

Liber R. G. And be it hereby Declared and enacted That this present Act shall be taken and allowed as a publick Act and all Judges Justices and other Persons concerned are hereby required to take Notice thereof as such without pleading the same specially.

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[This Act to be a public Act.]

And be it further Enacted That all Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be incurred and recovered under this Act shall be received by the Sheriff of the County wherein such Recovery shall be had and be by such Sheriff paid after deducting five per Centum for his Commission one Half thereof to the Informer if any and the other Half thereof if any Informer or if no Informer then the whole in the Hands of the said Commissioners to be by them Lent out on Interest in Manner aforesaid—

[Fines and Forfeitures under this Act, how to be disposed of.]

Provided always and it is the true Intent and meaning of this Act that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed or taken to make any Tender of the said Bills of Credit in Discharge of any Contract whatsoever lawful except such Contracts as shall or may be made expressly and specifically for or for the Delivery of such Bills of Credit.

[Bills of Credit not a legal Tender, except under express Contract.]

Provided also and be it hereby enacted that no Commissioner or his Sureties shall be Liable by any Bond to be taken by Virtue of this Act for any ffault or Miscarriage in the Execution of any of the Trusts committed to the Commissioners aforesaid other than such as shall happen in the Time of the Continuance of the respective Commissioner.

[Commissioner, or his Sureties, liable only for Transactions during his Continuance of Office.]

And Whereas the Stadt House in the City of Annapolis is so much gone to Decay that it is become necessary to Build a new one as well for the Holding Assemblies and Provincial Courts as for providing safe and secure Repositories for the Public Records which are now kept in the present Stadt House,

[Decay of Stadt House, in Annapolis.]

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid That one good and Commodious House to be called the Stadt House shall be built as soon as conveniently may be in the City of Annapolis on the Hill whereon the present Stadt House stands to be well and securely covered with good Slate Tile or Lead under the Inspection and Direction of the Honourable Daniel Dulany, Esquire and Messieurs Thomas Johnson jun.^r John Hall, William Paca, Charles Carroll (Barrister) Lancelot Jacques and Charles Wallace who are hereby appointed Superintendants for that Purpose or the Major part of Them with good and convenient Rooms for the upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and for holding the Provincial Court seperate from each other two convenient Rooms for the use of Jurors attending the Provincial Court and four convenient Rooms for the use of Committees of the Lower House of Assembly And also good convenient safe and secure Rooms for Offices and Repositories of the Records of the

[A new one to be built, in the same Place, under the Inspection of Superintendants,]

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[with Offices and Repositories for the Public Records.]