

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees as aforesaid, or any three of them, to bind out any orphans under their care in said poor-house, to any discreet person applying for said orphan or orphans, always having a regard to give a preference to tradesmen and mechanics, by obliging said applicants for said orphan or orphans to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he follows, and to find him in good sufficient cloathing, meat, drink, washing and lodging, and to give such education as masters are obliged to give to apprentices bound by the severall county courts of this state; and said indenture, when so taken, shall be lodged with the clerk of the county where such indenture is taken, by any one of the trustees of the poor of said county, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of three pounds for every neglect, to be recovered by presentment in the county court of the county where any such orphan shall be bound, and applied to the use and benefit of the poor of said county; and the clerk of said county shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record the said indenture as other indentures heretofore taken for orphans bound by the court of said county, and the said clerk shall be allowed the sum of three shillings current money for each and every indenture so received and recorded, to be assessed in the levy of said county.

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And bind out
orphans, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any the trustees of the poor of the counties aforesaid shall neglect to attend on any the days appointed by the trustees for the meeting of said trustees, and transacting of business, it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, or any three of them, when met as aforesaid, to proceed to fine such person or persons so neglecting to attend, in any sum not exceeding ten shillings for every such neglect, to be applied as aforesaid.

Fine for non-
attendance.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to empower the justices of the peace of Charles county to assess and levy a sum of money on said county to repair their court-house and build a record-office.

Passed De-
cember 27.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the grand jury and court of Charles county, that the court-house of said county is very inconvenient, and much out of repair, and that the rooms appropriated for the records of the said county court, and the orphans court, are too small for the purpose;

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the peace of Charles county for the time being, and they are hereby authorised, empowered and required, at their next levy laying court, to levy on the assessable property in said county, the sum of five hundred pounds current money, together with a commission of five *per cent.* for collection; which sum so assessed, shall be collected by the sheriff, or other person appointed to collect the county levy in said county, as other county levies are collected; and the said sheriff, or collector, as the case may be, is hereby required and directed to pay the same to the justices of Charles county court for the time being, who are hereby authorised and required to apply the same to the repairing the said court-house, and making the same more convenient, and any surplus that may remain, after completing the same, shall be applied in building a new record-office or offices, or in repairing and enlarging the present rooms made use of for that purpose, as may be thought best by the justices of the said county court.

Justices to le-
vy money,
&c.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to authorise John Wilson, son of George, of Kent county, to erect a mill-dam, and to appoint commissioners to lay out a road at the places therein mentioned.

Passed De-
cember 27.

WHEREAS the said John Wilson, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he is the owner and possessor of a valuable mill in Kent county, which is of great utility and convenience

Preamble.