

thereof was for his appearance at the next court, and if he shall not appear on calling the recognizance at the said court, a default and judgment may be entered, and execution may be issued accordingly, or without calling the said recognizance it shall be in the discretion of the court to respite the same until the succeeding term.

III. AND, whereas it is required by an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law in certain cases, that all sheriff's bonds shall be taken between the eighth day of October and the first day of January in each year, BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the said court may and they are hereby required to meet on or before the first day of February next, and to take the sheriff's bond, and do and perform the several duties which were required to be done on the day to which the said court stood adjourned, and such proceedings shall be as good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the said court had met according to adjournment.

Justices to
meet, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said court, at the meeting aforesaid, shall have full power to call and adjourn the same to any day or days they may think proper, in the same manner as they might or could have done in case they had attended on said day.

Court may call
and adjourn,
&c.

C H A P. LXXXV.

An ACT for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes.

Passed 7th of
January, 1804.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the trustees of the poor, and other citizens, of Queen-Anne's county, that the buildings appropriated to the use of the poor in said county are too small for their comfort and accommodation, and are situated in an inconvenient part of the county, and pray that a law may pass for erecting suitable buildings in a proper and convenient situation; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court of Queen-Anne's county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, at the time of laying the next county levy, a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, together with six *per cent.* for collecting the same, for the purpose of purchasing land, and erecting thereon buildings, for the use and accommodation of the poor in said county.

Money to be
levied, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county for the time being be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to contract for and purchase, in fee-simple, to be conveyed to, and held in trust by, the trustees of the poor of said county, and their successors for ever, as public land for the use of the poor of said county, a tract or parcel of land, not less than ten nor more than twenty acres, to be located in a compact form, in a convenient and suitable place on the navigable waters of Corsica creek, and near the head thereof, and the money agreed to be paid for the said land by the commissioners 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 and conveyed to the trustees of the poor as aforesaid, shall be bounded with stones set up at each corner thereof, and the plot of the same, with a certificate and explanation, together with the deed of conveyance, shall be recorded among the records of the said county; and the said land shall be held in trust by the said trustees, and their successors, for ever, as public land for the purposes aforesaid, and other public purposes, for the use of the said county.

Trustees ap-
pointed com-
missioners, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required to contract for materials and with workmen, or to treat and agree with undertakers, to erect and build, on the land to be procured as aforesaid, good and sufficient brick buildings, such as the said commissioners, in their discretion, shall think proper and suitable for the purposes aforesaid, and the same to build and finish in a good, substantial, and workman-like manner; and the said commissioners are hereby authorised and required, when such new buildings shall be completed and fitted for the reception of the poor, to sell, or cause to be sold, at public sale, together or in lots, on such terms and conditions as they shall think proper, not exceeding a credit of three years, all the lands, together with the buildings and appertences thereto belonging, now occupied by the poor of said county, and the same, when wholly paid for, to transfer and convey, by a good and sufficient deed or deeds, to the purchaser or purchasers, all the right, title and interest, which the said county now has in the aforesaid lands and tenements, and the monies arising therefrom shall be received by the levy courts, and applied to the use of the said county.

Commissioners
to contract, &c.