

cated property, as by deed of trust to Messieurs Joseph Gilpin, Tobias Rudolph, Henry Hollingsworth and Thomas Huggins, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Elk-town and Cæcil county, bearing date the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, will more fully appear, and which deed is hereby declared to be valid and good in law for the use and purposes therein mentioned, any defect in said deed to the contrary notwithstanding.

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III. **And**, whereas it may be too burthenfome at this time to the inhabitants of said county, to levy on them in one year a sum of money sufficient to defray the expence of building the court-house and prison on the lot aforesaid, **Be it enacted**, That the justices of Cæcil county shall, and are hereby authorized, directed and required, to assess and levy, on the property and taxable inhabitants of said county, at the time of laying of the public levy, a sum of money not exceeding twelve hundred pounds current money, that is to say, three hundred pounds yearly for four years, for the purpose of erecting the public buildings aforesaid, which said assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff of said county in the same manner as other county charges are by law collected; and the said sum and sums of money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such sheriff to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, or their order or orders, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes of building a court-house and prison for the said county on said lot, and other charges incident thereto, as by this act is directed.

Justices to levy money for building a court-house, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted**, That after the building and finishing of the said court-house to be built as aforesaid, Cæcil county court shall be held in such new court-house, according to the practice and usage of other county courts, and such new court-house and prison shall be used, taken, held and deemed, to be the proper court-house and prison of Cæcil county.

When finished, courts to be held therein, &c.

V. **And be it enacted**, That from and after the tenth day of April next, until the said new court-house shall be finished, the several courts, elections, and other public business directed by law to be held at the seat of justice in Cæcil county, shall be held in such place at the Head of Elk aforesaid, as the justices and judges of said courts and elections may think most convenient.

After April, courts to be held at Head of Elk, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That the clerk of Cæcil county court, for the time being, shall, at some convenient time before the tenth day of April next, remove, or cause to be removed from Charles-town, all the books, rolls, papers, and other records belonging to the said county court, to the Head of Elk aforesaid, and there safely deposit, keep and preserve the same in some convenient house, and the justices of the said court shall direct and cause a list of all the said records and books to be signed by the clerk of the said county, and entered upon record among the proceedings of the said court.

Clerk to remove books, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That the sheriff of Cæcil county for the time being, may at any time at his pleasure remove all or any of his prisoners from the gaol at Charles-town to any gaol he may think fit at the Head of Elk aforesaid, and there, until the said new prison shall be finished, keep and detain them according to law, and at his own peril, but that the removal of them as aforesaid, shall not be deemed any escape in law, whereon to charge the said sheriff.

Sheriff to remove prisoners, &c.

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An ACT to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

Passed January 20.

Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That all executions for or on account of the public assessment, imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, be and are hereby suspended until the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; and all the powers and authorities

Executions suspended, &c.