

Agreement
for the Pur-
chase of
Court-House
Lands, how
to be made,

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners of the several and respective Counties, within this Province, whose Court-Houses are erected, that did otherwise hold Courts on Lands, whereunto the respective County can lay no just Title or Claim to as aforesaid, do, on or before the tenth Day of April next ensuing, meet at their respective Court-Houses if any, or otherwise at such usual Place where Courts are by them held as aforesaid: And there treat, contract and agree to and with the Owner or Owners of such Lands whereon such Court-House shall stand or Courts be held, as aforesaid, for such and so much Land in that Part and Place where such Court-Houses stand, or Courts be held as aforesaid, as to them may seem convenient for the Use thereof, not exceeding the Quantity of three Acres. And upon Agreement with such Person or Persons, Parties, Owners as aforesaid, or his or their Attorney or Attorneys, by him or them impowered to make Sale thereof, to receive a Conveyance thereof in the Name of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to the Use of the County before mentioned, and the same shall record in the County Courts, as by Act of Assembly is required; and the Sum or Sums of Tobacco, by them so contracted and agreed for, to be levied by an equal Assessment on the respective Counties for and in Satisfaction of the Purchasers aforesaid.

III. But in case such Owner or Owners, or his or their Attorneys lawfully impowered, shall refuse to make Sale thereof, or be unreasonable in his or their Demands, or otherwise incapacitated to make Sale thereof, by Reason either of Non-age, *Non sane Memory*, or being beyond the Seas; that then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the said several and respective Counties, by virtue of this Act, to issue out Warrants to the respective Sheriffs, thereby commanding and impowering them to empanel a Jury of substantial Free-holders, within their respective Precincts, at a certain Day and Time to appear before the said Commissioners, on the Lands aforesaid: Which Jury, upon their Oaths to them first administered by the said Commissioners, are to inquire into the true Value of such and so much of the said Land, as by the Commissioners they shall be directed, not exceeding three Acres aforesaid; and to assess such Damage, and Recompence for the same, as they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners, or Others, on their Behalf intrusted. And the Return of the Jury to be by them made in two Parts, one whereof is to be sent to his Excellency the Governor and Council of this Province, for the Time being, the other to be recorded within the several and respective County Courts whereto they properly belong, shall be a perpetual Bar to the Claim or Pretensions of Claim made, or that shall hereafter be made, to the Whole, or any Part thereof, by the Owner or Owners, or his or their Heirs, Executors or Assigns for ever. / And the Damage, or Recompence, by the several and respective Juries awarded for and in Satisfaction of such Lands by them inquired of, to the Owner or Owners thereof as aforesaid, shall be by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, for the Time being, when thereunto required by such Owner or Owners, or others lawfully intituled to the Damage thereof, be levied and assessed in such Method and Manner, as in this Act is before mentioned and expressed.

IV. And for the better ascertaining the Bounds of the said Lands, so purchased or taken up, for the Use of the Counties aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, who are also hereby impowered and required, to issue out Warrants to his Majesty's Surveyors of the respective Counties whereto they belong, to appear at such Day and Place to be by them appointed as aforesaid, then and there to survey and lay out, in the Presence of the Jury aforesaid, such Lands by them taken up, for the Use of the County aforesaid: And the same, at the End of each Angle, shall Bound with a good and substantial Locust Post, or other durable Wood, to be Six Foot under Ground at the least, and Five Foot above: As also such and so many Posts, within

Their bounds
how to be as-
certained.