

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.

C H A P. XVII.

VII. And be it 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, or at any other place, 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 ten dollars for every offence.

Not to hold any ordinary, &c.

VIII. And, in order to secure as much as possible the proper and humane treatment to prisoners confined in the said gaol, and to cause to be punished all persons who shall infringe the regulations provided for the same, Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the grand jury of the county to visit the said gaol once in every term, and to inspect the several apartments thereof, and to inquire into the treatment of the several prisoners therein confined, and into their health and situation, and to present, or otherwise report to the court, such facts and circumstances as they shall receive knowledge of, either upon their own view or from the evidence of other persons; and the justices of the said court shall be and they are hereby empowered to act upon such presentments or reports, and to make such order therein as shall appear to them to be necessary to accomplish the designs of this act respecting the regulation of the said gaol.

Jury to visit the gaol, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT authorizing the justices of the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of the said county for building a prison in the county, and other purposes therein mentioned.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that there is no prison in Somerset county sufficient for the confinement of debtors or felons, which is very injurious to the peace and security of the said county,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs John Bone, George Robertson, Levin Winder, William Jones, (Menokin,) Levin Gale, Zadock Long and John Stewart, or the major part of them, shall be commissioners, and are hereby authorized to purchase, for the use of Somerset county, a piece of ground in the town of Princess-Anne, in said county, whereon to build a new prison; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to contract for materials, and to agree with workmen to build and finish the said prison, and to plan and superintend the said building until finished, which, when completed, shall, by the said commissioners, be put into the custody and possession of the sheriff of Somerset county for the time being, and so shall remain and continue in the custody and possession of such sheriff, and his successors, as a public prison for Somerset county.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the levy court for Somerset county at the time of laying their next county levy, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to impose on the assessable property of the said county a sum exceeding four thousand dollars, together with an allowance to the collector *ex per cent.* for collection of the same; which sum, when collected, shall, by said sheriff, be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, to be by them applied in purchasing the ground, and erecting the said prison.

Justices to levy money, &c.

And be it enacted, That the sheriff, or other person appointed to collect said sum of money for the purpose aforesaid, shall pay the same to the said commissioners, or the order of the major part of them, at or before the time limited

To be paid to the commissioners.