

Part of what is now reputed to be within the County of *Somerset*, to the Extent of this Province, shall be, and is hereby constituted into a County, and shall be rominated, called, and known by the Name of *Worcester* County, and the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy equal Privileges with the other Counties of this Province, in sending Delegates to the General Assembly, having County-Courts, Sheriffs, Justices, and other Officers and Ministers, as is usual in other Counties within this Province.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That Col. *Levin Gale*, Col. *Robert King*, Major *George Gale*, Capt. *James Martin*, Major *Robert Jenckins Henry*, and Mr. *Isaac Morris*, or the major Part of them, shall be, and are hereby authorized and impowered, at such Times as they or the major Part of them shall think proper, before the Tenth Day of *December* next, to meet together at *Princess Anne* Town in *Somerset* County, and *Snow-Hill* Town in *Worcester* County, and buy or purchase from the Owners of such Land, as they or the major Part of them shall think proper in the said Towns, not being more than one, or less than half of one Acre, whereon to erect a Court-House in each County, and a Prison in *Worcester* County, if the Owner of such Land will sell it at a reasonable Rate; but if the Owners of such Lands as by the said Col. *Levin Gale*, Col. *Robert King*, Major *George Gale*, Capt. *James Martin*, Major *Robert Jenckins Henry*, and Mr. *Isaac Morris*, or the major Part of them, shall be chosen, shall refuse to sell it at a reasonable Price, or be under the Age of Twenty-one Years, or other Disability to sell or convey the same, then the said Persons or the major Part of them are hereby authorized and impowered to issue a Warrant to the Sheriff of such County, where it shall be requisite, therein requiring the said Sheriff to summon Twenty-four Freeholders of the said County, to appear on the Land to be chosen as aforesaid, at a Time therein to be mentioned, Twelve at least of which said Freeholders shall be impanelled and sworn as a Jury, to enquire who is Owner, and declare the Value of the said Land designed for a Court-House, and the Payment of such their Valuation to the Persons who shall be found by such Jury to be Owner of such Land, or to the Guardian of the Owner, if a Minor, or to the Husband, if a Feme Covert, if one shall be found to be the Owner; which Payment and Receipt therefore, or Tender thereof, shall invest the Justices of *Worcester* County, and their Successors with an Estate in Fee-Simple for the Use of such County-Court for ever.

And be it further Enacted, That the Justices of the several County-Courts of each of the said Counties shall, and are hereby authorized and impowered to assess and levy upon the taxable Persons of their respective Counties, in the same Manner as the County Charge hath been usually levied, so much Money as shall be necessary to pay for the Land so as aforesaid to be allotted, and to build a Court-House

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