

be collected by the sheriff of said county in the same manner as the public and county assessments are by law collected, and the same, when collected, shall by the said sheriff be paid to the order of the said justices in court sitting, for the purpose of completing the public buildings in said county.

III. AND, whereas before the erection of part of Baltimore county into a new county by the name of Harford, the inhabitants of that part of Baltimore county so erected into a new county had paid a proportionable quantity of tobacco towards the building the court-house and prison in Baltimore-town, and a considerable sum of money was raised by the sale of the old court-house and prison at Joppa, and applied towards building the new court-house and prison in Baltimore-town: And whereas, in order that the said proportionable quantity of tobacco, and proportionable part of the money for which the said old court-house and prison at Joppa were sold, should be refunded and applied towards building the court-house and prison to be erected in the new county by the name of Harford, it was, by the act of seventeen hundred and seventy-three, \* entitled, An act for the division of Baltimore county, and erecting a new one by the name of Harford, enacted, that the justices of Baltimore county should assess and levy, by two equal assessments, the next year and year afterwards, with their public and county levy, the quantity of one hundred and fifty-four thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds of tobacco, in and upon the taxable inhabitants of Baltimore county, together with the sheriff's salary of five *per centum* for collection; which said quantity of tobacco, so to be assessed and levied, should be collected by the sheriff of Baltimore county from the taxable inhabitants thereof, in the same manner as other public and county levies are by law collected; and the said tobacco, when collected, should be paid by the said sheriff to the commissioners aforesaid, and should by them be applied towards building the court-house and prison in the said county of Harford: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that only seventy-seven thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds of tobacco was collected under the said act, and that the residue of the said one hundred and fifty-four thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds of tobacco still remains to be collected and paid for the use of Harford county; BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorized and required to assess on the assessable property in said county, at their next April term, the sum of four hundred and eighty-three pounds six shillings and seven-pence, together with the sheriff's commission for collection; which said sum, so to be assessed, shall be collected by the sheriff of Baltimore county from the inhabitants thereof, in the same manner as the public and county assessments are by law collected, and the same, when collected, shall be paid by the said sheriff to the order of the justices of Harford county court, to be by them applied towards completing the court-house and prison in the said county of Harford; provided always, that if it shall appear to the court of Baltimore county, that the said sum of money has already been collected from the people thereof, the same shall not again be levied and collected, and if it shall appear to them that any part thereof hath been collected, the balance only shall be laid and collected in virtue of this act; and provided also, that if the money directed to be levied on the inhabitants of Harford county should be more than sufficient to complete the said buildings, the surplus shall be applied in aid of the county charges.

\* Chapter 6.

Justices of Baltimore to assess money, &c.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title in certain lands therein named. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 43. A Private Act.

Passed 22d of Dec. 1788.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 46.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT to enable William Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a floating bridge across Patapsco river, at a place called Hammond's Ferry. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 47.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by William Hammond, of Baltimore county, that he is possessed of a ferry on Patapsco river, which hath been used and enjoyed for many years past by his predecessors, and that if proper encouragement was given, a floating bridge might be erected over the said river, which would greatly facilitate the intercourse to and from the town of Baltimore to many parts of the state: And whereas the said William Hammond hath proposed to erect the said bridge, of a sufficient width for carriages to pass and repass at all times and seasons of the year, at his own expence, provided a law was passed enabling him to demand a certain toll from all persons passing and repassing the same; and this general assembly, being desirous of encouraging such laudable undertakings, have agreed to enact,

Preamble.