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III.  
Marriage de-  
clared void.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said Schoolfield Parker, and Sarah his wife, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely and to all purposes null and void.

C H A P. IV.

Passed De-  
cember 26.

Preamble.

An ACT for building a new prison in Worcester county.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that there is no other than a much decayed prison in Worcester county for the reception of debtors or felons, which is very injurious to the peace and security of the said county; therefore,

Justices to le-  
vy money,  
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of Worcester county, and they are hereby authorized and required, to assess and levy, at two equal assessments in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-five and seventeen hundred and ninety-six, a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds current money, together with the sheriff's compensation of six *per cent.* for collecting the same; which said monies, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the said sheriff of Worcester county for the time being from the inhabitants of said county, and others having property therein, in the same manner as other public levies and county assessments are by law collected.

Commission-  
ers appointed,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That Messieurs Samuel Handy, James R. Morris, and William Selby, (S. H.) shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to superintend the building a new prison at Snow Hill, in the county aforesaid, on the public ground that has been heretofore appropriated for the use of a court-house and prison, on such part of the said ground, and of such materials, as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall think proper; and that the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to contract for materials, and agree with workmen, to build and finish the said prison, which, when completed, shall, by the said commissioners, be put into the custody and possession of the sheriff of Worcester county for the time being, and so shall remain and continue in the custody and possession of such sheriff, and his successors, as a public prison for Worcester county.

Who are to  
call on the  
sheriff, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorized, on the twentieth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and seventeen hundred and ninety-six, to call on the sheriff of the said county to pay the sum so levied, which the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to receive, and to give acquittance therefor, and apply the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to build and complete the said prison.

And lay be-  
fore the jus-  
tices a fair ac-  
count, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall lay before the justices of the peace of the county aforesaid, at the levy court annually, a fair and distinct account of all monies by them received and expended for the purpose aforesaid, and the surplus, if any, after completing the buildings aforesaid, shall be applied towards defraying the county charges; and if the said commissioners shall refuse or neglect to render such account, or upon such account being had and rendered shall neglect or refuse to pay over the balance in their hands to such person or persons, and to such uses, as the said justices of Worcester county shall order and direct, that the said commissioners, or either of them, shall be liable to be sued in the said county court, in the name of the state of Maryland, in an action for money had and received to the use of the state, in which action proof of the receipt of the said money by the defendant shall be sufficient to support the said action, and such sum of money, recovered in the said action or actions, shall and may be received by the justices of the said county, and applied by them in manner herein before directed.

Their allow-  
ance.

VI. And be it enacted, That each commissioner, for every day he shall necessarily attend on the duty of his appointment, shall be allowed a sum not exceed-  
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