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XVII.
Two apart-
ments to be
laid off, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, in planning and directing the building of the said gaol, shall lay off two apartments and a cellar, and reserve and appropriate the same to the residence of the keeper of the said gaol; and the said commissioners, as soon as the said building shall be completed, shall return a fair and faithful account of their proceedings and expenditures to the justices of Queen-Anne's county court, and the same shall be deposited and filed among the original papers belonging to their office.

Sheriff to ap-
point a gaoler,
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the completion of the said gaol the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county shall, within one month thereafter, nominate and appoint a discreet and judicious person to be gaoler, or keeper of the said gaol; who, on his acceptance of the said office, shall qualify himself to hold the same, by taking an oath, or affirmation, before some two justices of the peace for Queen-Anne's county, that he will well and faithfully keep all prisoners who shall be committed to the gaol of Queen-Anne's county, and that he will in all respects truly and honestly demean himself in his office of keeper of the said gaol, without prejudice, affection, malice, hatred or partiality, so long as he shall continue in the said office; and also by entering into a recognizance before the said justices, with two sufficient sureties, in the sum of four hundred dollars, in the usual form, with the condition thereto, "that if the said A. B. do and shall well and faithfully execute and perform the office of keeper of the gaol of Queen-Anne's county, and find and provide wholesome and sufficient victuals for all and singular the prisoners who shall be committed to the said gaol, and keep the several apartments in the said gaol clear and free from all manner of filth, and not suffer or permit loose, idle, or disorderly persons to frequent the said gaol, or remain about the same, and do and shall in all respects faithfully demean himself in the said office, without favour, partiality or prejudice, then the said recognizance to be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in force;" and the person so appointed and qualified shall remain in office during good behaviour, removeable by the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, or by a presentment of the grand inquest for the body of Queen-Anne's county, and conviction of misconduct in the county court thereon, after hearing and determining upon the charges alleged against him, and the evidence concerning the same; and whenever a vacancy shall happen in the said office, it shall be lawful for the said sheriff to proceed forthwith to the appointment and qualification of another gaoler, in the manner herein before directed.

His duties.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in addition to the duties imposed by the laws of this state upon all gaolers, it shall be the duty of the keeper of the said gaol to receive and provide for all manner of persons who shall be committed to the same according to law, and to be obedient to the mittimus of the sheriff of the said county in those cases wherein the said sheriff hath a power to confine by virtue of process, or pursuant to the laws of this state; and the said keeper shall, besides the perquisites and fees allowed him by the sheriff of the county for his services as keeper of the gaol; be moreover entitled to a residence in the said gaol for himself and family, free from rent, upon his keeping the several apartments in his possession in sufficient repair, and taking a just and faithful charge and care of the entire premises.

Not to hold
any ordinary,
&c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said keeper shall be disqualified, during his continuance in the said office, from holding any ordinary or house of entertainment in the said gaol, or at any other place, and from retailing spirituous liquors; and if the keeper of the said gaol, or any of his domestics, shall sell spirituous liquors, or cause or suffer the same to be sold, to any of the prisoners confined in the said gaol, or to any other person for the use of any of the said prisoners, and shall be convicted thereof, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every offence.

Jury to visit the
gaol, &c.

VIII. AND, in order to secure as much as possible the proper and humane treatment to prisoners confined in the said gaol, and to cause to be punished all persons who shall infringe the regulations provided for the same, BE IT ENACTED; That it shall be the duty of the grand inquest of the county to visit the said gaol once in every term, and to inspect the several apartments thereof, and to inquire into the treatment of the several prisoners therein confined, and into their health and situation, and to present, or otherwise report to the court, such facts and circumstances as they shall receive knowledge of, either upon their own view or from the evidence of other persons; and the justices of the said court shall be and they are hereby empowered to act upon such presentments or reports, and to make such order therein as shall appear to them to be necessary to accomplish the designs of this act respecting the regulation of the said gaol.