

the erection thereof, giving at least twenty days notice, CHAP. 204.  
by advertisement in one or more papers, and three of the  
most public places in said county; and the contract for  
building the said jail house shall be awarded to the  
lowest responsible bidder, who shall be required to enter  
into bond with good and sufficient security for the  
faithful performance of his contract, to be approved  
by the said commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take In force.  
effect from the day of its passage.

**CHAPTER 204.**

*AN ACT Ceding to the United States of America* Passed May  
*Jurisdiction over a Site for a Light-House on* 8, 1852.  
*Blackistone Island, in the Potomac River.*

WHEREAS, By deed of conveyance from Joseph L. Preamb'e.  
McWilliams and Eliza S., his wife, of Saint Mary's  
county, and State of Maryland, to the United States  
of America, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April,  
in the year eighteen hundred and fifty, and recorded  
among the Land Records of Saint Mary's county, and  
State aforesaid, the said Joseph L. McWilliams and  
Eliza S., his wife, for a valuable consideration did sell  
and confirm unto the said United States of America  
and their assigns, for the purpose of erecting a Light-  
house thereon, a lot or parcel of land, being part of an  
island situated in the Potomac river, called and known  
as Blackistone's Island, lying and being in Saint Mary's  
county, and State of Maryland aforesaid, and contained  
within the following metes and bounds, courses and  
distances, to wit: Beginning at a Mulberry tree, at the  
head of a pond on the south-west corner of Blackis-  
tone's Island, and running thence south, sixty-eight  
and two-third degrees; east, twenty-eight perches;  
thence south, seventeen and one-third degrees; west,  
fourteen perches; thence north, eighty-one and two-  
third degrees; west, seventeen perches; thence north,  
sixty-two and one-third degrees; west, twelve perches;  
thence with a straight line to the beginning, containing  
two acres, three-quarters, twenty-three perches and  
twenty-two links, according to the actual showing;  
Therefore,