

forty five feet in Length Adjoyning to the West End of the Land whereon the new Court House is to be built upon which to build a Prison and inclose a Yard to it And to rais as much money as shall be Agreed to be given for the Same or it shall be valued at and the other Charges if any Attending the Same by An Equal Assessment upon the Taxable Inhabitants of the Same County And Whereas it may so happen that the Person or Persons interested in the Land whereon the said Prison is Intended to be built may Willfully refuse to make Sale thereof or the Person or Persons so Interested therein through non age or Coverture or Non Sane Memorie or Other impediments or Disability may be unable to Do the Same Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority af^d that the said Justices or the Major Part of them are hereby Authorized by Virtue of this Act to Issue out a Warrant Directed to the Sheriff of Saint Marys County for the time being to Impower him to Impannell & return a Jury of Freeholders to Appear before the said Justices which Jury upon their Oath to be Administred by the s^d Sheriff are to Enquire & Assess such Damages & Recompence as they shall think Sufficient to be Awarded to the Owner or Owners And all Persons Interested according to their Severall & Respective Interest in the said Quantity of Land so by them Valued and what Sum of money the said Justices shall Agree for or the said Jury shall Adjudge the said Land to be worth shall be paid to the said Owners or Persons Interested by the said Justices out of the money so by them to be Levved which said Quantity of Land so as af^d Agreed for or Valued shall be Surveyed by the Surveyor of the County aforesaid and A Certificate thereof made & returned by the said Surveyor to the Clerk of the af^d to be Entered on the Records thereof as the undoubted bounds of the said Quantity of Land for Ever.

- Chap. VII A Supplementary Act To the Act Entituled an Act for the more
 p. 175 Effectual Punishment of Negroes & other Slaves and for Taking
 [Supple- away the Benefit of Clergy from Certain Offenders And to An Act
 ments 1729 Entituled an Act to Prevent the Tumultuous meeting and other
 ch. 24 and Irregularitys of Negroes & Other Slaves and Directing the Man-
 1723 ch. 15. ner of Trying of Slaves.
 Continued by 1740 ch. 7, 1744 ch. 18 and 1747 ch. 16]
- p. 176 Whereas the Laws in force for the Punishment of Slaves are found Insufficient to Prevent their Committing very great Crimes & Disorders and that a further Provision is Necessary to keep them in Proper Bounds & Due order & for a more Speedy Method to bring them to Justice than is Prescribed by the Laws heretofore made Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop^r by & with the Advice & Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the Same that if any Slave or Slaves shall at any time after the Publication