

1812. from each and every such person on whom they have assessed and charged in the manner aforesaid, the amount and amounts of such assessment and assessments before a justice of the peace, if within his jurisdiction, and if not, before the Baltimore county court; which action or actions shall be brought in the name of the eastern precincts commissioners, and in which it shall be sufficient to declare for money had and received; and this act and the proceedings under the same may be given in evidence in support of such action or actions.

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CHAPTER 122.

Passed Dec. 21, 1812.

*A further additional supplement to the act entitled, "An act for building a new Jail in Baltimore county."*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that the jail of said county is unenclosed, and that great inconveniences arise from the facility thereby afforded to an intercourse between the prisoners and the people at large; for the prevention of which the said petitioners pray that a law may pass providing for the erection of a wall around the said jail: *Therefore,*

Walls, &c. may be built under the direction of the levy court—their heights—other powers vested.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the levy court of Baltimore county as soon as may be practicable, to cause to be erected a substantial wall of stone or brick, not less than twelve feet, in the discretion of said levy court, above the surface of the ground, on the limits of the prison lot of said county, so as to enclose all that part thereof, lying east of the road leading from that part of the city of Baltimore called Old-Town, towards Pennington's mill, on Jones' Falls, and to finish the said wall with such and so many gateways and gates as the said levy court shall think necessary; and to erect and build at or near the principal entrance or gateway of said prison lot, a small convenient lodge or house, of brick or stone, and finish the same for the accommodation of a porter or guardian of said prison lot; and also to cause to be divided into three or more wards, the said prison lot, and thereon erect division or partition walls of stone or brick, of such dimensions and with such gateways and gates therein, as they shall think necessary to preserve the health, safety and good government of the prisoners.