

ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to survey and lay out anew the public square, which was originally laid out and condemned in pursuance of the act of assembly to which this is an additional supplement; and in case the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall deem it most advantageous to the public, they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to exchange a part of the said public square lying on the northernmost side thereof, not exceeding one acre, for the like quantity of land on the southernmost side of the said square, and upon the proprietor or proprietors of any such land so exchanged executing a deed or deeds of bargain and sale, agreeably to the laws of this state, such land shall be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to be part of the said public square, and as such to be used and enjoyed; and upon the said commissioners, or a majority of them, executing a deed of bargain and sale of any such part of the said public square, not exceeding the quantity aforesaid, such deed shall be good and effectual to pass a sufficient title in fee-simple to such bargainee or bargainees to whom such deed shall be made.

C H A P. XXXVII. And lay out anew the public square, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any person residing within the limits of the said village, in ten days after laying out the same, and the return made as aforesaid by the said commissioners, to seize or take any swine or geese that may be found running at large within the limits of the said village belonging to any person residing within the same, and the same retain in his, her or their own possession, until the owner or owners thereof shall pay the sum of one half dollar for every hog, or for every half dozen geese, and a proportionable sum for every goose, so taken up, to the use of the person or persons taking up or securing the same; and in case the proprietor or proprietors aforesaid shall not, within two days after notice of such seizure, pay the sum or sums as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the person seizing the same to sell the same by public vendue, in the said village, within three days, between the hours of ten and twelve of the forenoon of the said day, and the monies thereon arising to apply to his, her or their own proper use.

Swine, &c. may be seized, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered and directed to contract and agree for materials, and to employ necessary labourers and mechanics, upon the most reasonable terms, to erect and build a good and sufficient prison, in such convenient part of the said public square as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall deem proper; and the justices of the levy court of Caroline county are hereby directed and empowered to levy and assess, at two equal assessments, in the years of seventeen hundred and ninety-seven and seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, on the assessable property of the said county, together with the usual commission for collecting the same; which sum, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the collector of the said county as the other county charges are collected; and the same, when collected, shall be paid over by such collector to the commissioners, or a majority of them, or their order, for the purpose of completing the said prison; and it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to demand and receive, sue for and recover, from the commissioners, or any of them, appointed in pursuance of the said act to which this is an additional supplement, any sum or sums of money which the said commissioners, or either of them, shall have received and not applied to the purposes of erecting a prison in the said county, agreeably to the provisions of the said act.

Commissioners to contract, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, after completing the prison aforesaid, shall lay before the levy court of said county which shall happen next after completing said prison, a full and fair account of the receipts and expenditures of the monies levied and collected by virtue of this act, and that if any surplus of the same should remain in the hands of the said commissioners, the same shall be paid by them, or any of them, to the levy court aforesaid, and by them to be applied to defray the county charges of said county.

And lay an account before the court, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That so much of the act to which this is an additional supplement as regards the appointment of the commissioners therein named, for the purpose of building a gaol in said county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of an act repealed.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An ACT to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county. Lib. JG, No. 2. fol. 476.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1796.

WHEREAS the members of the religious society of Roman catholics belonging to the congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, have,

Preamble.

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