

commanding him to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial freeholders not less than twelve Inhabitants within the said County to be and appear before the said Commissioners at the said Town of Baltimore upon a certain Day to be by them limited and appointed which Jury upon their Oath to be by the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them to the said Jurors administred shall enquire who is or are the Owner or Owners of the said Land what is the Value thereof and what Damages such Owner or Owners will sustain And the sum of Money the said Jurors shall assess to the Owner or Owners of such Land for such Land and Damages shall be paid by the said Commissioners and the Payment for the Land as aforesaid shall invest the Justices of Baltimore County and their Successors with an Estate in fee simple for the Use of the County aforesaid for ever And the said Commissioners or the major Part of them are hereby authorized and impowered to cause the said Part of the said Street and the said Land adjoining to be laid out by the Surveyor of the said County with good and sufficient Boundaries and a Certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the County Records and to treat and agree with Undertakers or Workmen to build and finish a Court House and Publick Prison with a good Yard and other Conveniences thereto on such Land as aforesaid

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[which is to be paid by the commissioners.]

[who have Power to treat with Undertakers, &c. to build, &c.]

And Whereas for defraying Part of the Expencc and Charge of Purchasing the said Land and building the Court House and Prison thereon sundry Inhabitants of the said County have subscribed considerable sums of Money

[Commissioners impowered to receive all Sums subscribed for the above use]

Be it Enacted That the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them shall and they are hereby impowered to receive and collect all Monies by the said Persons Subscribed And such Subscribers are hereby directed to pay their several Subscriptions to the said Commissioners And if any Person shall neglect or refuse to pay such his Subscription Money the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them may and they are hereby authorized to recover and receive the same

And be it further Enacted That the Justices of Baltimore County Court shall and they are hereby authorized directed and impowered to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said County at the Time of laying the Publick Levy a Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding three hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco by two equal Assessments in the Years seventeen hundred and sixty Eight and seventeen hundred and sixty nine together with the Sheriffs Sallary of five per Cent for Collection which said Assessments so as aforesaid to be made and levied shall be collected by the Sheriff of the said County from the several Taxable Persons who shall reside within the said County in the same manner as other publick and County Levies are by Law collected And the said Tobacco when so as aforesaid collected shall be paid by such Sheriff to the said Com-

[Justices of Baltimore County Court enabled to levy 300,000 lb of Tobacco in years 1768 & 1769]
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