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afflicted, and that he is now, from the infirmities of old age, rendered unable to support his family by hard labour, and praying that a law may pass to provide for the support of his wife, out of the poor-house; and the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable,

Justices to levy
money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Harford county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding forty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the wife of the said Samuel Day aforesaid, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the aforesaid Samuel Day (a) by the collector or collectors of Harford county, agreeable to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

(a) By 1793, ch. 75, the levy court may appoint a proper person to receive the money in the room of Samuel Day.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1796.

C H A P. LIV.

An ACT authorising commissioners to survey, mark and bound, certain streets in Beatty and Hawkins' addition to George-town, in Montgomery county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Lib. J.G. No. 2. fol. 504.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of George-town, and the additions thereto, in Montgomery county, proprietors, and others, of lots in Beatty and Hawkins' addition to George-town aforesaid, have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, Charles Beatty and George Frazier Hawkins laid out a town, known by the name of Beatty and Hawkins' addition to George-town; that the lots of said addition were disposed of by way of lottery, under the direction of three commissioners, appointed to lay out the same, and conduct the drawing of the lottery; that the drawings of said lottery were entered in two books prepared for that purpose, under the direction of said commissioners, one of which was to have been deposited or recorded among the records of Frederick county, and the other to remain for the use of the commissioners; that the book so to have been deposited or recorded does not appear to have been recorded, and cannot now be come at, the plan only having been recorded; that William Deakins, junior, the only surviving commissioner, holds the book originally intended for the commissioners, as also the drawings of the lottery; that the original plan is now in the possession of Charles Beatty, one of the original and present proprietors; that there are as yet conveyances to be made for at least one hundred lots in said addition; that the list of the drawing said lottery, in the hands of William Deakins, junior, is the only evidence of the titles thereto; and further, that the boundaries of said addition are very incorrect, in some places sixteen feet distant from the intention of the plan, owing in part to the incorrectness of the surveyor who laid out the same, but in many instances the boundaries having been thrown down, some of which cannot be found; there being a sufficiency of ground in said addition to give each lot its full quantity, and that no person can possibly thereby be injured, have prayed that an act may pass, empowering commissioners to cause an accurate survey of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight-streets, in said addition, and to establish permanent bounds throughout the same, to perpetuate and ascertain the true location thereof, having regard to the original design, and not incommodeing the present buildings; which being thought reasonable, therefore,

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John Threlkeld, Thomas Beall, of George, and George Fenwick, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required, after giving four weeks notice in the George-town news-paper of the time, place and intentions of their meeting, and after having taken an oath before one of the aldermen of the corporation of George-town, well and truly to execute the trust reposed in them by this act without prejudice, favour or partiality, to cause a correct survey to be made of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight-streets, in Beatty and Hawkins' addition to George-town, having regard to the original design; and to establish and fix permanent boundaries, to cause a correct plot and certificate of the same, with proper explanations, to be returned to the clerk of the territory of Columbia, under their hands and seals, who is hereby required to receive and record the same.

Who may de-
mand books,
&c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to ask, demand and receive, of William Deakins, junior, and Charles Beatty, all books and papers they may have in their possession relating to the drawing of said lottery, the disposing of the lots, and the laying out of said addition; and they, the said Deakins and Beatty, are hereby required to