

vessel of force, and that each of the said recruits shall receive as a gratuity the sum of thirty shillings of the last emission.

C H A P. III.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this general assembly, at this session, will provide ample funds, by the sales of confiscated British property, or specifics, to replace the money appropriated by the act of last session to the recruiting service, and now applied to the defence of the bay.

Funds to be provided, &c. Chapter 18.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, as soon as they shall have fitted out the said galley or vessel of force, and barges, shall deliver them to the order of the governor and the council, who will employ them in such manner as they may think proper to answer the intention of this general assembly.

Galley, &c. to be delivered, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, chief justice of the general court of this state, be appointed, on behalf of the legislature thereof, to repair as soon as convenient to Richmond, in Virginia, there to consult the legislature or executive of that state on the most effectual measures for protecting the trade of the bay of Chesapeake, and the property of the people inhabiting the shores thereof; and that he be directed to assure the legislature or executive of Virginia, that we consider the interests of the two states as mutual and inseparable, and sincerely wish to preserve the strictest union, harmony, and communication of good offices and correspondence between the legislatures and people of our respective governments.

R. H. Harrison appointed, &c.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for the building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 138.

Passed 15th of June, 1782.

Supplements November, 1788, ch. 29, 1789, ch. 25, 1790, ch. 40.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, by their petition to this general assembly have represented, that they have long laboured under great hardships and inconveniencies, in attending public business at Queen's town; that the court-house and prison are in a ruinous condition, and that it is the earnest desire of a great majority of the inhabitants, that they may not be repaired, but that all the public property in Queen's town belonging to the county may be ascertained and sold, and the sales thereof applied towards erecting public buildings at a more convenient place, and that the head of Corfica creek would be a proper place on which to erect the public buildings for the said county; and it appears to this general assembly, that the granting of the prayer of the petition would conduce greatly to the general ease and convenience of the inhabitants of the said county;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Solomon Wright, Thomas Wright, Vachel Downes, Clement Sewel, Samuel Ridgeway, Edward Downes and John Dames, Esquires, be appointed commissioners for the county aforesaid, and they, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and required to purchase, in fee, a quantity of land, not exceeding four acres, at or near the head of Corfica creek, in the county aforesaid, for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county, and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of the county, with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and enrolled among the land records of the said county; and if the said commissioners, or a major part of them, cannot agree with the owner of the land for the purchase thereof, the commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to direct the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county to summon twelve inhabitants of the said county (qualified to be jurors,) to meet on the said land, who shall be empanelled and sworn as a jury to inquire the value of the said land, and the said commissioners shall pay the value of the said land as aforesaid agreed for, or valued as aforesaid, out of the money hereafter directed to be collected for that purpose, and, on payment of the said money, the fee-simple in the said land shall be vested in the said county for ever.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, be authorized and required to expose to sale, at auction, after the tenth day of July next, and after eight weeks notice of the sale, by advertisements set up at the most public place in the county, the present court-house and prison, and the land in Queen's town belonging to the county, and on payment of the money, to execute and acknowledge a deed of bargain and sale for the same to the purchaser.

Court-house to be sold, &c.