

apply the same, together with the money arising from the sale of the prison and land above mentioned, to the uses and purposes following, that is to say, to pay and discharge the expence of purchasing other land hereafter to be chosen and allotted, and for building a new gaol thereon. C H A P.
IX, X.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices aforesaid are hereby authorized and required to purchase, in fee, a quantity of land not exceeding one acre, in some place contiguous to the old prison, and most convenient for the purpose of building a new one, and cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of the county with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be delivered to the clerk of the county, who shall record the same; and the said justices shall pay the purchase money out of the money heretofore applied by this act for that purpose, and on payment the said land shall become the property of the said county for ever. Justices to
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C H A P. X.

An ACT to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of this state, regardless of that duty which they owe to their country, instigated by the wicked design of assisting our enemies, have, by various arts, procured the escape of the prisoners of war of this state and the United States, stationed and guarded within this state; and this assembly conceiving such conduct to be highly pernicious and criminal: Therefore, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons shall entice, persuade, counsel or advise, procure, aid, or assist, any prisoner or prisoners of war of this state or the United States, knowing him or them to be such, to elope or escape, or depart from the prison, post, or station, where such prisoners shall be kept, confined, or guarded, or out of the power of the officer or guard to whose custody such prisoner or prisoners may be committed; or if any person or persons shall conceal, harbour, aid, assist or support, advise or direct, any prisoner of war, knowing him to be such, as aforesaid, after he or they shall have escaped, eloped, or fled, as aforesaid, with an intent to effectuate the escape of such prisoner, or to keep him or them out of the power of the proper officers; all and every person or persons, being found guilty of the offences aforesaid, or any or either of them, by confession of the party, or other legal testimony, the general or county court where the party shall be prosecuted and found guilty, shall pass sentence, that the said offender, if an able bodied man and fit for the military service, shall serve in the galleys or other warlike vessels belonging to this state, for the term of three years, and shall receive the same pay, and be subject to the same rules and articles, that the crew of the barge, galley, or armed vessel, to which he shall be committed, are governed by; upon which sentence, the person convicted, as aforesaid, shall be committed to the custody of such sheriff as the court before which such conviction is had shall direct, and such sheriff shall, as speedily as may be, convey him to the next or most proper Persons en-
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