

1773.

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C H A P.
VI.
The bounds
of Harford
county.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same,* That after the second day of March next, all that part of Baltimore county, which is included within the bounds following, to wit, Beginning at the mouth of the little falls of Gunpowder river, and running with the said falls to the fountain head, and from thence north to the temporary line of this province, and thence with the temporary line to Susquehanna river, thence with Susquehanna to Chesapeake bay, and thence with the said bay, including Spesutia and Pool's islands, to the mouth of Gunpowder river, and thence up the said river to the beginning aforesaid, shall be and is hereby erected into a new county, by the name of Harford county.

Inhabitants to
enjoy privi-
leges.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of Harford county aforesaid, shall have, hold and enjoy, all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of any county in the province.

Commission-
ers appointed,
who are to
purchase land,
&c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That Mr. John Paca, Mr. Aquila Hall, Mr. John Matthews, Mr. John Hall, of Cranbury, Mr. Amos Garrott, Mr. Richard Dallum, and Mr. Benedict Edward Hall, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for Harford county aforesaid; and they, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to buy and purchase, in fee, a quantity of land, not exceeding four acres of land, in or adjoining to Bush-town, on the head of Bush river, for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county; and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of Baltimore county, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the records of the said county; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order on the sheriff of Harford county, to pay such sum as shall be agreed upon for the said land; and the sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned, to be collected by him for that purpose; and such payment for the land aforesaid, shall invest the justices of Harford county, and their successors, with an estate in fee-simple therein, for the use of the said county, for ever: And if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, and the owner of the said land, should differ about the value of the said land, in such case the commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order the sheriff of Baltimore county to summon twelve freeholders upon the said land, who shall be empannelled and sworn as a jury, to inquire the value of the said land; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order upon the sheriff of Harford county, to pay the said valuation; and the said sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said order, out of the money hereafter mentioned, to be by him collected for that purpose, and upon his payment of the said order, the fee-simple in the said land shall be invested, as aforesaid, in the justices of Harford county, and their successors, for the use of the said county, for ever.

Justices to
contract for a
place for hold-
ing courts,
&c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of Harford county, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized to contract and agree for a convenient place in Bush-town, to hold the courts of the said county, and to contract and agree for a convenient place in the said town, for their books, papers, and other records, and also for a fit building for the custody of prisoners; and the said courts shall be held, and records kept, at such places respectively, until the court-house and prison for the said county shall be erected and built; and the charge and expence of such places shall be defrayed by the said county, and assessed with the public and county levy.

And levy mo-
ney for the
purchase
thereof.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of Harford county shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to assess and levy, on the taxable inhabitants of the said county, with the public and county levy, as much tobacco as will pay for the purchase or valuation of the land aforesaid, together with the sheriff's salary of five *per centum* for collection; which said quantity of tobacco shall be collected by the sheriff of the said county, from the taxable inhabitants of the said county,