

C H A P. XVII.

made, shall be entitled to hold the said land free, clear, and discharged from all claims of any person whatever, claiming or to claim the same, as heirs or devisees of the said Henry Willis.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the money received by the executors aforesaid, or which hereafter shall be received by them, on account of the sale of the land aforesaid, shall be deemed personal assets in every respect whatever, and to be by them accounted for in all respects as such, any law, usage or custom whatever, to the contrary notwithstanding. Money to be deemed assets, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 20th of Dec. 1808.

An ACT authorising repairs to the old or the erection of a new gaol in Frederick-town, in Frederick county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the grand jury of Frederick county at the February, and also at the August term, eighteen hundred and eight, that the public gaol of said county is inadequate to the safe-keeping of criminals, and for the comfort of persons committed for debt, and they have prayed the legislature to authorise the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money to erect a new gaol, under such provisions as to them shall seem reasonable; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Frederick county for the time being, shall be commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to contract for materials, and to agree with workmen, to repair the old prison, by adding such additional buildings and chambers, or by raising an additional story to the centre building, or in such other way as will effectually secure persons committed on suspicion of felony or other crimes, and for the comfortable accommodation of those confined for debt. Court appointed commissioners, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if upon examination of the walls and buildings of the present gaol, it shall, in the judgment of the levy court, or a majority of them, appear inexpedient to repair the said prison so as to answer the purposes aforesaid, then it shall be lawful, and they are hereby empowered, to contract for materials, and agree with workmen, to erect a new gaol, and adopt a plan and superintend the erection of the same. Who may contract, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in order to defray the expenses attending the repairs, or the erection of a new gaol, the said levy court shall employ the funds now under their control arising, or which have arisen, from taxes, and the valuation of the public road from the Baltimore county line to Frederick town, and in addition thereto, (if it shall be necessary,) levy a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, on the assessable property in said county. Employ the funds, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court shall have power to rent a suitable building for the safe keeping of prisoners and debtors during the time the repairs are making, or the new gaol erecting. Rent a building, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said levy court shall, after the contract for repairs or the erection of a new gaol is completed, publish for the information of the people of Frederick county, in at least two news-papers in Frederick-town, a statement of their contract or contracts, with a bill of expenses attending the same. And publish, &c.

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Passed 20th of Dec. 1808.

A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, and during the continuance of the act of congress, entitled, An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States, and of the several supplements thereto, and within six months after the repeal of the said act, and of the several supplements thereto, no execution against the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of any person or persons within this state, shall issue upon any judgment or decree already obtained, or hereafter to be obtained, in any court of law or equity within this state, or before any justice of the peace of this state, provided the person or persons against whom any judgment or decree is or may be obtained, shall During the embargo no execution shall issue, &c.