

pletion of the said building, the said records and papers shall be removed thereto, and be kept in distinct and separate apartments; and the said commissioners are hereby directed to cause the said building to be covered with slate or tile, and a part thereof to be paved and arched with brick or stone, of sufficient strength and thickness to secure the said records and papers from fire, or other injury.

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II. And be it enacted, That the justices of Baltimore county court shall levy and assess on the assessable property of Baltimore county a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, with the usual commission to the sheriff for collection, to be collected with the county levy in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-seven and seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and paid to the person or persons with whom the said commissioners shall contract.

Justices to assess money, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the said county court shall contract with the clerk of the said court for transcribing such records and papers as are in a decayed state, and also for making one general alphabet to the land records of the said county, and to assess the sum of money allowed for such services on the said county, which shall be collected with the county levy; and all records in the said office heretofore transcribed or taken from books which are lost, or which shall be transcribed in virtue of this act, shall be deemed and taken to be the public records of said county, and copies from such transcribed records shall be admissible in evidence, in the same manner as if taken from the original books.

And contract with the clerk, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices of Baltimore county court shall levy and assess on the assessable property of Baltimore county, for rebuilding two of the bridges over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, with the usual commission to the sheriff for collection, to be collected with the county levy in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-seven and seventeen hundred and ninety-eight; which sum of one thousand pounds shall be inclusive of the sums of money heretofore levied for the repair of the three bridges over Jones's Falls, in said town; and all money heretofore levied for the repair of the lower bridge, and now unappropriated, shall be applied to the rebuilding of the middle and upper bridges; and the sums levied and collected in virtue of this act, and any former law, shall be paid, in equal proportions, to the commissioners herein after named.

Justices to levy money for rebuilding bridges, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That John Merryman, James Edwards and Charles Jessop, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to contract for rebuilding the upper bridge, and Harry Dorsey Gough, Henry Nichols and Peter Diffindaffer, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for rebuilding the middle bridge; and in case any vacancy shall happen in the said appointment of commissioners, before the said bridges shall be rebuilt, the justices of Baltimore county court shall supply such vacancy, so often as need may require, until the accomplishment of the object intended by this act.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

C H A P. LVI.

An ACT to incorporate a company for building a bridge over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town.

Passed December 30.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the erecting of a good stone or brick bridge over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, at the place commonly known by the name of the Lower Bridge, would add greatly to the convenience and improvement of the said town, and essentially promote the interest of the same; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John O'Donnell, Thomas M'Elderry, Cumberland Dugan, Richard Lawson and Richard Caton, be appointed to receive subscriptions for erecting said bridge; and that three weeks notice be given in one of the public papers of Baltimore-town

J. O'Donnell, &c. to receive subscriptions, &c.