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Page 3. In the 10th line strike out the words "on the lot of ground," and insert "at the place," and after the word "afore said" in the 11th line of the same page, insert "And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall have full power and authority, at any time before the first day of June next, to agree with the owner or owners of the land at the place aforesaid, for the purchase of two acres thereof, most convenient and proper for a court-house and gaol to be erected on, and if such land can be purchased, a deed shall be taken for the same from the owner or owners, to the justices of Caroline county and their successors, for ever; and if the commissioners aforesaid cannot purchase the lands aforesaid from the owner or owners by the day aforesaid, or the owner or owners should be under any disability to convey the same, then the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall as soon as may be thereafter, cause to be surveyed, laid out and plotted, two acres of land at the place aforesaid, the most convenient for the purposes aforesaid; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, by warrant under their hands, direct the sheriff of the said county to summon, and cause to come at the place aforesaid, on a certain day in such warrant to be mentioned, eighteen good and sufficient men of the county aforesaid, none of whom to be interested in the said land, or related to the owner or owners, and the upon the sheriff of the said county shall summon such eighteen good and sufficient men aforesaid, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money, and every person so summoned shall attend agreeably to the summon, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, under the penalty of five pounds current money, and the persons so summoned shall, at the place aforesaid, on the day mentioned in the warrant aforesaid, or on any other day to be appointed by the said commissioners, be ballotted by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and the twelve first drawn shall be a jury to value the land so laid out by the commissioners, and each of them shall take an oath, to be administered by any one of the said commissioners, well and truly to value the said land laid out by the commissioners, according to its actual and real worth, without favour, partiality or prejudice; and the said jury having taken the oath aforesaid, shall value the said land so laid out by the commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and shall enter their valuation in writing, and subscribe their names to the same; and the valuation of the said jury, or a majority of them, shall be binding on all parties, and upon the payment or tender of the sum at which the jury aforesaid value the land aforesaid to the owner or owners thereof by the commissioners, such land shall be vested in the justices of the said county and their successors, for ever, for the purposes aforesaid; and if by any accident the land aforesaid shall not be valued under the warrant first issued for the purpose aforesaid, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall issue another warrant for the purposes aforesaid, upon which there shall be similar proceedings as above directed by the first warrant, and so toties quoties until the said land is properly valued; and the money agreed to be paid for the said land by the commissioners, or the value ascertained by a jury as aforesaid, shall be paid out of the first money which comes into the hands of the said commissioners in virtue of this act; and the said land when purchased or vested in the justices aforesaid, by valuation and payment, or tender of the value as aforesaid, shall be bounded with stones or posts at each corner thereof, and the plot of the same, with certificate and explanation, shall be recorded among the records of said county, and the said land shall be held by the said justices and their successors for ever, as public land for the purposes aforesaid, and other public purposes for the use of the said county, and shall for ever hereafter be called Perryburgh." Strike out the last clause in the bill, and insert "And be it enacted, That so much of the said act for the division of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties, and for creating a new one by the name of Caroline, as directs the building a court-house and gaol at a place called Pig-point or Edenton, and appropriates ground for the erection of the said buildings at the place called Pig-point or Edenton, be and hereby is repealed."

The bill, entitled, An act ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and, with the above bills and resolution, sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Mr. Gantt, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act allowing a longer time to compound on old certificates of survey, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, February 6, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, February 8, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."
And also the resolution respecting the appointment of justices of the peace in the several counties, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, February 8, 1786: Read and assented to.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."
ORDERED, That a copy of the said resolution be sent to the governor and council.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, February 9, 1786.

THE same members appeared as on yesterday, except Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; who is indisposed.
Mr. Joshua Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message: