

Materials, of the present Court-House, and Prison, of the said County, and for the purchasing Ground, and building a Court-House, and Prison, in the Town of *Baltimore*, in the County aforesaid. And, as the Allegations in the said Petition, appear to this General Assembly, to be true, it is prayed that it may be enacted;

H. A. P. XIV.

II. 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 Honourable *John Beale Bordley*, Esq; Messieurs *John Ridgely*, *John Meale*, *Robert Adair*, *Robert Alexander*, *William Smith*, and *Andrew Buchanan*, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners, to execute and perform the several Trusts and Powers, reposed in, and required of them, by this Act, and be, and are hereby authorised and impowered, to apportion, and lay off, so much of a Street, of the said Town of *Baltimore*, called, and known by the Name of *Calvert Street*, at the Upper Part thereof, next *Jones's Falls*, as they shall think proper, and to agree with the Owner, or Owners of the Land adjoining the Street, of the said Town of *Baltimore*, called and known by the Name of *Calvert Street*, for the absolute Purchase of any Part thereof, they, or the major Part of them, may judge proper, not exceeding in the whole, the Quantity of One Acre and an Half Acre; and in case the Owner or Owners of such Land, shall refuse to make Sale of so much of the said Land, as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall think necessary, for the Purposes herein after, by this Act, directed, at a reasonable Price, or be under any Disability of making thereof, then the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall be, and are, by virtue of this Act, authorised, impowered, and required, to issue their Warrant, to the Sheriff of the said County, requiring and commanding him, to impanel, and return a Jury of the most substantial Freeholders (not less than Twelve) Inhabitants within the said County, to be, and appear before the said Commissioners, at the said Town of *Baltimore*, upon a certain Day, to be by them limited and appointed; which Jury, upon their Oath, to be, by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to the said Jurors administered, shall enquire who is, or are the Owner, or Owners of the said Land, what is the Value thereof, and what Damages such Owner or Owners will sustain; and the Sum of Money the said Jurors shall assess, to the Owner or Owners of such Land, for such Land and Damages, shall be paid by the said Commissioners; and the Payment for the Land, as aforesaid, shall invest the Justices of *Baltimore* County, and their Successors, with an Estate in Fee-Simple, for the Use of the County aforesaid, for ever: And the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorised, and impowered, to cause the said Part of the said Street, and the said Land adjoining, to be laid out by the Surveyor of the said County, with good and sufficient Boundaries, and a Certificate thereof to be returned, and recorded in the County Records; and to treat and agree with Undertakers, or Workmen, to build, and finish a Court-House, and Public Prison, with a good Yard, and other Conveniencies there-to, on such Land, as aforesaid.

Commissioners impowered to buy 1 1/2 Acres of Ground for building a new Court-House, &c. in Baltimore-Town.

In case the Owner, &c. refuses selling said Ground reasonably, a Jury to be summon'd, &c. to fix its Value.

which is to be paid by the Commissioners.

who have Power to treat with Undertakers, &c. to build, &c.

III. And whereas, For defraying Part of the Expence, and Charge of purchasing the said Land, and building the Court-House, and Prison thereon, sundry Inhabitants of the said County, have subscribed considerable Sums of Money; Be it Enacted, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby impowered, to receive, and collect all Monies, by the said Persons subscribed, and such Subscribers are hereby directed, to pay their several Subscriptions, to the said Commissioners; and if any Person shall neglect, or refuse, to pay such his Subscription Money, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, may, and they are hereby authorised to recover and receive the same.

Commissioners impowered to receive all Sums subscribed for the above Use.

IV. And