

purpose of erecting the court-house aforesaid; which said assessment so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the collector of the county for the time being, in the same manner as other county charges are by law collected; and the said sums of money, when so as aforesaid respectively collected, shall be paid by such collector to the aforesaid commissioners, or the major part of them, or to their order or orders, which said commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes by this act directed.

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V. **And be it enacted,** That to enable the said commissioners to proceed to the execution of the trust reposed in them by this act, they, or the major part of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for any sum or sums of money not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds current money, and the said treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to pay to the said commissioners, or to the major part of them, or to their order or orders, the aforesaid sum or sums of money, out of any unappropriated money which may hereafter be paid into the treasury, or out of any unappropriated money which may remain in the treasury after the payment of the journal of accounts for the present session, and the civil list.

Commission-
ers to draw on
treasurer, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to contract and agree for the building of the said court-house, and to direct the plan of the same; which said court-house, when erected and finished, shall be used as, and taken, held and deemed to be, the proper court-house of the general court of the eastern shore of Maryland, and of the county of Talbot.

And contract
for the build-
ing, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That in case any of the said commissioners shall die, remove, refuse, or discontinue to act, the governor and council shall appoint one or more person or persons, as the case may be, to supply the vacancy.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall be paid all necessary expences incurred by them in the execution of the trust reposed in them by this act.

Commission-
ers allowance.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall render a full and fair account to the governor and council, for the time being, of the receipts and expenditures of all monies which shall be by them received and expended in virtue of this act.

Account to be
rendered, &c.

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An ACT for the benefit of John Ross, of Baltimore county.

Passed De-
cember 25.

WHEREAS John Ross, of Baltimore county, hath represented to this general assembly, that a certain James Edge, late of Talbot county, deceased, by his last will, bearing date in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, devised to his wife, Hannah Edge, and her heirs for ever, all the real estate which he might die seized or possessed of; that the said James Edge had conveyed to him, some time in the year seventeen hundred and fifty-two, by a certain William Skinner, a tract of land called Part of Benson's Enlargement, containing one hundred and eighty-eight acres, more or less, situate and lying in Talbot county; that the said James Edge departed this life some time in the year seventeen hundred and fifty-seven, without heirs; that the said Hannah Edge became possessed of the said tract of land under the will aforesaid, on the death of her husband, and died in the possession thereof some time in the year seventeen hundred and fifty-nine, leaving a certain Edward Oldham her heir at law, who became possessed thereof, and continued his possession until his death; that the said Edward Oldham, by his last will, bearing date on the tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and sixty-four, devised the said tract of land to the petitioner; that doubts having arisen whether the said tract of land became escheat on the death of the said James Edge, the

Preamble,