

teen hundred and seventy-eight, and seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred pounds current money, for the purpose of building a court-house and prison in said county, together with the sheriff's commission of four per cent. for collecting the same: And whereas a number of the inhabitants of Washington county have set forth, by their humble petition to this general assembly, that by the depreciation of the money that sum is altogether insufficient, and prayed that a further sum of one thousand pounds be assessed and levied on the inhabitants, for the purpose of finishing their court-house and building their prison;

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Washington county are hereby authorized and required to assess and levy, at two equal assessments, in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and seventeen hundred and eighty-six, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, with the sheriff's or collector's commission of five per cent. for collecting the same; which said monies, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the said sheriff or collector of Washington county for the time being, from the inhabitants of said county, in the same manner as other public levies and county assessments are by law collected; which monies, when collected, shall be paid by the said sheriff or collector for the time being to the justices of Washington county, whose receipts shall be a full and sufficient discharge to the said sheriff or collector, and the monies so received by the said justices shall be by them applied to the purposes therein mentioned.

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An A C T to empower Elijah Merryman to demise the real estate therein mentioned.

WHEREAS Elijah Merryman, of Baltimore county, the father and natural guardian of John Merryman, Nicholas Merryman, and Eleanor Merryman, infants, by his humble petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that several lots of ground in Baltimore-town descended and were made over to the infants aforesaid; that the said lots are now useless to the said children, and are very heavily burthened with taxes and public dues; that the said lots would be of great utility and advantage to his said children, if leased out on ground rents for ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, similar to other rents in said town; and prayed that a law may pass to empower him, with the consent and approbation of the orphans court of said county, to lease the same, as will be of most advantage to said children; and it appearing reasonable to grant the same: Therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Elijah Merryman, to lay out and divide the said ground into lots, and after the said ground is so divided into lots, to lease and demise such parts or portions to any person or persons, for such term or terms of years, with such covenants, clauses, and provisoes, inserted, for the renewment of such leases from time to time for ever, if the same shall be agreed on, and such other covenants, clauses, and provisoes, as are usual and customary in leases made of unimproved lots within the said town; which said leases shall be made in the name of the said Elijah Merryman and his three children aforesaid, and the rent agreed on to be reserved and payable to the said Elijah Merryman the father, and John Merryman, Nicholas Merryman, and Eleanor Merryman, his children aforesaid, and their heirs and assigns; and the term limited to the lessees named in such leases shall be as good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the said John Merryman, Nicholas Merryman,

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laid out, &c.