

XI. Be it enacted, That the justices of the said county court, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required, with all convenient speed, to make sale of the said old court-house and prison, with the right of the county to the land thereto belonging, to the best purchaser or purchasers, and to convey an estate thereof to them, their heirs and assigns; and the money that shall arise from the sale thereof shall be applied to the use of the county, towards defraying the charge thereof.

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Old court-  
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An ACT for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be built.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Harford county, by their petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that there has subsisted for a considerable time past a diversity of sentiment among them, about the most proper place in the said county on which to erect their court-house and prison, and prayed that the place might be determined by a majority of the voters of the county; which this assembly hath thought proper to grant:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That to ascertain the place in Harford county on which the court-house and prison for the said county shall be built, an election shall be held by the commissioners of the tax, or any two of them, of the said county, at Harford-town, on the third Monday in March next, of which ten days notice, by advertisement, shall be given by the commissioners aforesaid, at the court-house, churches, chapels, meeting-houses, and other public places in said county; and all persons qualified to vote for delegates shall have a right to suffrage; and the said commissioners shall be the judges of the election, and may adjourn from day to day, if necessary, till the same be finished, so that it be concluded in four days; and the said commissioners shall summon two justices of the peace, who are required to attend for the preservation of the peace; and the said commissioners shall appoint a clerk or clerks for taking the poll; and the said commissioners, before they proceed to receive any vote, shall take an oath, "That they will permit all persons to vote at the election to be held in virtue of this act, who in their judgment are qualified to vote for delegates, and that they will not admit any person to suffrage who is not qualified to vote as aforesaid, if such person before his voting shall be objected against by any three of the electors, and that they will in all things execute the office of judges of the said election, according to the best of their knowledge, without favour, affection, or partiality;" and every person appointed clerk of the said election shall, before he enters any vote on the polls, take an oath, "That he will well and faithfully, without favour, affection, or partiality, execute the office of the clerk of the said election."

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III. And be it enacted, That not more than four places, to wit, Harford-town, Otter-point, Cross-roads, otherwise Gravelly-hill, Lower Cross-roads, and Aquila Scott's (of James) old Field, shall be voted for; and if two only are proposed, the place for which a majority of votes shall appear shall be the place on which the court-house and prison for the said county shall be erected; and if more than two places

Four places  
only to be  
voted for, &c.