

or the major Part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and impowered at such Times as they, or the major Part of them, shall think proper, before the Twentieth Day of December next, to meet together at the Place commonly called Frederick Town aforesaid, and buy or purchase from the Owner or Owners of such Land, three Acres whereon to build a Court House and Prison in Frederick County aforesaid, if the Owner or Owners of such Land and the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall agree for the same; but if the Owner or Owners of such Land and the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall not agree for the Purchase thereof, or if the Owner or Owners of such Land shall be under the Age of Twenty-one Years or other Disability to sell or convey the same, then the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and impowered to issue a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of Prince George's County, therein requiring the said Sheriff to call to his Assistance the Surveyor of Prince George's County, to survey and lay out the said Quantity of Land, and to summon Twenty-four Freeholders of the said County to appear on the Land to be chosen as aforesaid, at a Time therein to be mentioned, Twelve at least of which said Freeholders shall be impannelled and sworn as a Jury, to enquire who is Owner, and declare the Value of the said Land designed for a Court House and Prison in the County aforesaid, and the Payment or Tender of such their Valuation to the Person who shall be found by such Jury to be Owner of such Land, or to the Guardian of the Owner, if a Minor, or to the Husband of a Feme Covert, if one shall be found to be the Owner, shall invest the Justices of Frederick County, and their Successors, with an Estate in Fee Simple for the Use of such County as aforesaid for ever; which Survey, Valuation, and other Proceedings shall be by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, returned, and they are hereby directed and required to return the same in Writing under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and under the Hands and Seals of the said Sheriff and Surveyor, to the next Prince George's County Court, after making the same, which County Court shall, and they are hereby obliged and required to order and direct the Clerk of Prince George's County, and he is hereby obliged in Pursuance of such Order, within two Months thereafter, to record, among the Land Records of such his County, all the aforesaid Proceedings, and which Record being so as aforesaid made, shall be held, deemed and taken, according to the Tenor and Meaning thereof, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, as good and effectual as any other Matter of Record whatsoever.

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[Land to be valued &c.]

[Directions to the Clerk.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Justices of Frederick County aforesaid shall, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to assess and levy on the taxable Persons of the same County, in the same Manner as the

[Justices Authorized, &c.]