

by law for the completion of the said buildings; and the justices of the county court of the said county, on examining and passing the accounts of the said commissioners, have certified their opinion that the foregoing representation is true, and that the new prison is faithfully and substantially built, and that it is just and reasonable that the sum of money so applied by them ought to be reimbursed and levied for their indemnification; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Talbot county be authorised and empowered, and they are hereby enabled and required, at their next levy court, to assess and levy, on the assessable property in the said county, the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty-two pounds nine shillings and five-pence, together with lawful interest for the same from the seventh day of August last until the same shall be payable, for the use and indemnification of the said commissioners, and the same shall be levied and collected by the collector of the said county in the same manner as other county charges are levied and collected, and shall be paid by the collector to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or to their order, at the period appointed by law for the payment of the county charges.

Justices to levy money, &c.

III. AND, whereas the justices of the said county court, and the officers thereof, and other inhabitants of the said county, have also represented to this general assembly, that the court-house in Easton, although so lately erected, has been so defectively constructed, and so inartificially executed, as to require considerable alterations and repairs, and have prayed that the sum of one thousand dollars may be levied for the purpose of thoroughly repairing and strengthening the said building, and securing it from premature decay; and the justices of the said court having viewed and examined its defects, and caused an estimate to be made of the expences which may be necessary for the accomplishment of these objects, and also for the better accommodation of the courts, have certified their opinion that the said sum ought to be levied; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That the justices of the said levy court be also authorised and empowered, and they are hereby enabled and required, at their next levy court, to assess and levy, on the assessable property aforesaid, the said sum of one thousand dollars, and the same shall be levied and collected by the collector of the said county in the same manner as other county charges are levied and collected, and shall be paid by the collector, and applied as herein after directed.

Money to be levied, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Jacob Gibson, Samuel Sharp Dickinson, Thomas James Bullett, Owen Kennard, James Price, Bennett Wheeler and Hugh Martin, of the said county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for directing and superintending such alterations, additions, improvements and repairs, in and to the said court-house, as they, or a majority of them, shall think necessary and expedient for the purpose of strengthening and preserving the said building, and of securing the public records therein, and for the convenience of the courts; and they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract for materials, and with skilful workmen, for the completion of these objects.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said sum of one thousand dollars, so to be levied, shall be paid by the said collector to the said commissioners, or to their order, at the time appointed by law for the payment of the county charges, and the same, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be faithfully applied by them, or a majority of them, towards the making of the alterations, additions, improvements and repairs, in and to the said court-house as aforesaid, and when the same shall be completed, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall render to the justices of the said levy court a true and fair account of the expeditures and receipts of the said sum of money, and on their examination and approbation thereof, the same shall be filed and deposited among the original papers in their office, and any surplus of money which shall remain in the hands of the said commissioners, shall be paid by them to the orders of the levy court, and applied towards the defraying of the county charges.

Money to be paid to them, &c.

C H A P. LII.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county.

Passed 7th of January, 1804.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Queen-Anne's county shall have full power to contract with any person or persons for the opening or clearing any road heretofore laid out, or to be laid out, in said county, and for the improving and keeping in repair any road, or such part thereof, and for such length of time, as, in their judgment, shall seem most adviseable, and for the interest of the county; and where any person or persons shall contract for the keeping in repair of any public road in virtue of this act, and shall neglect

Justices to contract, &c.