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places are voted for, there shall be a second election held at Harford-town, in like manner as the first, on the third Monday of April next, and the voters shall be confined to the two places which on the first election had the greatest number of votes, and the place for which a majority of votes shall appear shall be the place on which the court-house and prison of the said county shall be built.

Justices to  
purchase land,  
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices of Harford county are hereby authorized and required to purchase in fee, a quantity of land not exceeding four acres, at the place determined as aforesaid, as the most proper place in the said county on which to erect the public buildings 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, who shall record the same; 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 the said county, and on payment 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 upon the said land, who shall be empaneled and sworn as a jury to enquire 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, and thereupon the property in the said land shall be vested in the said county for ever, for the purposes aforesaid.

To rent  
houses, &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 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 their county charge, some fit, convenient, and safe building, in the county, for the custody of debtors and prisoners (at the place to be ascertained agreeable to this act on which to erect the public buildings for the said county) until the prison for the said county shall be built and ready for the reception of debtors and prisoners.

And contract  
for building a  
court-house,  
&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 on the land to be purchased as aforesaid, and to pay the expence thereof out of the money already collected for that purpose; 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.

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

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