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taken, interpreted, or adjudged, into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act of incorporation, but the same shall be and remain unhurt, inviolate, and entire, unto the said corporation of visitors and governors, in perpetual succession; and all their acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof, shall be and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Charter good
in law, &c.

XIV. **And be it enacted and declared,** That this charter and act of incorporation, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed, and adjudged, in all cases, most favourably, on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the said visitors and governors, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science, and virtue.

Visitors, &c.
to take the
oath of fidelity.

XV. **And be it enacted,** That no person shall act as visitor and governor, or as principal or vice-principal, or as professor, in the said college, before he shall take the oath of fidelity and support to this state required by the constitution or by the laws of this state.

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An ACT for building a prison in Somerset county, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the justices of Somerset county, by their petition to this assembly have represented, that a public gaol is much wanted in said county: And whereas it is thought convenient, by the justices aforesaid, to sell and dispose of the old prison and land, and to purchase other land whereon they may build a new gaol:

Justices to sell
the old prison,
&c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the justices of Somerset county, or the major part of them, are hereby authorised, empowered, and required, to make sale by public vendue (giving ten days notice by advertisement) of the old prison in Somerset county aforesaid, with the land whereon it stands, to the highest bidder, and to convey the same, in fee simple, to the purchaser, his heirs and assigns, for ever, and the sum arising from the sale thereof shall be applied to the purpose in this act hereafter mentioned.

To assess the
inhabitants,
&c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That the justices aforesaid shall, and they are hereby authorised, directed, and empowered, to assess and levy, on the taxable inhabitants of said county, at the time of laying their next county levy, a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, with the collector's salary of four per cent. for collection; which said assessment, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the collectors of the tax from the several inhabitants of said county, in the same manner as other county and public taxes are by law collected; and the sum, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such collectors to the said justices, who are hereby authorised and required to receive and apply