

**CHAP. 107.** and Thomas C. Brent, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to select and purchase such lot or lots of ground within the limits of Hager's-town, or the additions to said town, as in their judgment, or a majority of them, shall consider the most eligible and proper site for a new court-house for the county aforesaid.

Commissioners to contract for building

**2. AND BE IT ENACTED.** That the commissioners herein before named, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract for and superintend the building of a new court-house, with suitable apartments for the court and juries, clerk's, *sheriff's*(a) and register's offices, and fire proof places of deposit for the public records, on the site as above by them to be selected and purchased, upon such terms and in such manner as to them shall seem most advantageous to the community.

(a) By 1816, ch. 107, so much of this act as directs the building of a sheriff's office is repealed.

To appoint a superintendant

**3. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the commissioners herein before named, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint some capable person to superintend and direct the erection of the building aforesaid, under the order of the commissioners, and that they be and they are hereby empowered to allow to such person so employed such compensation as they, or a majority of them, may deem adequate to his services.

Levy authorised

**4. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the levy court of Washington county be and they are hereby authorised and required, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, in five successive equal annual instalments, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, if necessary, the first instalment to be assessed by the said court at the second annual session which after the passage of this act they shall hold for the purpose of laying the county levy, and to be collected by the *sheriff* (b) of said county.

(b) By 1816, ch. 107, the collector of the county, and not the sheriff, is to collect the money levied.

Sheriff to give bond

**5. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That it shall be the duty of the levy court to take bond from the said *sheriff*(c) with sufficient security, in the name of the state of Maryland, for the collection and payment to the commissioners aforesaid, or to their assignees, of the said sum of money, at the time at which the public levy of Washington county is by law directed to be collected and paid, and that the sheriff shall be allowed the same as is allowed by law for collecting the county levy; and in case the said bond shall be forfeited, it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of said county, and they are hereby directed and required, to order suit or suits to be instituted against the said sheriff, and his securities, or either of them, for the purpose of enforcing the said collection agreeable to the provisions of this act.

(c) See note to section 4.

Money may be borrowed

**6. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be, and they are hereby empowered to borrow, from time to time, such sum or sums of money as they may conceive necessary, at an interest not exceeding *six per centum per annum*, which said loan or loans shall be appropriated and applied by them to the purchase of the site, and to the erecting of the said court-house; and to insure the repayment of the said sum or sums of money, with the interest thereon, the said commissioners, or a