CHAPTER 277.

An act entitled, an act to authorise the Commissioners of the Tax of Saint Mary's County, to sell or repair the County Jail.

Passed March 10, 1845.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of the tax of Saint Mary's county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, if to them it may seem proper and expedient, to sell or dispose of the county jail of said county, in such manner and upon such terms as to them may seem most advantageous.

Commissioners authorised to sell.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That should the commissioners of said county deem it inexpedient or improper to sell or dispose of said jail, then said commissioners are hereby authorised to levy on the taxable inhabitants of said county, such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary to repair said jail, and render it secure and suitable for the purposes for which it was intended.

Commissioners authorised to levy.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for said commissioners to proceed under this act, until after the first day of April next ensuing its passage.

Not to go into effect until after first April.

CHAPTER 278.

An act concerning the Draining of Swamps and Low Grounds, by the laying out and opening of Public Ditches, in Worcester, Queen Anne's, and Dorchester Counties.

Passed March 8, 1845.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whenever a majority of the owners of any swamps or low grounds shall deem it fit to have such swamp or low ground ditched and drained, they may petition the levy court or county commissioners, as the case may be, sitting in the county where such swamp or low ground or any part thereof is situated, for the appointment of commissioners to lay out a ditch or ditches for that purpose, and the said levy court or commissioners shall thereupon appoint three judicious and impartial freeholders of the neighborhood as such commissioners.

Owners may petition commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners after being duly sworn or affirmed, to execute their duties under this act, faithfully and imparti-

Commissioners to employ surveyor.