

C H A P. XXXIX. that the walls of the same are so decayed that it cannot be repaired; and they have prayed that an act may pass for erecting a new one in the said town,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Messieurs Jeremiah Nicols, Richard Tilghman, 4th, Benjamin Chambers, Simon Wilmer, senior, and James Smith, or the major part of them, shall be commissioners for the purpose of erecting a new gaol in Chester-town, in Kent county aforesaid; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to contract for materials, and to agree with workmen, to build and finish the said gaol, which, when completed, shall, by the said commissioners, be put into the custody and possession of the sheriff of Kent county for the time being, and so shall remain and continue in the custody and possession of such sheriff, and his successors, as a public gaol for Kent county.

Justices to levy money, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of Kent county for the time being be and they are hereby authorized and directed, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this act, and at their levy courts in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-three and seventeen hundred and ninety-four, to impose on the assessable property of the said county the sum of twelve hundred pounds current money, to be assessed in three equal portions, together with an allowance to the collector of the same commission for collection that he receives for collecting the other county levy; which sum, so assessed, shall be collected by the collector of Kent county aforesaid as other county taxes are collected, and, when so collected, shall, by the said sheriff, be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, to be by them applied towards erecting the said gaol.

Old gaol to be sold, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners above named, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sell the materials of the old gaol of said county, and retain the money arising from the sale of the same as a further fund for erecting the new one.

How vacancies are to be filled.

V. *And be it enacted,* That in case any of the said commissioners shall refuse to act, die, remove out of the county, or be incapable to act, the residue, or the major part of them, shall fill up the vacancy.

C H A P. XL.

Passed December 22.

An ACT to alter and amend the act establishing a market at the market-house in Chester-town, Kent county, so far as the same respects the cordage of wood.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that under the present regulation for the cordage of wood in Chester-town, Kent county, it is found difficult to procure a proper person to act as corder, and the inhabitants of said town experience considerable inconvenience thereby,

Firewood to be corded, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of January next all firewood brought to, and offered for sale in, the said town, whether by land or water, shall be set up, corded and measured, by some wood-corder appointed as directed in an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, entitled, An act to establish a market at the market-house in Chester-town, Kent county, and for the regulation of the said market; and that each cord of wood shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth, four feet in height, and well stowed and close packed; and that the said wood-corder, for his trouble in cording and packing the same, shall have and receive the sum of six-pence current money for each cord, to be paid by the person who offers the wood for sale.

Penalty for neglect, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall buy any firewood brought to the said town, and shall neglect or refuse to have the same corded and measured by some wood-corder appointed as aforesaid, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum