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Levy court authorised to dispose of poor-house and ground.

— to purchase a tract of land for use of the county.

When house is erected, poor to be removed.

CHAPTER 201.

An Act authorising the Sale or Leasing of the Poor-House, and Ground belonging thereto, in Baltimore County, and to provide for building a new one.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to lay out into convenient lots, streets and alleys, all that part of the poor-house ground in Baltimore county, which lies east of Biddle-street, and has not heretofore been so laid out, and to dispose of the poor-house in said county, and the public ground belonging thereto east of said street, or any part thereof, by sale or leasing, upon such terms, and in such manner, as they shall deem most beneficial for the county, and if sold, upon the receipt of the purchase money to convey the same to the purchasers thereof.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the justices aforesaid be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract for and purchase a suitable tract or parcel of land, not exceeding three hundred acres, in said county, and not more than four miles from the city of Baltimore, and receive the conveyance thereof, to and for the use and benefit of the county; upon which land the said justices are hereby further authorised and required to cause a poor-house, and a separate place for the reception of vagrants, for said county, and the necessary out-houses and improvements, to be erected and built to and for the reception and employment of the poor of said county, and to make the necessary contracts for the completion of the said work under their direction, to which objects and purposes the said land, when purchased, is hereby appropriated; to defray the cost and expenses of such purchase and improvements, so much of the money as may be necessary, arising from the sale or disposal above authorised to be made of the present poor-house of said county, and ground belonging thereto, shall and may be applied by the justices aforesaid, and any surplus that may remain after the completion of the said purchase and improvements, shall be vested in such manner as in their discretion may be most beneficial to the county.

3. *And be it enacted,* That as soon as the poor-house hereby authorised to be erected, shall be ready for the reception of the poor, the justices of the levy court of the county shall cause them to be removed to such poor-house, there to be kept and employed as authorised by law.

CHAPTER 202.

Passed Feb. 3. An act authorising the Justices of the Levy Court of Anne-Arundel County, to lease to Joseph J. Hopkins and Gerard R. Cowman, part of a Lot or Parcel of Ground therein mentioned.

Levy court empowered to lease.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to lease unto Joseph J. Hopkins and Gerard R. Cowman, their heirs and assigns, so much of the warehouse lot at Beard's Point, on South River, as will be necessary to erect thereon a plaister mill, to be worked by horses,