

to make any assessment on the taxable inhabitants of Caroline county aforesaid in this present year, by virtue of the said act.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, That the act of assembly entitled, "an act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer," passed in December session, 1773, be repealed, and that no prosecution be hereafter had commenced for any breach committed of the said act, and that no prosecution already begun for any breach of the said act be further prosecuted.

Mr. Turbut Wright has leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, That all justices of the peace and other officers, who were such of Frederick county, shall continue, and may exercise the same power and authority as if the resolutions of this convention for dividing Frederick county into three counties had not passed: and the justices of the county court of Frederick, to be held in the month of November in this present year, or by adjournment, shall have cognizance of, and may proceed to hear and determine, all causes, matters, and things, criminal and civil, although the same have arisen or shall arise in Washington or Montgomery county, in the same manner, and as fully, as the same court might or could have done if the said resolutions had never been made; and the justices aforesaid may appoint constables and overseers of the high-ways, as well in the said counties of Washington and Montgomery, as in Frederick county.

That the county court for each of the said counties of Washington and Montgomery shall be first held, as for separate and distinct counties, in the month of March next, and where any defendant against whom any original writ or process shall, after the first day of December next, issue, resides in Washington or Montgomery county, the writ or process shall issue out of Frederick county court, directed to the sheriff of the county where the defendant resides, if such county shall then have a sheriff qualified to act in that county separately, and if not, to the sheriff of Frederick county, and shall be returnable and returned to the next March court to be held for the county where the defendant resides.

That the justices of Frederick county court aforesaid, may at their November court aforesaid, assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of Washington and Montgomery counties, separately and respectively, such money or tobacco as the justices of the same counties might respectively have assessed at their November courts in this year, had the same been held.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the question was put, That no poll be taken to fix or ascertain the place for building a court-house and prison in Montgomery county, until the expiration of twenty