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in width, at such reasonable price as the said commissioners, and the justices of the levy court, may agree on, and if they cannot agree, such portion of the said lot as aforesaid may be condemned by the said commissioners of Cambridge, and valued, and paid for as in cases of private property under the now existing laws.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

VIII. AND, whereas there are sundry lots in the town of Cambridge now leased on ground-rent, of which the fee-simple belongs to Dorchester county, and it appears to this general assembly that the sale of the fee-simple of such lots would considerably lessen the sum necessary to be levied for the purpose of purchasing the above-mentioned lot adjoining to the said court-house; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That Thomas Jones, Levin Woolford and Richard Pattison, Esquires, or any two of them, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and are authorized and empowered to contract for the sale of the fee-simple of the above-mentioned lots now leased on ground-rent, on a credit not exceeding twelve months, taking a bond or bonds, with good and sufficient security, for the payment thereof, with interest, to themselves, or their assigns, for the use of Dorchester county, and shall make return of such sale to the levy court of the said county at their next sitting, and deposit the said bonds with the clerk of the county for safe keeping; provided, that the fee-simple of the said lots, or any of them, shall not be sold at a less price than at the rate of one hundred pounds for every six pounds of ground-rent reserved upon such lot or lots.

Who may execute releases, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and are hereby authorized and empowered, upon their having taken bonds as aforesaid, with good and sufficient security, for the purchase money of the fee-simple of the said lot or lots, to execute releases or conveyances of the fee-simple thereof to the respective purchasers, and such bond or bonds shall be a lien upon the lot or lots on the sale of which they may be respectively taken.

Bonds may be assigned.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bond or bonds so to be taken by the said commissioners, as aforesaid, may, under the direction of the levy court of Dorchester county, be assigned in payment for the said lot intended as aforesaid to be purchased for the use of the said county, if the proprietor thereof, or person or persons authorized to sell the same, shall be willing to receive such bond or bonds in payment; and the several commissioners aforesaid shall receive such compensation for their trouble in the execution of the powers herein delegated to them as to the levy court shall seem reasonable.

Justices to pay, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the said levy court shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to pay and discharge, not only the purchase money of the said lot, but also all expences attending the execution of the powers and discharge of the duties assigned or required by this act.

CHAP. XXI.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1798.

An ACT to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of building a new gaol in said county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 596.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Turner, senior, Charles Perry, John Beall Magruder, Benjamin Ray, senior, and Allen Bowie, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of carrying this act into execution.

Money to be assessed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of Montgomery county are hereby authorized, directed and required, to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, at the time of laying their public levies, a sum of money not exceeding twelve hundred pounds; that is to say, the sum of six hundred pounds in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and the remaining sum of six hundred pounds in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, together with the collector's commission for collecting the same, for the purpose of erecting the gaol aforesaid; which said assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the collector for the time being, in the same manner that other public charges are by law collected; and the said sums of money, when so as aforesaid respectively collected, shall be paid by such collector to the aforesaid commissioners, or the major part of them, or to their order or orders; which said commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the use and purpose as by this act is directed.

III. AND