

a court-house and prison for the said county, and the former court-house and prison, and the land in Queen's-town belonging to the said county, sold agreeably to the act, entitled, An act for the building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and that some of the commissioners mentioned in the said act are dead: And whereas it is prayed, that in addition to the balance which may be remaining upon the sales of the former court-house and prison, and said land at Queen's-town, and the purchase of the land aforesaid at or near the head of Corfica creek, there shall be a further sum of money raised for erecting the said new court-house and prison, as directed by the said act, and that new commissioners be appointed;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Queen-Anne's county shall be and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to assess and levy, on the property of said county, at the time of laying their public levies, a sum of money not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds current money; that is to say, the sum of three hundred pounds in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and the sum of six hundred pounds in each of the years seventeen hundred and ninety, and seventeen hundred and ninety-one, for the purpose of erecting the public buildings aforesaid; which said assessment, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff (a) of the said county for the time being, in the same manner as other county charges are by law collected; and the said sums of money, when so as aforesaid respectively collected, shall be paid by such sheriff to the commissioners herein after named, or the major part of them, or their order or orders; which said commissioners, and the majority of them, 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 the aforesaid lot or piece of land purchased as aforesaid for that purpose.

Justices to levy money, &c.

(a) The part of this section directing the payment and application of the assessment, is repealed by 1789, ch. 25.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Messieurs William Bruff, George Jackson, William Tilghman, Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt and Edward Wright, shall be commissioners for the purposes in this act mentioned; and they, and a majority of them, are hereby authorized and required to contract for materials, and with workmen, or to treat and agree with undertakers to build and finish, in a neat, strong, and workman-like manner, the said court-house and prison; and that the said commissioners, and a majority of them, have and be vested in virtue hereof with all the power and authority of the former commissioners unexecuted by them under the act aforesaid.

Commissioners, appointed, &c.

This section and the fourth and fifth are repealed by 1789, ch. 25.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said court-house and prison to be built as aforesaid shall, when respectively erected and finished, be used as, and taken, held and deemed to be, the proper court-house and prison of Queen-Anne's county.

Court-house, &c. to be used, &c.

V. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED, That if the commissioners appointed by this act, or a majority of them, shall be of opinion it will be more convenient and proper, under a view of all circumstances, to erect the said public buildings at any other place between Chester mill branch and the Three-bridge branch, and between the main road leading from Chester mill to Church hill, in said county, and the head of Corfica creek and the branches thereof, than the place fixed by the former commissioners, and if the person from whom the said former commissioners purchased the said parcel of ground for erecting thereon the said public buildings will relinquish the said sale and contract, and sell to the commissioners appointed by this act a quantity of ground in lieu thereof, not exceeding four acres, within the limits aforesaid, and at such place as they may conceive more convenient for the purposes aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, and they, and a majority of them, in such case, are hereby authorized and empowered, at any time within nine months, but not otherwise, to relinquish the former contract, and purchase other land for the purposes in this act mentioned, at such place as they may judge most convenient as aforesaid, within the limits aforesaid, not exceeding four acres, which, when purchased, the said commissioners shall cause to be surveyed and bounded, and a certificate thereof to be made, returned, and recorded among the land records of the said county; and the said commissioners shall pay the value which may be agreed on for such parcel of land out of the money raised by virtue of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, whereupon the fee-simple in the said land to be purchased shall be vested in the said county for ever.

Provide.