

C H A P.  
LXVII.Jury to visit  
the gaol, &c.

XI. *And*, in order to secure as much as possible the proper and humane treatment to prisoners confined in the said gaol, and to cause to be punished all persons who shall infringe the regulations provided for the same; *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the grand jury of the county court to visit the said gaol once in every term, and to inspect the several apartments thereof, and to inquire into the treatment of the several prisoners therein confined, and into their health and situation, and to present, or otherwise report to their court, such facts and circumstances of which they shall receive knowledge, either upon their own, or from the evidence of other persons, and the justices of the said court shall be and they are hereby empowered to act upon such presentments or reports, and to make such order therein as shall appear to them to be necessary to accomplish the designs of this act respecting the regulation of the said gaol.

Present gaol  
to be sold.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners herein before mentioned be and they are hereby empowered to sell the present gaol of Talbot county, after the new gaol shall be completed, at public sale, and shall apply the money arising from said sale to the use of said county.

How fines are  
to be recover-  
ed, &c.

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That the fines imposed by this act shall be recovered before a single magistrate, as in the case of small debts, and applied to the use of the county.

C H A P. LXVIII.

Passed De-  
cember 26.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Harford county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS by the original act to which this is a supplement, the trustees of the poor for Harford county are not directed to exhibit any accounts of their expenditures of money for the use of the poor to the county or levy court in said county; therefore,

Trustees to  
exhibit an ac-  
count, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the trustees of the poor for Harford county shall and they are hereby directed to exhibit annually, to the levy court in said county, on or before the day of their assessing their county levy, all their expenditures for the poor of said county for the preceding year, and the said levy court shall lodge the same in the clerk's office of said county, for the inspection of any person desirous of seeing the same.

C H A P. LXIX.

Passed De-  
cember 26.

An ACT for altering the twenty-third article of the constitution and form of government of this state, and such parts of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth articles of the same as respect the time of choosing the governor and the council to the governor.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it will greatly conduce to the promotion of public convenience, that the annual constitutional session of the legislature should commence on the third Monday in December instead of the first Monday in November,

Meeting of  
the legislature  
changed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the time of holding the annual session of the legislature, fixed by the constitution and form of government on the first Monday in November, shall, after the confirmation of this act, be changed to the third Monday in December in each year, and the first session under and by virtue of the alteration contemplated by this act shall be and commence on the third Monday in December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

When the go-  
vernor, &c.  
are to be e-  
lected, &c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That after the meeting of the general assembly of Maryland in virtue of this act, the governor of this state shall from thenceforth be elected annually on the Monday next after the commencement of each session thereof, and that the council to the governor shall be appointed and elected annually