

ving the Term of Three Years, from the End of this Session of Assembly, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An A C T, for Building a Public Goal, in Annapolis.

W H E R E A S, it is necessary to build a Public Goal, in the City of *Annapolis*, with such Conveniences as may render Confinement less grievous, as well as secure Prisoners :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Honourable Col. *Charles Hammond*, of the Upper House, Mr. *Philip Hammond*, Mr. *Vachel Denton*, *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; and Mr. *Richard Warfield*, or the Major part of them, shall be Commissioners; and are authorised and impowered, by Virtue of this Act, to purchase, for the Use of the Public, a convenient Piece of Ground, within the City of *Annapolis*, whereon to build a Public Goal; and to agree for Materials, and with Workmen, to complete and finish the said Prison; which Prison, when so built and finished, shall, by the said Commissioners, be put into the Possession and Custody of the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, for the Time being; and so shall remain and continue, in the Custody and Possession of such Sheriff, and his Successors.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Provincial Court, to commit any Persons for Debt, or for any other Cause whatsoever, to the Custody of the said Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County; to be by him, in the said Prison detained, according to such Commitment; or to be remanded to any other Prison, as the Law or the Nature of the Case, may require.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not be construed to give the said Provincial Court any Power or Jurisdiction, contrary to the true Intent, and Meaning of *An Act*, intituled, *An Act, for taking special Bail in the several Counties of this Province, upon Actions or Suits depending in His Majesty's Provincial Court, and in the several County Courts of this Province*; against which Sheriff or Sheriffs, Actions or Prosecutions for the Escape of such Prisoners, may be brought or commenced, as in any other Case of Commitment and Escape, according to Law.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That besides the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, already appointed, to be expended for building a Prison for *Anne-Arundel* County, in and by the Act, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*; a further Sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds Current Money, shall be laid out to purchase convenient Ground, as aforesaid, and to build a Goal thereon; which Sum of One Thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be paid by the Commissioners or Trustees, for Emitting the Bills of Credit, and their Successors; and as well the said Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, as the said further Sum of One Thousand Pounds, shall be paid to the Orders of the Commissioners, aforesaid, or the Majority of them.