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And be it enacted that M.r William Haskins, M.r Richard Mason, M.r Joshua Clarke, M.r John White, M.r Henry Dickenson, M.r William Keene, and M.r Thomas Goldsborough, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Caroline County aforesaid and they or the Major Part of them shall be and they are hereby Authorized and Required to buy and purchase in Fee a Quantity of Land not exceeding four Acres of Land at or adjoining Pig Point on the East Side of Choptank River below Melvins Warehouse 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 Dorchester County with good and sufficient Boundaries and a Certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the Records of the said County and the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them shall draw their Order on the Sheriff of Caroline County to pay such Sum as shall be agreed upon for the said Land and the sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said Order out of the Money hereafter mentioned to be collected by him for that Purpose and such Payment for the Land aforesaid shall invest the Justices of Caroline County and their Successors with an Estate in fee simple therein for the Use of the said County forever and if the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them and the Owner of the said Land should differ about the Value of the said Land in such Case the Commissioners or the Major Part of them shall be and they are hereby Authorized and impowered to order the Sheriff of Dorchester County to summon twelve Freeholders upon the said Land who shall be impanelled and sworn as a Jury to enquire the Value of the said Lands and the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them shall draw their Order upon the Sheriff of Caroline County to pay the said Valuation and the said Sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said Order out of the Money hereafter mentioned to be by him collected for that Purpose and upon his Payment of the said Order the fee Simple in the said Land shall be invested as aforesaid in the Justices of Caroline County and their Successors for the Use of the said County forever

[Justices to contract for convenient Places for holding Courts, &c. till the Court-House and Prison be built;]

And be it enacted that the Justices of Caroline County or the Major Part of them are hereby Authorized to contract and agree for a Convenient Place in the said County to hold the Courts for the said County and to contract and agree for a Convenient Place in the said County for their Books Papers and other Records and also for a fit Building for the Custody of Prisoners And the said Courts shall be held and Records kept at such Places respectively until the Court House and Prison for the said County shall be erected and built And the Charge and expence of such Places shall be Defrayed by the said County and Assessed with the Public and County Levy