

for which, on the final casting up of the polls a majority of legal votes shall appear, shall be the place where the court-house and prison of said county shall be erected, and shall for ever be deemed and taken to be the true and proper place where the courts and elections of the said county shall for ever thereafter be held.

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XXIV.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of Harford county are hereby authorized and required, if a majority of votes should appear in favour of Havre-de-Grace, to purchase in fee a quantity of land, not exceeding two acres, within the said town, for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county, and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of the county with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be delivered to the clerk of the county, to be by him recorded; and the said justices shall pay the purchase money out of the money collected by act of assembly for the building a court-house and prison in said county, and on payment of such purchase money, the said land shall become the property of the said county for ever; and if the said justices and the owner of the land cannot agree on the price thereof, or the owner shall be under any disability to contract for the sale thereof, the said justices are authorized to order the sheriff of Harford county to summon twelve freeholders on the said land, who shall be empanelled and sworn as a jury, to inquire the value of the said land, and the said justices shall pay the sum declared by the said jury to be the value of the land out of the money aforesaid, and thereupon the property in the said land shall be vested in the said county for ever for the purposes aforesaid.

Justices to
purchase land,
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the said justices of Harford county be authorized to rent, at the expence of the county, such house or houses at the place to be ascertained agreeably to this act, as they may think proper, in which to hold the courts for the said county, and to keep the books, papers and records thereof until the court-house shall be built; and the said justices may also procure, at the county charge, some fit, convenient and safe building, at the place to be ascertained agreeably to this act, for the custody of debtors and prisoners, until the prison for the said county shall be built, and ready for the reception of debtors and prisoners.

Rent houses,
&c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of Harford county be empowered and required to contract as soon as may be for the building of a court-house and prison at the place determined on by election as aforesaid, and to pay the expence thereof out of the money already collected for that purpose, or any other money collected for the use of the said county unappropriated; and the said justices are required first to agree for the erecting a prison for the said county, and to apply as much of the public money belonging to the said county as may be necessary for that purpose.

And contract
for building a
court-house,
&c.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Dorchester county.

Passed January
20.

WHEREAS the orphans court of Dorchester county was to be held on the second Tuesday in December, and no justices attended to call and adjourn the same by reason of the inclemency of the weather, whereby all process and proceedings in said court were discontinued: For remedy whereof,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the general assembly of Maryland, That every action, process and proceeding, depending in the said court on the second Tuesday of December aforesaid, shall be and is hereby revived and continued until the second Tuesday in February next, and on the said day every action, process and proceeding, shall stand and be in the same state and condition, to all intents and purposes, as the same were in the said second Tuesday of December aforesaid; and the said orphans court, on the second Tuesday in February, seventeen hundred and eight-

Actions, &c;
revived, &c.