

full power and authority, at any time before the first day of April next, to agree with the said Elizabeth Nicholson for the purchase of such quantity of land on the said hill or rising at her said outer gate, and adjoining the said main road, not exceeding two acres, as they may judge proper for the purposes aforesaid, and to take and accept a deed for the same from the aforesaid Elizabeth Nicholson to the justices of Queen-Anne's county, and their successors, for ever; and if the commissioners aforesaid and the said Elizabeth Nicholson cannot agree upon the price or value of the said land by the day aforesaid, then the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, as soon as may be thereafter, cause to be surveyed, laid out and plotted, such quantity of ground at the place aforesaid, and adjoining the said main road, not exceeding two acres, as they may judge proper for the purpose aforesaid, and they, or a majority of them, by warrant under their hands, shall direct the sheriff of the said county to summon and cause to come at the place aforesaid, on a certain day in such warrant to be mentioned, eighteen good and sufficient men of the county aforesaid, none of whom to be interested in the said land or related to the owner; and thereupon the sheriff of the said county shall summon such eighteen good and sufficient men aforesaid, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money, and every person so summoned shall attend agreeably to the summon, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, under the penalty of five pounds current money; and the persons so summoned shall, at the place aforesaid, on the day mentioned in the warrant aforesaid, or on any other day to be appointed by the said commissioners, be ballotted by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and the twelve first drawn shall be a jury to value the land so laid out by the commissioners, and each of them shall take an oath, to be administered by any one of the said commissioners, well and truly to value the said land laid out by the commissioners, according to its actual and real worth, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and the said jury, having taken the oath aforesaid, shall value the said land so laid out by the commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and shall enter their valuation in writing, and subscribe their names to the same; and the valuation of the said jury, or a majority of them, shall be binding on all parties, and upon the payment or tender of the sum at which the jury aforesaid value the land aforesaid to the owner or owners thereof by the commissioners, such land shall be vested in the justices of the said county, and their successors, for ever, for the purposes aforesaid; and if, by any accident, the land aforesaid shall not be valued under the warrant first issued for the purpose aforesaid, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall issue another warrant for the purposes aforesaid, upon which there shall be similar proceedings as above directed by the first warrant, and so *toties quoties*, until the said land is properly valued; and the money agreed to be paid for the said land by the commissioners, or the value ascertained by a jury as aforesaid, shall be paid out of the first money which comes into the hands of the said commissioners in virtue of this act; and the said land, when purchased or vested in the justices aforesaid, by valuation and payment or tender of the value as aforesaid, shall be bounded with stones or posts at each corner thereof, and the plot of the same, with certificate and explanation, shall be recorded among the records of said county, and the said land shall be held by the said justices, and their successors, for ever, as public land for the purposes aforesaid, and other public purposes, for the use of the said county, and shall ever hereafter be called Centre Ville.

V. **And be it enacted**, That if, after the said court-house and prison shall have been built and erected as aforesaid, on the lot of ground aforesaid, any of the money by the said supplementary act directed to be recovered, levied, and collected as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the said commissioners, unexpended in the erection of the said buildings, the same shall be applied towards defraying the expences of the said county.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That the said court-house and gaol to be built as aforesaid, shall, when respectively erected and finished, be used as, and taken, held, and deemed to be, the proper court-house and gaol of Queen-Anne's county.

VII. **And**