

C H A P. XVIII. claim exhibited against the state, and that due industry has been used by the claimant to discover debts subject to attachments, and the proper means taken by him to secure his claim out of such debts.

Notice to be given.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the auditor-general give notice of this act in such manner as he may think most proper to communicate its contents throughout the state.

C H A P. XIX.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1787.

An ACT for the relief of lieutenant Arthur Harris, late of the continental army. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 106. A Private Act.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cæcil county. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 107.

A Supplement 1789, ch. 17.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that a great majority of the inhabitants of Cæcil county, by petition, have prayed a removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, and it also appearing that no public buildings are erected at Charles-town, except a gaol, and that no considerable improvements, or increase of the value of property, have been occasioned in consequence of the courts of justice being held there for four years last past: And whereas the inconvenience and expence of public ferries in said county may be obviated by such removal: And whereas it appears also, that the inhabitants in general of said county can, with greater ease and expedition, convene at the Head of Elk on court and other public business;

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs Joseph Gilpin, Tobias Rudolph, senior, Zebulon Hollingsworth, Joseph Baxter and Edward Oldham, or the major part of them, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to execute and perform the several trusts and powers reposed in and required of them by this act, and be and are hereby authorized and empowered to treat and agree with undertakers or workmen to build and finish a court-house and public prison, with a good yard, and other conveniencies thereto, on that lot of ground at the Head of Elk which was purchased from Clement Hollyday and Nathaniel Ramsey, commissioners for the sale of confiscated property, as by deed of trust to Messieurs Joseph Gilpin, Tobias Rudolph, Henry Hollingsworth and Thomas Huggins, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Elk-town and Cæcil county, bearing date the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, will more fully appear, and which deed is hereby declared to be valid and good in law for the use and purposes therein mentioned, any defect in said deed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices to levy money, &c.

III. AND, whereas it may be too burthensome at this time to the inhabitants of said county to levy on them in one year a sum of money sufficient to defray the expence of building the court-house and prison on the lot aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Cæcil county shall, and are hereby authorized, directed and required, to assess and levy, on the property and taxable inhabitants of said county, at the time of laying of the public levy, a sum of money not exceeding twelve hundred pounds current money; that is to say, three hundred pounds yearly for four years, for the purpose of erecting the public buildings aforesaid, which said assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff of said county in the same manner as other county charges are by law collected; and the said sum and sums of money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such sheriff to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, or their order or orders, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes of building a court-house and prison for the said county on said lot, and other charges incident thereto, as by this act is directed.

By 1789, ch. 17, the further sum of £. 800 0 0 was directed to be levied at two annual payments.

Courts to be held in the new court-house, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the building and finishing of the said court-house to be built as aforesaid, Cæcil county court shall be held in such new court-house, according to the practice and usage of other county courts, and such new court-house and prison shall be used, taken, held and deemed to be, the proper court-house and prison of Cæcil county.

After April at the Head of Elk, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the tenth day of April next, until the said new court-house shall be finished, the several courts, elections, and other public business directed by law to be held at the seat of justice in Cæcil county, shall be held in such place at the Head of Elk aforesaid as the justices and judges of said courts and elections may think most convenient.

VI. AND