

Dec. Ses. 1823. in addition to the amount, authorised to be subscribed for by the state of Delaware.

CHAPTER 177.

Passed Feb. 21, 1823.
Preamble.

An act for the relief of John S. Blake, sheriff of Queen Ann's county.
WHEREAS, it appears to this general assembly that the existing laws are inadequate to authorise the levy court of Queen Ann's county to allow certain expences unavoidably incurred by the sheriff of said county, as he is bound to receive all persons legally committed to the jail of said county, and also to furnish said persons with provisions; therefore,

Levy authorised.

Section. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Queen Ann's county be, and they are hereby directed and empowered to levy on the assessable property of said county, such sum or sums of money annually as they may be satisfied by competent testimony to be justly due and owing to the sheriff of said county, for such costs and charges as he may incur from the imprisonment of any person or persons in the jail of said county; *Provided always,* that the said levy court shall not be authorised to levy such sum or sums until they are fully satisfied that such person or persons is or are entirely unable to discharge and pay the same.

J. S. Blake's account.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said levy court be, and they are hereby directed and required, upon the presentation on oath of the account of John S. Blake for the support of certain persons hitherto confined in the jail of Queen Ann's county, who were and still are unable to pay their jail fees as aforesaid since the commencement of his sheriffalty, to re-examine and allow the same, if in their judgment and conscience they shall deem it just and reasonable.

Levy for fuel.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to levy such sum of money annually on the county aforesaid, as in their judgment may be sufficient to furnish the jail of said county with fuel, *Provided,* that said fuel shall be used solely for the comfort and benefit of the prisoners in said jail, together with such sum as may be deemed by said court necessary for the keeping in repair said jail and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Blacksmith—levy.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the court aforesaid, are hereby empowered to employ a blacksmith by the year, and annually thereafter, to do the necessary iron work at the jail in said county, if in their opinion it would add to the interest of said county to thus employ such workman, and they are further authorised to levy such sum of money as they may agree to allow him, on the assessable property of the county aforesaid.

CHAPTER 178.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.
Levy \$40.

An act for the relief of James Hays and his aged mother of Queen Ann's county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Queen Ann's county, be, and they are hereby authorised to levy on the assessable property of the county aforesaid, such sum of money as they may deem proper for the relief of James Hays and his aged mother of said county, (not exceeding the sum of forty dollars) at their next levy, and as long thereafter as they may see just cause for the same.