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XI. AND, whereas from the increasing wealth and population of the city and county of Baltimore, it is reasonable to make provision for the erection of a large and commodious court-house, and for such person an additional sum of money may be necessary, beyond the amount authorised to be levied by the provisions of this act: And whereas by an act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, the drawing of lotteries within the said city is confined to special purposes, therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the mayor and city council of Baltimore to authorise the aforesaid commissioners, who are hereby constituted managers therefor, to institute a scheme of a lottery within the said city, and to dispose of tickets in such lottery, for the purposes aforesaid, under such limitations as the mayor and city council shall by ordinance direct and appoint, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that not more than thirty thousand dollars be raised by any scheme in virtue of this act.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so much of the public ground in North Calvert-street on which the court-house now stands, as shall be equal to the present width of said street, shall be condemned as a public street of the said city, not to be built upon or used but as one of the streets of the said city.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the residue of the said lot, or so much thereof as the commissioners shall determine to be proper, not condemned as aforesaid, shall be valued by the commissioners, or a majority of them, and disposed of at such valuation to those persons who have built houses fronting upon such public ground, and that upon the payment of the price settled and ascertained by the commissioners as aforesaid, all the ground so purchased shall become the right and estate of the persons so purchasing, and their heirs, for ever, but in case the said person shall not agree to take the said property at the valuation herein directed to be made by the commissioners, within six months from the time of such valuation being notified to them, then it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of Baltimore county to make any other disposition of the same which they may deem advantageous.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners to account with, and pay over to, the levy court, the proceeds of the said sale, to be applied to the use and benefit of the said county.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners herein before named, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, in case that they shall be of opinion that the site herein before fixed for said court-house shall not be the most-eligible ground for building the same, they, or a majority of them, may change the same, and fix upon and purchase any other place or site for said building, within the city or precincts of Baltimore, which in their judgment they shall consider more eligible and proper for such building than that herein fixed upon; and in case the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall change the said site, then they, or a majority of them, are hereby further authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of the lot and ground on which the said court house was herein before directed to be built, and to apply the amount of sales towards the purchase of the site or lot of ground they shall have purchased as aforesaid, for erecting said building, and defraying other expences in erecting the same.

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An ACT for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Will's creek, in Allegany county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, That Thomas Beall, son of Samuel, and other persons, did lay off a parcel of their land contiguous to the mouth of Will's creek, in Allegany county, into lots, a great part of which have since been purchased, and considerable improvement made thereon, and there being no record of the same, the titles of the proprietors thereof are precarious and uncertain; and it appearing right and proper that commissioners should be appointed to lay out and erect a town on the said lands, and to secure the purchasers of lots therein, reserving the right of the proprietors, and their interest, in the said lands, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Roger Perry, Evan Gwinn, Jonathan Cox, George Hoffman and Upton Bruce, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or any three of them, shall have power and authority to direct the surveyor of Allegany county, or any person whom they may think proper to appoint, to survey the said town, and the several lots therein, and make out an exact plot thereof, and shall ascertain and limit the extent of