

of the old Court House and prison

Which the several of the Inhabitants of Calvert County have petitioned this present General Assembly that they will have their Court House already built at Balls Bluffs, which is now and is convenient to the greatest part of the Inhabitants of the said County and pray that a Law may be made for building a building a Court House on or near that place in the said County which is commonly called and known by the name of Williams Old field it being the most proper place for such purpose which being made plainly appears to this General Assembly It is prayed that it may be enacted And be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governours and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Justices of Calvert County Court or the Major part of them be and are hereby authorized and empowered on or before the Third Tueday in March next after this Session of Assembly to go to such place on or near that place commonly known by the name of Williams Old field in the said County and there make choice of Three Acres of Land whereon to build such a Court House as they shall think necessary and to agree with the owner of such Land for the purchase thereof for ever And in case the owner or owners of such Land shall refuse to make Sale of such Three Acres of Land at a reasonable price or be under any Disability of making Sale thereof then the said Justices or the Major part of them shall be and are by Vertue of this Act authorized and empowered and required to issue their warrants to the Sheriff of the said County requiring and commanding him to impaine and return a Jury of the most Substantial freeholders (not less than Twelve Inhabitants within the said County to be and appear before the s<sup>d</sup> Commissioners at the said place upon a certain day to be by them limited which Jury upon their oaths to be by the said Commissioners or the Major part of them to the said Jurors administered shall enquire into the Value of the said Three Acres of Land and the Damages the Owner or Owners thereof will sustain by the building of a Court House thereon and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jurors shall assess to the Owner or Owners of such Land for such Land and Damages for building a Court House thereon shall be paid