

1789.

L A W S of M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. XXXV. quired to summon _____ that he appear on the _____ day of _____ before the subscriber, surveyor of _____ county, at _____ in said county, to give evidence on a survey to be then made of a tract of land called _____, (or lots of ground, or tracts of land, as the case may be,) in pursuance of an order from the high court of chancery. Given under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 17____;” and the said summons shall be directed to the sheriff or coroner, as the case may require, of the county where the witness resides, and shall be returned to the surveyor who issued it; and in case of the non-attendance of any witness, agreeably to such summons, when it is returned summoned, and the same appearing to the chancellor, the said witness shall, on motion to the chancellor, be adjudged in contempt of the court, and upon motion there shall be the same process and proceedings as in other cases of contempt.

Sheriff, &c. to summon witnesses, &c. VII. And be it enacted, That on writs or warrants of resurvey from the general or any county court, the sheriff or coroner, as heretofore, shall summon witnesses, and upon proof of such summons and non-appearance of a witness made to the court from which the warrant or writ issued, he shall, on motion, be adjudged in contempt of the court, and attachment may issue as in other cases of contempt.

Allowance to witnesses, &c. VIII. And be it enacted, That there shall be allowed to any witness attending agreeably to any summons aforesaid, the same allowance as is made to a witness attending a county court, to be recovered by order and attachment from the court which issued the order, writ or warrant, for the survey, or by a warrant as in case of small debts, if under five pounds.

C H A P. XXXVI.

Passed December 25.

An ACT for the building a court-house in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court for the eastern shore and the county of Talbot.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act passed at a session of the general assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the third day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, it was enacted, that the general court for the eastern shore of this state should for ever thereafter be held at Easton, in Talbot county; and it is represented to this general assembly, that the court-house belonging to the said county is extremely inconvenient, and incompetent to accommodate the general court, from whence it appears necessary that a court-house should be there erected for the accommodation of the said general court: And whereas it is represented that the inhabitants of Talbot county are willing to defray part of the expence of the building; therefore,

Commissioners appointed. II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Robert Goldsborough, William Perry, William Hayward, Howes Goldsborough, James Tilghman, junior, Pollard Edmondson and David Kerr, Esquires, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of carrying this act into execution.

Ground appropriated, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the public ground in the town of Easton, in the said county of Talbot, shall be and the same is hereby appropriated to the uses intended by this act, and shall be hereafter vested in the justices of Talbot county court, and in the judges of the said general court, for the mutual accommodation of the general court for the eastern shore, and of the county court of Talbot county.

Justices to levy money, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices of Talbot county aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to assess and levy on the property of said county, at the time of laying their public levies, the sum of five hundred pounds current money, that is to say, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one, for the purpose