

JOHN HENRY, Esquire, Governor.

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licence to renew from time to time as is now practised, and to allow to the person to whom the said licence shall be granted such compensation for keeping said ferry as they in their judgment shall think adequate for the keeping the same.

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III. And be it enacted, That the said ferry, when licensed by the county court aforesaid, shall be for ever thereafter deemed and taken to be a public ferry, and subject to the same regulations as public ferries now are by the existing laws of this state.

Ferry deemed public.

IV. And be it enacted, That Levin Winder, Robert Jones, senior, William Jones, (Menokin,) Lambert Hyland and George Irving, or the major part of them, shall be commissioners, and are hereby authorized to purchase, if they should think necessary, two pieces of ground for the use of the county aforesaid, one of which to be on each side of the ferry aforesaid, not exceeding one acre in the whole, for the purpose of landing places, and on which to erect wharfs, if necessary; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to contract for materials, and to agree with some person or persons to build and finish the said wharfs, which, when completed, shall be and remain as public wharfs for the use of Somerset county.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace of Somerset county, at their next levy court, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to impose on the assessable property of said county a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars, together with an allowance of six *per cent.* to the collector for collection, which sum, so assessed, shall be collected by the collector of Somerset county aforesaid as other county charges are collected, and when so collected shall, by the said collector, be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, to be by them applied in payment for the ground, and the building the wharfs aforesaid.

Justices to levy money, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That in case any of the said commissioners shall die, remove, or be incapable to act, the residue, or the major part of them, shall fill up the vacancy or vacancies.

How vacancies are to be filled.

VII. And be it enacted, That in case the said commissioners and the owner or owners of the pieces of ground aforesaid cannot agree on the prices thereof, or the owners, or either of them, shall be under any disability to contract for the sale thereof, any two justices of the peace for Somerset county are hereby authorized to direct the sheriff of Somerset county to summon twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, not interested in the said lands nor related to the parties, to appear upon each of the said pieces of ground, who shall be impannelled and sworn as a jury to inquire into the value of the said pieces of ground, or either of them; and the said commissioners shall pay to the owner or owners of said lands the sum or sums assessed by the said jury to be the value of the lands aforesaid, and thereupon the property in the said pieces of ground shall be vested in the said county for ever for the purposes aforesaid.

Value to be ascertained, &c.

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Supplement to the act for building a new gaol in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, and to provide for the regulation of the said gaol.

Passed January 20.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that since the passage of the act, entitled, An act for building a new gaol in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, and to provide for the regulation of the said gaol, enacted at November session, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, Samuel Sharp and Samuel Logan, two of the commissioners appointed by the said act for superintending the building of the said gaol are deceased, and there is no provision in the said act for supplying the vacancies occasioned by their death; therefore,

Preamble.