

County of *Dorchester* to the exterior Limits of *Queen-Anne's County*, C. H. A. P. thence with the Limits of *Queen-Anne's County* to intersect the main Road that leads from the *Beaver Dam Causeway* to *Dover-Town*, in *Kent County*, upon *Delaware*, thence with the said Road to the Long Marsh, thence with the said Marsh and Stream of the Branch of *Tuckaboe Creek* to *Tuckaboe Bridge*, thence with the said Creek to *Great Choptank River*, and with the said River to the first Beginning at the Mouth of *Hunting-Creek*, shall be, and is hereby erected into a new County, by the Name of *Caroline County*.

III. And be it enacted, That the Inhabitants of *Caroline County* afore-  
said shall have, hold, and enjoy, all such Rights and Privileges as are  
held and enjoyed by the Inhabitants of any County in this Province.

Inhabitants  
to enjoy the  
same Privi-  
leges as those  
of other  
Counties.

IV. And be it enacted, That Mr. *William Haskins*, Mr. *Richard Ma-  
son*, Mr. *Joshua Clarke*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Henry Dickenson*, Mr.  
*William Keene*, and Mr. *Thomas Adsbrough*, shall be and are hereby ap-  
pointed Commissioners for *Caroline County* aforesaid, and they, or the  
major Part of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and requir-  
ed to buy and purchase, in Fee, a Quantity of Land not exceeding Four  
Acres of Land, at or adjoining *Pig-Point*, on the East Side of *Choptank  
River*, below *Melvin's Warehouse*, for the Purpose of building thereon a  
Court-House and Prison for the said County, and shall cause the said  
Land to be laid out by the Surveyor of *Dorchester County*, with good  
and sufficient Boundaries, and a Certificate thereof to be returned and re-  
corded in the Records of the said County, and the said Commissioners,  
or the major Part of them, shall draw their Order on the Sheriff of *Ca-  
roline County*, to pay such Sum as shall be agreed upon for the said Land;  
and the Sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said Order out of  
the Money hereafter mentioned, to be collected by him for that Purpose;  
and such Payment for the Land aforesaid shall invest the Justices of *Ca-  
roline County*, and their Successors, with an Estate in Fee Simple there-  
in, for the Use of the said County, for ever: And if the said Com-  
missioners, or the major Part of them, and the Owner of the said Land,  
should differ about the Value of the said Land, in such Case the Com-  
missioners, or the major Part of them, shall be, and they are hereby  
authorized and impowered to order the Sheriff of *Dorchester County* to  
summon Twelve Freeholders upon the said Land, who shall be impan-  
nelled and sworn as a Jury to enquire the Value of the said Land, and  
the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall draw their Or-  
der upon the Sheriff of *Caroline County*, to pay the said Valuation, and  
the said Sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said Order out of the Mo-  
ney hereafter mentioned, to be by him collected for that Purpose, and,  
upon his Payment of the said Order, the Fee Simple in the said Land  
shall be invested, as aforesaid, in the Justices of *Caroline County*, and  
their Successors, for the Use of the said County for ever.

Commission-  
ers appointed  
to purchase  
Land at or  
adjoining  
*Pig-Point*,  
for building  
a Court-  
House and  
Prison, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the Justices of *Caroline County*, or the  
major Part of them, are hereby authorized to contract and agree for a  
convenient Place in the said County, to hold the Courts for the said  
County, and to contract and agree for a convenient Place in the said  
County, for their Books, Papers, and other Records, and also for a fit  
Building for the Custody of Prisoners: And the said Courts shall be  
held, and Records kept, at such Places respectively, until the Court-  
House and Prison for the said County shall be erected and built; and the  
Charge and Expence of such Places shall be defrayed by the said County,  
and assessed with the Public and County Levy.

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