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within the Angles aforesaid, as may be discovered from one to the other. Which Posts, when and as often as they shall decay, the Commissioners shall cause new Ones to be affixed in their Place, at the County Charge for ever. And the respective Surveyors return two Certificates of such Survey, by them made as aforesaid, with fair Plats of the same, one whereof to his Excellency the Governor and Council as aforesaid, the other to be Recorded and kept in the County Court as aforesaid; any Law, Statute, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dorchester
County
Court-House.

V. And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Lot whereon the Court-House of Dorchester County now stands, together with the Tenements thereon, being formerly taken up and purchased as Town-Land, but the Records of these Lots taken up, being either embezzled, or casually lost, be and remain to the Use of the County for ever, as firmly and absolutely as if the same had been actually Conveyed by the true Owner or Owners thereof; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

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Passed 11th
June 1697.

An ACT directing and appointing to what Use the several Rooms in the State-House, in the Town or Port of *Annapolis*, shall be applied to. *Lib. LL. N^o 2. fol. 153.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS this Province hath been at great Charge and Expences in the Building a State-House, or Public House of Judicature, at this Port of *Annapolis*, which is now almost finished and compleated; and to the End that the said House and the several Rooms and Apartments therein, may in Time present and to come, be applied and appropriated to the Uses and Purposes the same was designed for, and no other;

II. Be it Enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said State-House, and the several Rooms and Apartments therein, for the Time present and to come, be, and is hereby appointed and appropriated to the Uses and Purposes hereafter mentioned, and no other, *That is to say,*

The several
Rooms in the
State-House.
how appro-
priated.

III. The Great Room below Stairs, for Courts and Assemblies to sit in: The Little Room below the Stairs, to be for a Magazine for every Thing but Powder to lie in: The two Rooms on the Right Hand above Stairs, for Jury and Committee Rooms: The two Rooms on the Left Hand, to be for Provincial and Land-Office Records to be kept: And the Fore-Porch to be for the Commissary's Office, and Records of Probat of Wills and Granting Administrations, &c. to be kept in: The two Rooms on the Right Hand, in the upper Lofts, One for the County Clerk to keep the County Court Records in, and the Other for *Annapolis* Town Clerk to keep his Papers in; and the other two Rooms on the Left Hand, One of them for keeping the Records of the Chancery Court, and the Other for keeping the Records of the Governor and Council in one Part of it, and another Part of the same Room, for lodging of all Bonds, Bills, Certificates, Cockets, and other Naval Papers, transmitted from the Collectors and Naval Officers of this Province: To which End and Purpose, all Naval Officers and Collectors, are by this Act, bound and obliged to return to the Governor and Council, once in the Year, *That is to say,* on the Tenth Day of *June* yearly, and in every Year, all Cockets, Bonds, Papers, and other Certificates lodged with them, or any of them, by any Persons as aforesaid, under Penalty of being proceeded against, and punished, for such their Contempt. The Room above the Back-Porch to be for the Clerk of the House of Delegates, to keep the Journals and Pa-

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