

An ACT to authorise and empower the Justices of the Levy Court of Dorchester County to assess and levy a sum of Money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, that the records of Dorchester county and of Caroline county, before the division of the counties, are unsafe and liable to be destroyed, by reason of a private framed dwelling-house being contiguous to the court-house, and sometimes used as a tavern, and that the said dwelling-house is now, and has for sometime past been, occupied by different families; therefore, for the security and safety of the said records,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of Dorchester county levy court, and they are hereby authorised and required, to assess and levy on their county a sum of money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, and also the sheriff's commission of six *per cent.* for collecting the same; which said monies, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the said sheriff of Dorchester county for the time being, in the same manner, and within the same time, as other public taxes and county levies are by law to be collected, and shall, at the expiration of the period for the collection thereof, be by him paid over to the said justices, or their order.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said justices be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to apply the said money, when collected, to the purchase of the lot or lots of ground whereon the said house is erected, the property of the late Peter Rea, deceased, adjoining the public ground, and binding with Spring-street, so as to include the wharf, and to receive a conveyance for the same for the use of Dorchester county.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the said purchase and conveyance shall have been made as herein directed, the said lot or lots of ground, with the improvements thereon, shall and the same is hereby declared to be the right and property of Dorchester county for ever.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of Dorchester county, or any four of them, shall and they are hereby authorised and required, to meet at the court-house in the said county, on or before the third Monday in April next, for the purpose of contracting for the purchase of the said lot or lots of ground, with the improvements thereon, and if they shall not be enabled to effect such purchase, it shall and may be lawful for them to appoint such person or persons as they may think proper, commissioners for the purpose of making such purchase, who shall, with as little delay as possible, accomplish the same, and make return thereof to the levy court at their next meeting, and any contract made as aforesaid shall be valid and obligatory, and the levy court shall carry the same into effect.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the purchase of the said lot or lots shall be accomplished in manner aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of Dorchester county, or such commissioner or commissioners as they may appoint for that purpose, to sell at public sale, on a credit not exceeding twelve months, having first given sufficient notice of the day and terms of sale, all such houses, and other improvements thereon, as the said levy court shall not think proper to be kept for the use of the said county, taking bonds, with sufficient security, for the payment of the money that may be bid for such improvements, with interest, for the use of the county, and such houses and improvements, so to be sold, shall be removed off the said lot or lots by the respective purchasers in a reasonable time; and the bond or bonds that may be taken upon such sale may be assigned in payment for the lot or lots so directed to be purchased as aforesaid for the use of the county, if the proprietor or other person authorised to sell the same shall be willing to receive such bond or bonds in payment, and if not, the money due on such bonds shall, when the same shall become due, be collected for the use of Dorchester county, to defray the future expenses thereof.

An ACT authorising Zachariah Duvall, Collector of Anne-Arundel County, to complete his Collection.

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Zachariah Duvall, collector of Anne-Arundel county, that from various causes therein set forth, he has not been able to complete his collection within the time limited, and that there is still due to him, as