

whatsoever, that are held and enjoyed by any other Parish within this Province: Any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT for the Removing the Court-House from Battle-Creek in Calvert County, and for building a Court-House for the said County, on or near that Place in the said County, commonly called and known by the Name of Williams's Old Field; and for making Sale of the Old Court-House and Prison.

WHEREAS several of the Inhabitants of Calvert County have petitioned this present General Assembly, setting forth, that their Court-House already built at *Battle-Creek*, is very old, decayed, and inconvenient to the greatest Part of the Inhabitants of the said County; and pray that a Law may be made for erecting or building a Court-House on or near that Place in the said County, which is commonly called and known by the Name of *Williams's Old Field*, it being the most proper Place for such Purpose; which being made plainly appear to this General Assembly, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

The Old Court-House being decayed and inconvenient,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Calvert County-Court or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorized and impowered, on or before the Third Tuesday in *March* next after this Sessions of Assembly, to go to such Place on or near that Place commonly known by the Name of *Williams's Old Field* in the said County, and there make Choice of Three Acres of Land whereon to build such a Court-House as they shall think necessary; and to agree with the Owner of such Land for the Purchase thereof for ever. And in Case the Owner or Owners of such Land shall refuse to make Sale of such Three Acres of Land at a reasonable Price, or be under any Disability of making thereof, then the said Justices or the major Part of them, shall be and are by Virtue of this Act authorized, impowered, and required to issue their Warrants to the Sheriff of the said County, requiring and commanding him to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Free-holders (not less than Twelve) Inhabitants within the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners at the said Place upon a certain Day to be by them limited; which Jury, upon their Oaths, to be by the said Commissioners or the major Part of them to the said Jurors administered, shall enquire into the Value of the said Three Acres of Land, and the Damages the Owner or Owners thereof will sustain by the building a Court-House thereon. And what Sum of Tobacco the said Jurors shall assess to the Owner or Owners of such Land, for such Land and Damages for building a Court-House thereon, shall be paid to the Owner or Owners of such Land, by the said County, and the County entituled to such Land for ever. And the said Justices, or the major Part of them are hereby authorized and impowered to cause the said Three Acres of Land to be laid out by the Surveyor of the said County, and a Certificate thereof to be returned

The Justices of Calvert County are impowered to choose Three Acres of Land in *Williams's Old Field*:

And purchase it. And if the Owners refuse or are unable to sell and convey the same,

A Jury is to be appointed to value it.

And the Value in Tobacco, to be paid by the County.

And the Land settled on the County for ever.

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