

An Act empowering the Justices of *Calvert* County Court, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County a Sum not exceeding One thousand Pounds Current Money; and to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to appropriate the same towards building, finishing, and compleating a new County Court-House, for the said County.

WHEREAS, the County Court-House of *Calvert* County is lately burnt by Means of an unavoidable Accident, and that thereby the said County is at present destitute of a proper and convenient Place to hold their Court in: For Remedy whereof it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

Preamble.

And be it 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 Justices of *Calvert* County Court, for the time being, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, on their laying their County Levy in *November* Court, in the Years Seventeen hundred and forty-nine, and Seventeen hundred and fifty, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, by two equal Assessments, any Sum of Money not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds in each Year, exclusive of the Sheriff's Salary of five per Cent for Collection thereof; and the same Sum of Money, or such Part thereof as shall so as aforesaid be annually assessed and levied, to pay by an Order of Court (which they are hereby authorized and empowered to make) to the Commissioners hereafter named, or the major Part of them, to be by them, or the major Part of them, applied to the Use and Purpose herein after mentioned, and not otherwise.

Five hundred Pounds to be levied by two equal Assessments.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Master Benjamin Mackall, junior, Master James Heigbe, Master Benjamin Mackall, junior, Master Benson Bond, Master Benjamin Hance; Doctor James Somervell, Master Benjamin Johns, Master James Duke, and Master Edward Gaunt, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners; and, as such, they, or the major Part of them, are by Virtue of this Act authorized and empowered to meet at *Prince Frederick* Town, the Place where the late Court-House did stand, on or before the first Day of *November* next, and then and there to treat and agree with an Undertaker, or Undertakers, Workman, or Workmen, to build and finish a Court-House for the said County, of good Brick or Stone, and of the same Dimensions and Form with that lately burnt, and to set the same, or to cause the same to be set, on or near the same Place where the former Court-House lately stood; and that after the finishing and compleating of the said Court-House, so to be built as aforesaid, *Calvert* County Court shall be held in such new Court-House, and such new Court-House shall be taken, held, and deemed to be the proper Court-House of *Calvert* County.

Names of the Commissioners.

Their Duty.

And whereas, by the Act entituled, *An Act for emitting and making current Ninety Thousand Pounds, Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, among other Things it was Enacted, That five hundred Pounds in each respective County, within this Province, should be laid out in building convenient Goals in the respective Counties, near and convenient to the several Court-Houses, under the Direction and Appointment of the several Representatives of the several Counties for the Time being. And whereas the said five hundred Pounds, appropriated by the recited Act aforesaid, for the building a convenient Goal in *Calvert* County aforesaid, hath not as yet been taken out of the office of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills

Five hundred Pounds allowed out of the Paper-Office, for building a County Goal.