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such machine for carding cotton or wool, or for spinning them, or either of them, without a licence in writing first had and obtained from the said Robert Lemmon, his executors, administrators or assigns, or shall purchase such machine or machines as aforesaid, within the term aforesaid, made by any other person than the said Robert Lemmon, his executors, administrators or assigns, or by some person licensed by him or them for that purpose, such person so making, constructing or vending such machine or machines, or buying the same, or either of them, shall forfeit and pay to the said Robert Lemmon, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of fifty pounds current money, to be recovered in any court of record in an action of debt founded upon this act; provided always, that if on any action brought for the recovery of the said penalty, it shall be proved that the said Robert Lemmon was not the original inventor of the machine, for the making, selling, or purchasing of which, such action shall be brought, that the jury shall find their verdict for the defendant, and such defendant shall recover his costs.

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Passed January
20.

An ACT to determine by election whether the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be erected at Bell-air or at Havre-de-Grace.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Harford county have petitioned this general assembly for a law to remove the seat of justice in said county from Bell-air to Havre-de-Grace, and sundry other inhabitants of said county have remonstrated against the said petition, and prayed that the seat of justice therein should continue at the place already established by law: And whereas it appears to this general assembly to be right and proper that the said dispute should be finally determined by an election of the people, to which the said parties have consented: Therefore,

Commissioners appointed,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That John Archer, Benedict E. Hall, William Smith, (Bay-side) John Taylor and Jesse Jarrett, and any two or more of them, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of holding an election in the said county, to ascertain whether the court-house and prison of said county shall be erected at Bell-air or Havre-de-Grace, and they, or any two of them, shall hold the said election at Bell-air on the first Monday in April next, and all persons qualified by the constitution and form of government to vote for delegates for said county, shall have a right of suffrage in the said election; and the said commissioners, and any two or more of them, shall be the judges of the election, and may adjourn from day to day, if necessary, till the same be finished, so that it be concluded in six days; and the said commissioners shall summon two justices of the peace, who are hereby required to attend for the preservation of the peace; and the said commissioners shall appoint a clerk or clerks to take the votes agreeably to the directions of this act, who shall, before he or they proceed to act, take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the elections under the act to determine by election whether the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be erected at Bell-air or at Havre-de-Grace, according to the best of my judgment and knowledge. So help me God:" And the said commissioners, before they proceed to receive any votes, shall take an oath, that they will permit all persons to vote at the election to be held in virtue of this act, who in their judgment are qualified to vote for delegates for said county, and that they will not permit any person to vote who is not qualified as aforesaid; if such person, before his voting, shall be objected against by any three of the voters; and that they will in all things execute the office of judges of the said election, according to the best of their knowledge, without favour, affection, or partiality.

Votes to be received for two
places only,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall receive no votes for any other place or places than Bell-air and Havre-de-Grace, and that the place
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