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XXI.
Commissioners to contract, &c.

III. And he it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be and are hereby authorised and required to contract and agree to the building of the said gaol, and to direct the plans of the same, which said gaol shall be erected on the ground appropriated by law for that purpose, and when erected, sinished and completed, shall be used, held, taken and deemed to be, the proper gaol of Montgomery county.

How wacancies are to be filled. IV. And he it enacted. That in case any of the said commissioners shall die, remove, resuse, or discontinue to act, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appoint one or more persons, as the case may be, to fill up such, vacancy.

Account to be rendered, &c.

V. And he it enamed. That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall render a sull and sair account to the levy court of said county of the receipts and expenditures of all monies which shall be by them received and expended in virtue of this act.

C H A P. XXII.

Passed Janua- An ACT to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the ry 20. several counties therein mentioned.

Justice to give a cortificate, &c.

E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That as often as any free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace within the counties of Harford or Montgomery the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, or affirmation, that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads were actually caught and killed within the limits of that county in which he or they pray an allowance, and within fix days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall and he is hereby authorised and directed to give such person or persons producing, a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath, or affirmation, taken, and therein distinguishing which or how many of the heads of the old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolf's head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves of which the head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words, Old Wolf or wolves; and that every justice before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorised and directed immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, and burnt, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.

To be allowed at the levy court, &c.

II. And he it enacted. That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate as aforesaid to the justice of the county wherein the said wolf or wolves were killed, at the levy court, shall, for every old wolf's head be allowed thirt dollars, and for every young wolf's head be allowed four dollars, to be by the said justices assessed and levied in the county levy, together with the collector falary for collecting the same, and to be paid by the collector to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid.

Persons to be allowed, &c.

III. And he it enacted, That if any person residing in Harford, Montgon or Cæcil counties, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the county in the such person shall reside, the head or heads of any crow or crows, such shall, for every such head, be allowed in the county levy of the said counties of eight cents, and the justice of the peace before whom such head or shall be brought is hereby required to give the person bringing the same in since thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt, or otherwingstoved.