


set forth, that he is far advanced in years, and labouring under many infirmities produced by the hardships he sustained in your revolutionary struggle, which render him utterly incapable of supporting himself; and the prayer of your petitioner appearing just and reasonable:—*Therefore,*

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Prince George's county shall, and they are hereby empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars for the support and maintenance of the said Thomas Harrison; and that the same be collected annually by the collector of Prince George's county, and by him paid to the said Thomas Harrison or his order.

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 Levy court may assess a sum of money for his maintenance.

  
 CHAPTER 215.

*An act for the encouragement of learning in Harford county.*

Passed Jan. 7,  
 1812.

WHEREAS, The establishment of seminaries for the education of youth in this as well as other countries, has been of essential benefit to society by bringing forward a succession of able and virtuous characters, qualified to discharge the various duties of public and private life; *And whereas,* The general diffusion of scientific knowledge through such means is the more essentially necessary in a country like ours; the perpetuity of whose happy government materially depends upon the religion, virtue and patriotism of the people at large, from whom all power in relation to the government emanates, and before whom public men and measures are daily passing in judgment, and who are eligible in one way or other to the most important trusts and offices, both in church and state; trusts and offices that require the utmost extent of human acquisition:—*Therefore,*

Preamble.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there be erected, and hereby is erected and established at or near Belle-Air, in Harford county, an academy for the liberal education of youth in such sciences and branches of learning as the trustees and professors thereof shall, from time to time, think useful and expedient for the benefit and advancement of the institution; and the said academy shall be regulated under the management, direction and go-

For the establishment of an academy under the direction of trustees.