

the said Towns, not being more than one, or less than half of one Acre, whereon to erect a Court-House in each County, and a Prison in *Worcester* County, if the Owner of such Land will sell it at a reasonable Rate; but if the Owners of such Lands as by the said Col. *Levin Gale*, Col. *Robert King*, Major *George Gale*, Capt. *James Martin*, Major *Robert Jenckins Henry*, and Mr. *Isaac Morris*, or the major Part of them, shall be chosen, shall refuse to sell it at a reasonable Price, or be under the Age of Twenty-one Years, or other Disability to sell or convey the same, then the said Persons or the major Part of them are hereby authorized and impowered to issue a Warrant to the Sheriff of such County, where it shall be requisite, therein requiring the said Sheriff to summon Twenty-four Freeholders of the said County, to appear on the Land to be chosen as aforesaid, at a Time therein to be mentioned, Twelve at least of which said Freeholders shall be impanelled and sworn as a Jury, to enquire who is Owner, and declare the Value of the said Land designed for a Court-House, and the Payment of such their Valuation to the Persons who shall be found by such Jury to be Owner of such Land, or to the Guardian of the Owner, if a Minor, or to the Husband, if a Feme Covert, if one shall be found to be the Owner; which Payment and Receipt therefore, or Tender thereof, shall invest the Justices of *Worcester* County, and their Successors with an Estate in Fee-Simple for the Use of such County-Court for ever.

Commissioners to purchase Lands, whereon to build a Court House for each County.

*And be it further Enacted*, That the Justices of the several County-Courts of each of the said Counties shall, and are hereby authorized and impowered to assess and levy upon the taxable Persons of their respective Counties, in the same Manner as the County Charge hath been usually levied, so much Money as shall be necessary to pay for the Land so as aforesaid to be allotted, and to build a Court-House on the said Land; *Provided always*, That the said Sums shall not exceed the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money in each County, to be levied by Three equal Assessments in the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-four, and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-five.

Money to be assessed for Payment of the said Land.

*And be it also Enacted*, That the said Justices shall be authorized and impowered to contract for the Building of, and to cause a Court-House to be built in their respective Counties, on the said Lands.

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That the Justices of *Somerset* County-Court shall within Six Months after the End of this Session of Assembly, expose to public Sale by Way of Vendue, the present Court-House and Lands belonging to the County, to the highest Bidder, who shall give good Security to pay what he agrees for in Twelve Months, and that the half of the Money the said Court-House and Lands shall be sold for shall be paid to the Justices of *Worcester* County-Court, and be by them applied to the Payment of the Public Charge of the said County; and the other half of the said Money shall be applied by the Justices of *Somerset* County to the Charge of the said County of *Somerset*.

Court-House and Lands of *Somerset* County to be Sold by public Vendue.