

CHAP. 121. ings under the same, may be given in evidence in support of such action or actions.

CHAP. CXXII.

Passed Dec. 21.

A Further Additional Supplement to the act(a), entitled, An act for building a new Gaol in Baltimore County. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 459.

(a) 1797, ch. 73 See 1800, ch. 13, ch. 84; 1801, ch. 80; Dec. 1813, ch. 115, and 1816, ch. 12.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that the gaol of said county is unenclosed, and that great inconveniencies arise from the facility thereby afforded to an intercourse between the prisoners and the people at large, for the prevention of which the said petitioners pray that a law may pass providing for the erection of a wall around the said gaol; therefore.

Walls, &c. may be built under direction of levy court.

1. BE IT ENACTED. by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the levy court of Baltimore county, as soon as may be practicable, to cause to be erected a substantial wall of stone or brick, not less than twelve feet. in the discretion of said levy court, above the surface of the ground, on the limits of the prison lot of said county, so as to enclose all that part thereof, lying east of the road leading from that part of the city of Baltimore called Old-Town, towards Pennington's mill, on Jones's Falls, and to finish the said wall with such and so many gateways and gates as the said levy court shall think necessary; and to erect and build, at or near the principal entrance or gateway of said prison lot, a small convenient lodge or house, of brick or stone, and finish the same, for the accommodation of a porter or guardian of said prison lot; and also to cause to be divided into three or more wards the said prison lot, and thereon erect division or partition walls of stone or brick, of such dimensions, and with such gateways and gates therein, as they shall think necessary to preserve the health, safety and good government of the prisoners.

Expense to be levied on county.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the cost and expenses of erecting and finishing the said walls and lodge, shall be assessed and levied on the assessable property of said county, as soon as the same are ascertained, and as other county charges are assessed in said county; and that in order that the said levy court may proceed to the duties enjoined on them by this act immediately, it shall and may be lawful for the said levy court to borrow from any bank or banks of the city of Baltimore, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to erect and finish the walls and lodge as aforesaid, and the assessment above mentioned, in case of such loan, is hereby pledged to such bank or banks, for the repayment of such loan or loans; Provided always, that such loan shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Porter to be appointed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED. That as soon as the said walls and lodge are finished, the sheriff of Baltimore county shall take charge thereof, and appoint a sober and discreet person to be porter at the principal entrance, and guardian of said prison lot, who shall be paid for his services by the said sheriff, and shall not be entitled to any fee or perquisite from any other person.

No spirituous liquor to be carried within prison lot.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED. That no cider, beer, wine, brandy, rum, whiskey, or other spirituous liquor whatever, shall be brought