

The Justices of Dorchester County to levy on the taxable Inhabitants, by Three equal Assessments, a Quantity not exceeding 200,000 lb. of Tobacco, to be paid to Commissioners herein after named;

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 it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Justices of Dorchester County Court, for the Time being, and they are hereby authorised, empowered and required, at the Time of laying their County Levy in the Years Seventeen Hundred and Seventy, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-one, and Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-two, to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, by Three equal Assessments, a Quantity of Tobacco, not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, together with the Sheriff's Salary of Five per Cent. for Collection; which said Quantity of Tobacco, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County, who is hereby required and directed to pay the same to the Commissioners herein after named, or the major Part of them, or their Order, for the Use and Purpose of erecting, building, finishing and compleating a new Court-House for the said County, on the most convenient Part of the publick Ground where the present Court-House stands.

which may be discharged as the Publick and County Levy.

III. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the severall and respective Inhabitants of the said County, to pay and discharge the said Quantity of Tobacco, so as aforesaid to be assessed and levied, in Money, in the same Manner and at the same Rate that they are now enabled to pay and discharge the Publick and County Levy.

Commissioners nominated, who may agree with Workmen, &c.

IV. And be it Enacted, by the Advice, Consent, and Authority aforesaid, That Messieurs Charles Dickenson, Robert Goldsborough, William Ennalls, Robert Harrison, and John Goldsborough, jun. be and are hereby appointed Commissioners; and as such they, or the major Part of them, are empowered and directed to meet at the Town of Cambridge, in the said County, on or before the Fifteenth Day of March next, and afterwards as they shall see Occasion, in order to treat and agree with an Undertaker or Undertakers, Workman or Workmen, to build, finish, and compleat, the Court-House, so as aforesaid to be erected, and to do and perform such other Matters and Things relative to the same, as they shall judge necessary.

Such new Court-House, when finished, to be the proper Court-House of the County, &c.

V. And be it further Enacted, That such new Court-House, when built and compleated, shall thence afterwards be held, taken, and used, as the proper Court-House of the said County. And the Clerk for the Time being of the said County Court is hereby authorised, directed and required, immediately after the finishing and compleating the same, to remove or cause to be removed, to a convenient Room or Apartment for that Purpose to be provided therein, from the County Office in the Court-House that now is, all the Books, Rolls, Papers, and other Records, to the said County or County Court belonging. And the said Justices, for the Time being, shall direct and cause a List of all the said Records and Books to be made and signed by the said Clerk, and entered upon Record among their Proceedings.

The Materials of the old Court-House to be sold, and any overplus Money or Tobacco to be applied to the Use of the County.

VI. And be it further Enacted, That the said Justices, for the Time being, are hereby authorised, empowered, and required, after the said Records are removed as aforesaid, to sell, by Way of publick Vendue, for ready Money only, to the best Bidder or Bidders, all the Materials of the said Court-House that now is; and the Money arising from such Sale, as well as any Surplus that may remain of the Tobacco herein before directed to be levied, they are hereby further required to apply to the Use of the said County, towards defraying the Charge thereof, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.