

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

An ACT to authorise the appointment of visitors of the gaol in Baltimore county.

Court to ap-
point persons,
&c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and required, at their meeting in January next, and at their annual meeting in the month of October, during the continuance of this act, to appoint eight discreet persons, four of whom shall be residents of the county, and four of the city of Baltimore, to visit and inspect the gaol of Baltimore county.

Who shall
visit the gaol,
&c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said persons so appointed, and they, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorised and required, to visit and inspect the gaol of Baltimore county, and the several apartments thereof, in which debtors or criminals, or persons charged with criminal offences, shall or may be confined, and to deliver, or cause to be delivered, unto the gaoler, or his deputy, for the use and relief of the persons so confined, any article of wearing apparel, bedding, provisions, medicine, or any other thing which the humane and benevolent may from time to time collect or send to the said visitors for the use, relief and comfort, of the prisoners so as aforesaid confined.

Visitors to
visit the gaol,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors, or any two or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorised and required, to visit said gaol once in every month, or oftener if they shall deem it necessary, for the purpose of inspecting the said gaol, and the several apartments thereof, and the condition of the cloathing, bedding and provisions, of the persons therein confined, and every matter or thing which shall or may appear to the said visitors necessary or conducive to the health and comfort of the persons so confined, according to their respective situation, disposition and circumstances.

To be freely
admitted, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff or keeper of the said gaol, or his deputy, are hereby enjoined and required, freely to admit, at all times, the said visitors to visit and inspect the said gaol, and the several apartments thereof, for the benevolent purposes contemplated by this act; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair the authority heretofore exercised by the sheriff or gaoler respectively over said gaol, and the persons confined therein, under the existing laws of this state.

Keep fair mi-
nutes, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said visitors shall keep fair and regular minutes of their proceedings, and lay the same before the levy court at their annual meeting aforesaid.

And continue
one year.

VI. AND, in order to render the duties required by this law as easy as may be, BE IT ENACTED, That the said levy court shall not appoint any one person a visitor of said gaol for a longer time than one year in any three succeeding years, without his consent.

Duration.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue and be in force until the thirtieth day of October, eighteen hundred and five, and until the end of the next general assembly that shall happen thereafter.

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A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the opening of Second-street in the city of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, that the operation of the act of assembly passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled, An act for the opening of Second-street, in the city of Baltimore, and of an act of assembly passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the opening of Second-street, in the city of Baltimore, is partial and oppressive in imposing the whole expence of opening the said street only upon those persons resident or holding property in said street, between Gay-street and South-street, and upon those persons holding houses or lots in and upon Second-street, between South-street and Frederick-street, and upon persons holding property in South-street; for remedy whereof,