

its archives from his predecessor in office, who refused to surrender said office on the ground that his term had not expired.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

Approved April 1, 1872.

CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to borrow money on the credit of the county for the purpose of erecting a court house, to issue bonds for the payment of the same, and to levy taxes on the assessable property of the county to redeem said bonds, and to pay the interest thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for and superintend the building of a court house, with all the necessary offices, upon the site and grounds in the town of Hagerstown, in Washington county, whereon the court house recently destroyed by fire stood, and furnishing the said court house and offices when so constructed with all the necessary cases and furniture for the accommodation of the courts to be held in said building for said county, members of the bar and public officers, and with such other things as their convenience may require; and for the purpose of paying for said court house, the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of said county, and, if necessary, to issue coupon bonds therefor in sums not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five thousand dollars, to be signed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners, bearing interest, payable Authorized to contract for building Court house.
To issue coupon bonds.