

X. And be it further Enacted, That the Justices of the said County Court, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, after the said Records shall be removed, as aforesaid, to make Sale, by way of Public Vendue, of the said old Court-House and Prison, with the Land thereto belonging, to the best and highest Bidder; and to convey the same, in Fee-Simple, to the Purchaser, his Heirs, and Assigns, for ever; and the Money, or Tobacco, that shall arise by the Sale thereof, as well as any Surplus that may remain, of the said Subscription Money, and Tobacco, to be levied as aforesaid, shall be applied to the Use of the County, towards defraying the Charge thereof; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

C H A P. XIV.

The Justices authorized to make Sale of the Court-House and Prison, to the highest Bidder.

Proceeds, and other Surplus, to be applied to the Use of the County.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to prevent the Exportation of Flour, Staves, and Shingles, not merchantable, from the Town of *Baltimore*, in *Baltimore* County, and to regulate the Weight of Hay, and Measure of Grain, Salt, Flax-Seed, and Fire-Wood; within the said Town.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, That Discoveries have lately been made of certain Deceits practised by Millers, and others, in the Manufacture of Flour, large Quantities whereof are brought to, and sold, in the said Town of *Baltimore*, and from thence exported; and that frequent Disputes, and false Weight, and short Measure, happen, as well in the Weight of Hay, Measure of Grain, Salt, and Flax-Seed, as in the cording and measuring of Wood; and Advantages are taken of the ignorant and unwary, by the deceitful Practices of Skippers, Masters of Vessels and Boats; the like whereof also happens in the selling of Staves and Shingles, as well concerning the Quantity, as Quality; and it being apprehended, that if a Person or Persons, were appointed, under proper Powers, Checks, and Restrictions, and the Buyers, and Sellers, Inhabitants in, and about the said Town, were obliged to employ him, or them, to cord all Wood, garble or cull, and count all Staves and Shingles, and to inspect or determine, and by gradated Brand-Marks, distinguish the Qualities of all Flour, by the said Inhabitants, or others, respectively to be bought in, and about the said Town; and to measure by proper Measures, settled and adjusted by the County-Standard, all Salt, Grain, and Flax-Seed, that should be brought by Land, or Water, to, and sold in the said Town, would be of great Service, not only in supporting and assisting the Commerce of the said Town of *Baltimore*, but also in thwarting, and discountenancing, dishonourable, unmanly, and deceitful Dispositions, always injurious to a Community: For the Encouragement therefore of the said Town, and others, well disposed to forward the Trade and Advancement thereof;

Preamble.

II. 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 Commissioners of *Baltimore-Town*, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall assemble and meet, between the First and the Tenth Day of *July* next, and between the said First and the Tenth Day of *July*, yearly, and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, and then nominate and appoint a Person of good Repute and Skill, in the Goodness and Quality of Flour, to be Inspector of Flour, within the said Town, for the Year ensuing; and also shall nominate and appoint, any Number of Persons, not exceeding Three, of good Repute and Skill, in culling and garbling of Staves and Shingles, to be Cullers, Garblers, and Counters, of all Staves and Shingles, brought to, and sold within the said Town, for the Year next ensuing, and also shall

The Commissioners of *Baltimore-Town* to meet between the 1st and 10th of *July* next, and every Year, to nominate an Inspector of Flour, and also Persons of Repute, to cull Staves and Shingles, and regulate the Weight of Hay, Measure of Grain, &c.