

in the said laws notwithstanding; provided that nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any right or claim to the said property by any citizen of this or any of the United States. C H A P. XLII.

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An ACT to enable the justices of Frederick county court for the time being, to assess on the inhabitants of the said county a sum of money for the uses therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the justices and sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, by their petition to this general assembly, have represented, that the court-house and gaol are at present in a very impaired state; that the former is so much out of repair, that the public papers and records are not only exposed to be purloined and taken out of the office above stairs, but to be damaged and defaced by every driving rain and snow that may happen, by penetrating into the office among the said records and papers; that the walls of said court-house are giving way, being cracked and chasms made from the foundation to the roof thereof; that the gaol is likewise in a very decayed state, and will be insufficient, with all the repairs that can be given it, to secure criminals: Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of Frederick county court for the time being, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, at their March and August courts in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five, to levy on the assessable property of the inhabitants of said county, by two equal assessments, the sum of two thousand pounds current money, together with the sheriff's salary of five per cent. for collection; which sum, so assessed, shall be collected by the sheriff of Frederick county aforesaid as other county levies are collected, who is hereby required and directed to pay the same to the justices of Frederick county court aforesaid for the time being, and they are hereby authorized and required to apply the same in building a new court-house and gaol in Frederick-town and county aforesaid, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever. Justices to levy money, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the county aforesaid, shall employ workmen to build the said court-house and gaol in the town and county aforesaid; and take sufficient securities, in double the sum, for the performance thereof; and that the said justices make use of all the brick, stone, and other materials, belonging to the old court-house and gaol, that will answer the purpose of the buildings aforesaid; if there be any that will not suit for that purpose, the justices are hereby empowered and authorized to sell the same at auction to the highest bidder, and the money arising from such sale to be applied towards the building the court-house and gaol aforesaid. And employ workmen, &c.

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An ACT to authorize and empower the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, to complete the same.

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WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of Thomas Harwood the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, John Waring, and Richard Smith, of Prince-George's county, that they were appointed at the last session of assembly collectors of the residue of the tax and public Preamble.