

is returnable, without any imparlance or delay, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

C H A P. XVIII.

X. And be it enacted, That the commissioners appointed by this act for building the prison therein mentioned, or a majority of them, as soon as the same shall be in sufficient forwardness to receive the debtors, or other persons committed to the custody of the sheriff of said county, be authorized and directed to sell the prison now used in said county, and the ground thereto belonging, on such notice and on such credit as they shall think proper, and the money arising therefrom, when received, to be applied towards defraying the county charges of said county.

Prison to be sold, &c.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to alter the times of holding the county courts in Caroline and Dorchester counties.

Passed January 20.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the county court of Caroline county shall hereafter commence and be held on the first Monday in March in each year, instead of the second Monday of that month as now fixed by law, and the county court of Dorchester county on the third Monday of March in each year, instead of the fourth Monday in that month as now established.

When courts are to commence, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the county court of Caroline county, which now stands adjourned to the second Monday in March next, shall be and is hereby adjourned to the first Monday in that month, and that Dorchester county court, now adjourned to the fourth Monday in March next, shall be and is hereby adjourned to the third Monday in the same month.

Courts adjourned.

III. And be it enacted, That all process whatsoever now issued, or that may be issued, in the respective counties of Caroline and Dorchester, returnable to the second and fourth Mondays in March next respectively, or to any particular days in the first or second succeeding weeks, shall be returnable and returned to the first and third Mondays in the same month, or to corresponding days in the first or second week succeeding the same respectively; and all causes, pleas and proceedings, civil and criminal, returnable to and depending before the said county courts of Caroline and Dorchester counties, at the respective times of their last adjournment, shall be returned and continued to the first and third Mondays in March next in the same counties respectively, in the same manner as if the said causes, pleas and proceedings, had been regularly continued to the said respective times appointed by this act for holding the several county courts of Caroline and Dorchester aforesaid.

Process issued to be returned.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to authorize and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the justices of the levy court of Dorchester county, and sundry other inhabitants thereof, that the records of said county are in danger, and liable to be destroyed, by reason of a private dwelling-house being contiguous to the court-house of said county, and that a part of said court-house stands upon a lot of ground formerly the property of a certain Joseph Lawson, and it hath been prayed that a sum of money may be levied on the said county for the purpose of purchasing the said lot of ground, for the use of the county; and the prayer of the said petition being deemed reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and it is hereby lawful for the justices of Dorchester county levy court, and they are hereby authorized and required, at their next meeting, to assess and levy on their county a sum not exceeding two thousand eight hundred dollars, together with

Justices to levy money, &c.