

C H A P.  
IX.

Greatest num-  
ber of votes to  
determine  
where courts,  
&c. are to be  
held, &c.

Justices to  
purchase land,  
&c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That at the place where the greatest number of voters shall appear to be in favour of, shall for the present be deemed and taken the place where the courts and elections of the county aforesaid shall be held, and is hereby declared to be the true and proper place for holding the same, until a court-house and gaol shall be erected thereon, and then for ever thereafter.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of Cæcil county court, or the major part of them (upon a certificate returned to them by the judges by this act appointed, therein particularly specifying their proceedings in the elections aforesaid, and more especially the number of voters for each place) be and are hereby authorized and empowered, on or before their next court for laying the county charges, to go to the place where the greater number of voters appear to be in favour of, and there make choice of any quantity not exceeding four acres of land, whereon to build such a court-house and gaol as they shall think necessary, and to agree with the owner or owners of such land for the purchase thereof for ever; and in case the owner or owners of such land shall refuse to make sale of such quantity not exceeding four acres of land at a reasonable price, or be under any disability of making thereof, then the said justices, or the major part of them, shall be and are, by virtue of this act, authorized and required to issue their warrants to the sheriff of the said county, requiring and commanding him to empanel and return a jury of the most substantial freeholders (not less than twelve) inhabitants within the said county, to be and appear before the said justices, at the place, upon a certain day to be by them appointed; which jury, upon their oaths, to be by the said justices or the major part of them to the said jurors administered, shall enquire into the value of the said quantity not exceeding four acres of land, and the damages the owner or owners thereof will sustain by the building a court-house and gaol thereon; and what sum of current money the said jurors shall allow to the owner or owners of such land, and damages for building a court-house and gaol thereon, shall be paid to the owner or owners of such land by the county aforesaid, and the county entitled to such land for ever; and the said justices, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to cause the said quantity not exceeding four acres of land to be laid out by a surveyor, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the county court records, and to treat and agree with undertakers or workmen to build and finish a prison as soon as possible on the land aforesaid; and the said justices, with the consent of the commissioners of the tax, shall cause a court-house to be built on said land, when the expence thereof can be easily borne by the people of the county aforesaid; and the charge of the said works and cost of the lands, to levy upon the said county by an equal assessment of the taxable property and persons therein.

Courts to be  
held in new  
court-house,  
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the finishing of the said court-house to be built as aforesaid, the several courts of Cæcil county shall be held in such new court-house, and not elsewhere, unless in case of evident necessity, and such new house shall be taken, held, and deemed to be the proper court-house of Cæcil county.

X. **And,** For empowering the justices of the said county-court to make sale of the now court-house and prison belonging to the said county,