

ed by the confinement of persons ; thereof, **Be it enacted**, That the said commis- sioners, in planning and directing the building of the said gaol, shall lay off two apartments, and a cellar, and reserve and appropriate the same to the residence of the keeper of the said gaol, and throughout the whole plan the said commission- ers shall have respect to the comfortable accommodation, as well as to the security, of prisoners ; and if the funds established by this act shall enable them to do so, they shall lay off a convenient and sufficient yard, and cause the same to be enclosed by a substantial wall ; and the said commissioners, as soon as the said building shall be completed, shall return a fair and faithful account of their pro- ceedings and expenditures to the justices of Talbot county court, to be examined and inspected by them, and on their approbation thereof, the same shall be de- posited and filed among the original papers belonging to their office.

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LXVII.
Apartments
to be laid off,
&c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That after the completion of the said gaol, the she- riff of Talbot county shall, within one month thereafter, nominate and appoint a discreet and judicious person to be gaoler, or keeper of the said gaol, who, on his acceptance of the said office, shall qualify himself to hold the same, by taking an oath, or affirmation, before some two justices of the peace for Talbot county, that he will well and faithfully keep all prisoners who shall be committed to the gaol of Talbot county, and that he will in all respects truly and honestly demean himself in his office of keeper of the said gaol, without prejudice, affection, ma- lice, hatred or partiality, so long as he shall continue in the said office ; and also by entering into a recognizance before the said justices, with two sufficient sureties, in the sum of three hundred pounds current money, in the usual form, with the condition thereto, " That if the said A. B. do and shall well and faithfully execute " and perform the office of keeper of the gaol of Talbot county, and find and " provide wholesome and sufficient victuals for all and singular the prisoners who " shall be committed to the said gaol, and keep the several apartments in the " said gaol clean and free from all manner of filth, and not suffer or permit " loose, idle, or disorderly persons, to frequent the said gaol, or remain about " the same, and do and shall in all respects faithfully demean himself in the said " office without favour, partiality or prejudice, then the said recognizance to be " void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in force ;" and the person so ap- pointed and qualified shall remain in office during good behaviour, removable by the sheriff of Talbot county, or by a presentment of Talbot county court, and judgment of the said court thereon, after hearing and determining upon the charges alleged against him, and the evidence concerning the same ; and when- ever a vacancy shall happen in the said office, it shall be lawful for the said sheriff to proceed forthwith to the appointment and qualification of another gaoler, in the manner herein before directed.

Sheriff to ap-
point a gaol-
er, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That in addition to the duties imposed by the laws of this state upon all gaolers, it shall be the duty of the keeper of the said gaol to receive, and provide for, all manner of persons who shall be committed to the same according to law, and to be obedient to the mittimus of the sheriff of the said county in those cases wherein the said sheriff hath a power to confine by virtue of process, or pursuant to the laws of this state ; and the said keeper shall, besides the perquisites and fees allowed him by the sheriff of the county for his services as keeper of the gaol, be moreover entitled to a residence in the said gaol for himself and family free from rent, upon his keeping the several apartments in his possession in sufficient repair, and taking a just and faithful charge and care of the entire premises.

His duty, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said keeper shall be disqualified, during his continuance in the said office, from holding any ordinary or house of entertainment in the said gaol, and from retailing spirituous liquors ; and if the keeper of the said gaol, or any of his domestics, shall sell spirituous liquors, or cause or suffer the same to be sold, to any of the prisoners confined in the said gaol, or to any other person for the use of any of the said prisoners, and shall be convicted thereof, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds for every offence.

He is not to
keep an ordi-
nary, &c.

XI. And,