

Bounds and
Limits ascer-
tained.

and is hereby erected and made out of *Prince George's County*, the Bounds whereof shall be as followeth, Beginning at the lower Side of the Mouth of *Rock Creek*, and thence by a strait Line joining to the East Side of *Seth Hyat's* Plantation to *Patuxent River*, and that the said Line be run by the Surveyor of *Prince George's County*, and Trees marked, for which the said Surveyor to be allowed the same Fees as in other Surveys, one half thereof to be allowed in the Levy of each County; then with *Patuxent River* to the Lines of *Baltimore County*, and with the said County to the Extent of the Province, and that all the Land lying to the Westward and Southward of the said Lines be included in the new County aforesaid, and that after the Commencement of this Act the said new County shall be called *Frederick County*; and the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy equal Privileges with the other Counties of this Province, in sending Delegates to the General Assembly, and having County Courts, Sheriffs, Justices and other Officers and Ministers as is usual in other Counties within this Province: And that the Court House and Prison for *Frederick County* aforesaid, shall be built in or adjoining the Place commonly called *Frederick Town*, on the West Side of *Monockasy*.

Commissioners
appointed, and
Surveyors
Duty.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Master *Nathanael Wickham, jun.* Master *Thomas Bettys*, Master *Joseph Ogle*, Master *William Griffin*, Master *Edward Sprigg, jun.* Master *John Kimbell*, and Master *William Tawneybill* be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for *Frederick County* aforesaid, and they, or the major Part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and impowered at such Times as they, or the major Part of them, shall think proper, before the Twentieth Day of *December* next, to meet together at the Place commonly called *Frederick Town* aforesaid, and buy or purchase from the Owner or Owners of such Land, three Acres whereon to build a Court House and Prison in *Frederick County* aforesaid, if the Owner or Owners of such Land and the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall agree for the same; but if the Owner or Owners of such Land and the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall not agree for the Purchase thereof, or if the Owner or Owners of such Land shall be under the Age of Twenty-one Years or other Disability to sell or convey the same, then the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to issue a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of *Prince George's County*, therein requiring the said Sheriff to call to his Assistance the Surveyor of *Prince George's County*, to survey and lay out the said Quantity of Land, and 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 impannelled and sworn as a Jury, to enquire who is Owner, and declare the Value of the said Land designed for a Court House and Prison in the County aforesaid, and the Payment or Tender of such their Valuation to the Person 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 of a Female Covert, if one shall be found to be the Owner, shall invest the Justices of *Frederick County*, and their Successors, with an Estate in Fee Simple for the Use of such County as aforesaid for ever; which Survey, Valuation, and other Proceedings shall be by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, returned, and they are hereby directed and required to return the same in Writing under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and under the Hands and Seals of the said Sheriff and Surveyor, to the next *Prince George's County* Court, after making the same, which County Court shall, and they are hereby obliged and required to order

Land to be
valued &c.