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XIX. *And be it enacted*, That the honourable Robert Hanson Har- rison, Esquire, chief-justice of the general court of this state, be ap- pointed, on behalf of the legislature thereof, to repair as soon as con- venient to Richmond in Virginia, there to consult the legislature or ex- ecutive of that state, on the most effectual measures for protecting the trade of the bay of Chesapeake, and the property of the people inha- biting the shores thereof; and that he be directed to assure the legisla- ture or executive of Virginia, that we consider the interests of the two states as mutual and inseparable, and sincerely wish to preserve the strictest union, harmony, and communication of good offices and cor- respondence, between the legislatures and people of our respective go- vernments.

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An ACT for the building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, by their petition to this general assembly have represented, that they have long laboured under great hardships and incon- veniences, in attending public business at Queen's-town; that the court-house and prison are in a ruinous condition, and that it is the earnest desire of a great majority of the inhabitants, that they may not be repaired, but that all the public property in Queen's-town belong- ing to the county may be ascertained and sold, and the sales thereof applied towards erecting public buildings at a more convenient place, and that the Head of Corfica-creek would be a proper place on which to erect the public buildings for the said county: And it appears to this general assembly, that the granting of the prayer of the petition would conduce greatly to the general ease and convenience of the inha- bitants of the said county:

Commission-
ers appointed,
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II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Solo- mon Wright, Thomas Wright, Vachel Downes, Clement Sewel, Sa- muel Ridgeway, Edward Downes, and John Dames, Esquires, be ap- pointed commissioners for the county aforesaid; and they, or the ma- jor part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and required to purchase, in fee, a quantity of land, not exceeding four acres, at or near the Head of Corfica-creek, in the county aforesaid, for the pur- pose 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 the coun- ty, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and enrolled among the land records of the said county; and if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, cannot agree with the owner of the land for the purchase thereof, the commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to direct the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county to summon twelve inhabitants of the said county (qualified to be jurors) to meet on the said land, who shall be empaneled and sworn as a jury to enquire the value of the said land; and the said commissioners shall pay the value of the said land, as aforesaid agreed for, or valued as aforesaid, out of the money hereafter directed to be collected for that purpose, and, on payment of
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