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CHAP. 67. inafter appointed to contract for and superintend the building of the same shall appear most adviseable,) for the reception and safe keeping of the criminals in said county.

Persons authorised to contract for

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said room shall be erected erecting of room, and completed as soon as may be, under the direction of John Moores, William Wilson and Henry Dorsey, of Harford county aforesaid, who are hereby authorised to contract with a person or persons to erect and complete the same.

Levy to be paid over to them.

3. And be it enacted, That the money directed to be assess. ed and levied as aforesaid, shall be paid over by the collector or collectors who shall collect the same, under the order of the aforesaid John Moores, William Wilson and Henry Dorsey, or a majority of them, to the person or persons who shall be employed by them to erect and complete the room aforesaid.

Surplus to be paid to levy court.

4. And BE IT ENACTED, That if the erection and completion of the room aforesaid shall not require the whole money so assessed and levied as aforesaid, the balance remaining in the hands of the collector or collectors as aforcsaid, shall be paid over by him or them to the levy court of Harford county, for the use of said county.

Passed Dec. 15.

CHAP, LXVIII. A Further Additional Supplement to an act(a), entitled, An act to di-

Preamble.

rect Descents. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 397. (a) 1786, ch. 45. See 1802, ch. 94, and the acts there referred to.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that in a certain case wherein commissioners had been appointed, according to the act to direct descents, to divide or otherwise to value the lands and tenements of a deceased intestate, all the commissioners so appointed have died before they had completed the trust and powers committed to them, and no authority appears to be given to the respective courts in such events to appoint other commissioners to complete what may remain to be done by virtue of the commission issued in such cases, or of their order in pursuance thereof; and as the like event may have happened in other instances. and may happen in future, and it is just and reasonable that proceedings under the said act lawfully begun should be duly completed for the benefit and security of the respective parties interested. therefore,

In case of commisnoners first ap-pointed dying be-fire executing their trust, what proceedings shall be lawful.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in any case wherein all the commissioners appointed by the court of chancery, or by any county court, pursuant to the act to direct descents, have died, or shall die before having completely executed the commission directed to them, or any order made in connection therewith, it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor, or such county court, by whom such commission shall have been awarded, on the application by petition, in writing, of any heir, representative, purchaser, or other party interested, to appoint other discreet and sensible men for the purpose of proceeding in the execution and completion of the commission originally issued, or of any order made in pursuance thereof, and every such petition shall set forth the substance of the first application, the issuing of the commission, the progress which the commissioners shall have made towards the execution thereof, and their decease, that the chancel-