said
22 boundary line as far as it extends; thence by the courses and
23 distances of the several other boundary lines of Beatty and Haw-
24 kins' addition aforesaid; that is to say: westwardly, northwardly,
25 eastwardly and southwardly, to a point opposite to the middle
26 of Road street, and opposite or nearly opposite to the middle of
27 Eighth street; thence eastwardly by a line drawn through the
28 middle of Road street, as it now runs and as far as it extends;
29 thence eastwardly by a line drawn parallel to Back street, and
30 continued in the same direction to the middle of Rock creek;
31 thence by the middle of the same creek and the middle of the
32 Potomac river to a point directly opposite to the middle of College
33 street aforesaid; thence to the place of beginning.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation of
2 George town be, and they are hereby authorized and directed
3 to cause a complete and accurate survey to be made of the said
4 town agreeably to the courses and limits prescribed in the pre-
5 ceding section of this act, and to establish and fix, from time to

6 time, permanent boundaries at such places as they may deem ne-
7 cessary and proper for perpetuating the boundaries of the said
8 town, and after the said survey shall have been so made, and
9 approved by the corporation, the same shall be admitted to record
10 in the clerk's office for the county of Washington in the district
11 of Columbia.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the rights, powers
2 and privileges heretofore granted to the said corporation, by the
3 general assembly of Maryland, and by the act to which this is a
4 supplement, and which are at this time claimed and exercised by
5 them, shall be and remain in full force and effect, and may and
6 shall be exercised and enjoyed by them within the bounds and
7 limits set forth and described in the first section of this act.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation
2 shall have power to lay out, open, extend, and regulate streets,
3 lanes and alleys, within the limits of the town, as before describ-
4 ed, under the following regulations, that is to say: the mayor of
5 the town shall summon freeholders, inhabitants of
6 the town, not directly interested in the premises, who, being first
7 sworn to assess and value what damages would be sustained by
8 any person or persons by reason of the opening or extending any
9 street, lane or alley, (taking all benefits and inconveniences into
10 consideration) shall proceed to assess what damages would be
11 sustained by any person or persons whomsoever, by reason of
12 such opening or extension of the street, and shall also declare to
13 what amount in money each individual benefited thereby shall

14 contribute and pay towards compensating the person or persons
15 injured by reason of such opening and extension; and the names
16 of the person or persons so benefited, and the sums which they
17 shall respectively be obliged to pay, shall be returned under their
18 hands and seals to the clerk of the corporation to be filed and
19 kept in his office; and the person or persons benefited by open-
20 ing or extending any street, and assessed as aforesaid, shall re-
21 spectively pay the sums of money so charged and assessed to
22 them, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per an-
23 num, from the time limited for the payment thereof until paid;
24 and the sums of money assessed and charged in manner afore-
25 said to each individual benefited in manner aforesaid, shall be a
26 lien upon and bind all the property so benefited to the full
27 amount thereof: *Provided always*, that no street, lane or alley,
28 shall be laid out, opened or extended, until the damages assessed
29 to individuals in consequence thereof shall have been paid, or
30 secured to be paid.

1 Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the recorder of the cor-
2 poration shall be, and he is hereby declared to be a member of
3 the board of aldermen to all intents and purposes whatsoever.