

land is hereby given to the purchase by the United States Government of a lot or parcel of ground and buildings in the city of Baltimore for the purposes of a United States post-office, and for the extension of the Custom house, and the purchase of a lot for a Court House for the United States Courts.

Jurisdiction
ceded.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That jurisdiction over the same parcels of ground after the same shall have been lawfully conveyed to the said United States Government, be and it is hereby ceded to the United States Government, reserving, nevertheless, to the State of Maryland concurrent jurisdiction over the said lot or parcel of ground so far as may be necessary to authorise the service thereon of process issued to any court or officer of the said State, and the punishment by said State of crimes thereon committed.

In force.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 177.

Passed March
8, 1856.

AN ACT to provide and employ a special police force in Kent county, by the county commissioners, to guard the county, arrest and secure all absconding slaves and suspicious persons, or persons aiding, assisting or enticing slaves to abscond, to arrest persons committing felony or misdemeanor, or in possession of stolen property, to disperse disorderly or tumultuous meetings of negroes, to seize guns illegally held, and to provide a compensation; also, a reward to all persons who may arrest and secure a runaway slave, &c.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the numerous instances during the last year, of the absconding of slaves from Kent county, from the service of their owners to other States, where it has been found impracticable to discover and reclaim them, has produced considerable sensation in the public mind, and induced a large