

CHAP. 61.

Passed Jan. 22 1818

Persons in certain cases allowed to affirm.

Court to be satisfied that person is conscientiously scrupulous.

Part of constitution repealed.

CHAP. LXI.

An Act to alter such parts of the Declaration of Rights, the Constitution and Form of Government, as relate to the administration of Oaths in certain cases. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 542.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons professing the christian religion, who hold it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation, in the same manner that Quakers have heretofore been allowed to affirm, which affirmation shall be of the same avail as an oath to all intents and purposes whatever.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That before any such person shall be admitted as a witness or juror in any court of justice in this state, the court shall be satisfied, by competent testimony, that such person is conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the several clauses and sections of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, repealed and annulled, on the confirmation hereof.

This act was confirmed by 1818, ch 163.

CHAP. LXII.

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Commissioners to purchase a site.

To contract for building a gaol.

To appoint a person to erect building.

Levy to be made.

An Act to provide for the erection of a new Gaol in Hager's-Town, Washington County. Lib. TH. No. 5, fol. 542.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Ringgold, William Gabby, Otho H. Williams, William Heyser, and Henry Lewis, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to select and purchase such lot or lots of ground in Hager's-Town, or its vicinity, as in their judgment, or in the judgment of a majority of them, shall be considered the most eligible, convenient and healthy site, for a new gaol for the county aforesaid.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the commissioners herein before named, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract for and superintend the building of a new gaol, with suitable apartments, upon the site as above by them to be selected and purchased, upon such terms, and in such manner, as to them shall seem most advantageous to the community.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the commissioners herein before named, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint some capable person to superintend and direct the erection of the building aforesaid, under the order of the commissioners, and that they be and are hereby empowered to allow to such person so employed such compensation as they or a majority of them may deem adequate to his services.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the levy court of Washington county be and they are hereby authorised and required, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, in four successive equal annual instalments, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars if necessary, the first instalment to be assessed by the said court at the first annual session which after the passage of this act they shall hold for the purpose of laying the county levy, and to be collected by the collector of said county.