

Justices to
cause the
said Land to
be surveyed,
and a New
Court-House,
built thereon,
at the County
Charge.

When the
New Court-
House is built,
and the Re-
cords remov'd
thence, the
County-Court
shall be held
there.

Justices Power
to sell the Old
Court-House
and Prison.

And to ap-
ply the Money
to the Use of
the County.

Several
Slaves having
run into Back-
Woods, were
encourag'd by
the Indians,

To the
great Prejudice
of our Inha-
bitants.
For preven-
tion.

and recorded in the County-Court Records; and to treat and agree with Undertakers or Workmen to build and finish a Court-House and Prison on such Three Acres of Land as aforesaid; and the Charge of the said Works and Cost of the Lands to levy upon the said County by an equal Assessment of the Taxable Persons therein: Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That after the Finishing of the said Court-House to be built as aforesaid, Calvert County-Court shall be held in such New Court House and not elsewhere. And such New House shall be taken, held, and deemed to be the proper Court-House of Calvert County: And the Justices of the said County are hereby impowered and required with all convenient Speed after finishing the said New Court-House, at or near the said Williams's Old Field as aforesaid, to remove or cause to be removed from the Old Court-House of the said County, to such Court-House as aforesaid, to be built in the said County, all the Records, Books, Rolls, Papers and other Records to the said County-Court belonging. And that they cause a List of the said Records to be Signed by the Clerk of the said County, and entered upon Record amongst their Proceedings. And for impowering the Justices of the said County-Court to make Sale of the now Court-House and Prison belonging to the said County, after the finishing and Compleating the said New Court-House,

Be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of the said County-Court, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized, impowered and required (after the building and finishing the new Court-House, to be built at or near the said Williams's old Field, as aforesaid, and the Records removed, as aforesaid) to make Sale of the said old Court-House and Prison, with the Land thereto belonging, to the best Purchaser or Purchasers, and to convey an Estate thereof in Fee-Simple, to them, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. And that the Money or Tobacco that shall arise by the Sale thereof, shall be applied to the Use of the County, towards defraying the Charge thereof; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An ACT to encourage the Takers up of run-away Slaves, that shall be taken up by any Person and brought in from the Back-Woods.

WHEREAS sundry of the Slaves belonging to several of the Inhabitants of this Province, have of late Years runaway into the Back-Woods, some of which have there perished, and others who held it out (as to their Lives) have been entertained and encouraged to live and inhabit with the *Shewan-Indians*; And forasmuch as many Negroes (upon hearing the Success some of their Fellow-Slaves have met with) are daily making Attempts to go the same Way, which if not timely and effectually prevented, may be of very ill and fatal Consequences to the Inhabitants of this Province: For Prevention whereof, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Govern-

our,