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land, That it shall be lawful for the levy court of Prince George's county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county such sum as to them shall appear adequate to compensate Philip Spalding for all loss sustained by the building in said county kept as a jail by the sheriff thereof being consumed by fire by the prisoners confined therein, and that the sum so assessed shall be collected in the same manner as other levies, and paid to the said Philip Spalding.

CHAPTER 107.

Passed Jan. 18, 1816.

An act to provide for the erection of a new Court House in Hagers Town Washington County.

Commissioners—lot.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Blackford, Samuel Ringgold, William Gabby, John Bowles and Thomas C. Brent be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to select and purchase such lot or lots of ground within the limits of Hagers Town or the additions to said town, as in their judgment or a majority of them shall consider the most eligible and proper site for a new court house for the county aforesaid.

Commissioners to contract.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners herein before named or a majority of them be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract for and superintend the building of a new court house with suitable apartments for the court and juries, clerk's, sheriff's and register's offices, and fire proof places of deposit for the public records on the site as above by them to be selected and purchased, upon such terms and in such manner as to them shall seem most advantageous to the community.

Supervisor.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners herein before named, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint some capable person to superintend and direct the erection of the building aforesaid, under the order of the commissioners, and that they be and they are hereby empowered to allow to such person so employed such compensation as they or a majority of them may deem adequate to his services.

Sum to be levied.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Washington county be, and they are hereby authorised and required to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, in five successive equal annual instalments, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars if necessary, the first instalment to be assessed by the said court at the second annual session which after the passage of this act they shall hold for the purpose of laying the county levy, and to be collected by the sheriff of said county.

Bond—forfeiture.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the levy court to take bond from said sheriff with sufficient security, in the name of the State of Maryland, for the collection and payment to the commissioners aforesaid, or to their assignees of the said sum of money at the time at which the public levy of Washington county is by law directed to be collected and paid; and that the sheriff shall be allowed the same as is allowed by law for collecting the county levy; and in case the said bond shall be forfeited, it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of said county, and they are hereby directed and required to order suit or suits to be instituted against the said sheriff and his securities or either of them for the purpose of

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