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XIX.

yond the time limited shall appear to the satisfaction of the court by affidavit in writing.

September
court to lay
the assess-
ment, &c.

V. *And be it enacted*, That hereafter the county court to be held for the said county in September in course, or by adjournment, shall be authorized to lay the annual assessment on the property within the said county for defraying the expences thereof.

C H A P. XX.

Passed De-
cember 16.

An ACT to empower the justices of Dorchester county court to lease out the prison lands of said county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the justices of Dorchester county court, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that there was certain lands in Dorchester county set apart for the use of the prison of the said county, which, they were of opinion, was much more than necessary for that purpose, and praying a law might pass empowering them to lease out said lands (after reserving as much as may be necessary for said prison) for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years, renewable for ever; and the general assembly thinking the prayer of said justices reasonable,

Land to be
laid out, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of Dorchester county court are hereby empowered and directed to lay out (after reserving as much land as may by them be thought necessary for said prison) the prison land in Dorchester county into convenient lots, not exceeding forty feet in front on the street or streets on which they front, and have the same carefully surveyed, bounded and numbered, and have a fair plot and certificate made thereof, and have the same recorded among the land records of Dorchester county.

Lots to be
fold, &c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That the justices aforesaid shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to set up the said lots at public sale to the highest bidder, at their next June or October court, for a premium to be paid by the purchaser or purchasers, and to grant leases not exceeding ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, on an annual ground rent to be paid by such purchaser or purchasers.

Leases to be
signed by the
clerk, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That the lease or leases aforesaid shall be signed by the clerk of said court, under the direction of the justices aforesaid, which shall be valid in law; and the said clerk shall enter a copy of all such lease or leases, and proceedings relative to the prison land aforesaid, on the land records of Dorchester county, and a reasonable compensation shall be allowed him in the county levy, by the justices aforesaid, for recording said leases and proceedings.

On noncom-
pliance, justi-
ces to bring
suit, &c.

V. *And be it enacted*, That in case of noncompliance of the parties who purchase leases of said lands of the justices aforesaid, that the said justices and their successors shall have full power to bring suit or suits against the delinquent purchasers, or to recover payment for the annual rents by suits, or by distress and sale of the property found on the premises.

How the mo-
ney is to be
applied.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That all money arising from such sales and ground rents, shall go to the credit of said county in discharge of so much of the public levy of said county.

C H A P. XXI.

Passed De-
cember 17.

A Supplement to the act to enable the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, and his administrator, to collect the balances due to him as collector of the tax, and as sheriff, of Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Mountjoy Bayley, administrator, and George Murdock, Jacob Miller, Daniel Hower and Thomas Ogle, securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, by their petition to this general assembly, have