

AND WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council being obliged to provide quarters for the Police Department and rooms for the sitting of the Police Justices of Hagerstown, and having so provided the same for many years by renting for short periods only.

AND WHEREAS, In the year 1912 the owners of the property then occupied by the police of said city and the Police Justices aforesaid was about being sold by its owners and the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown fearing that it would have to vacate same at the end of the year, it did on the 11th day of October, 1912, enter into a lease for said property, the same being described in the body of this bill with its owners, S. W. Kent Miller and Martha Miller, his wife, for a period of twenty years, with a right to purchase the same for the sum of \$20,000 at any time during said period.

AND WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown at the signing and sealing of said lease did pay the sum of \$7,000 cash to the said S. W. Kent Miller and wife, the same to be applied to the purchase money in the event of the Mayor and Council carrying out the provisions of said lease and there being now a balance of \$13,000 due to be paid by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to acquire the deed for the property in fee simple.

AND WHEREAS, The said S. W. Kent Miller and wife in pursuance of said lease did execute a deed of trust dated 12th day of October, 1912, with power therein to convey the said property to the Mayor and Council in fee simple upon the payment of the balance of said purchase money, to wit, \$13,000, and the Hagerstown Trust Company is ready and willing to convey the same to the Mayor and Council in fee simple upon the payment of the said sum of \$13,000 as aforesaid. Now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, Maryland, be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to carry out the provisions of said lease as aforesaid mentioned by acquiring by said purchase two adjacent parcels of land with improvements thereon for the sum of \$20,000 in fee simple by paying the balance due thereon of \$13,000, said property is situated on the west side of North Jonathan Street, in Hagerstown, Maryland, the same to be used for municipal pur-