

“usual Oaths to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them.” has in its execution been attended with effects subversive of the general principle of law which restrains grand juries to enquire and examine witnesses for, and on the part of the King only.

Act of the 26th
of Geo. III. re-
pealed.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the said act, and every clause, matter, and thing, therein contained, be repealed, and no longer of any validity, force, or effect whatsoever; And that the powers and authority therein given to the foreman of any grand jury or grand juries henceforth cease and determine, and be utterly null and void.

Coffin Law

C A P. III.

An ACT in amendment of an Act entitled “An Act for assessing, collecting “and levying COUNTY RATES.”

Part of the
“act for assess-
ing, collecting
“and levying
“county rates.”
—repealed.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That so much of the act entitled “An Act for assessing, collecting, and levying County Rates.” and every such clause therein as makes it lawful for any inhabitant of any town or parish, in case he shall so chuse, instead of paying, the sum, to be assessed upon him by virtue of the said act, to contribute a proportion of labour, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Where the justices of the peace have purchased any building to be used as a Gaol or Court house, or shall hereafter purchase any building to be used for that purpose such justices have power to distribute and charge the sum so given, or contracted to be given for such building, upon the several towns or parishes in like manner as such justices may distribute and charge the sum to be levied for the purpose of building and finishing a public

II. And be it further enacted, That in all such counties in this province where the justices of the peace at their general or special sessions held for that purpose, have purchased, or agreed and contracted to purchase any house or building to be used and occupied as a Gaol or Court-House in such counties respectively, or shall hereafter purchase or agree and contract to purchase any house or building to be used and occupied as a Gaol or Court-House in such counties respectively, such justices shall have full power and authority by warrant under their hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of the greater number of them to be directed to the assessors of the several and respective towns or parishes in their respective counties, by equal proportion to distribute and charge the sum or sums of money so given, or agreed and contracted to be given for such house or building for the use and purpose of a Gaol or Court-House as aforesaid, upon the several towns or parishes in such counties respectively, in like manner and as fully to all intents and purposes, as such justices in and by
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the said recited act may distribute and charge the sum or sums of money to be levied by virtue of the said act, for the purpose of building and finishing a public Gaol or Court-House in and for such counties respectively. And the assessors for the said towns or parishes respectively shall apportion the quota of the said sum or sums, so to be distributed and charged by virtue of this act, upon the respective towns or parishes, in like manner as the said assessors are authorised to apportion the sum or sums of money to be levied, by virtue of the said recited act, for the purpose of building and finishing a public Gaol or Court-House in and for such counties respectively. And such sum and sums of money so to be distributed, charged, and apportioned by virtue of this act, shall and may be levied, collected and paid in like manner and under the same restrictions, regulations, penalties, and forfeitures, in every respect, as any sum or sums of money, can be levied, collected, and paid by virtue of the said herein before recited act; any thing in the said herein before recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gaol or Court-house by virtue of the said act. The assessors to apportion the quota of the sum to be distributed and charged by virtue of this act, upon the towns or parishes.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the Justices of the sessions in any County in this province, to levy more than the sum of three hundred pounds for the purpose of building and finishing a Gaol and Court-House by virtue of the said herein before recited act, or for the purpose of paying for or purchasing any buildings for a Gaol and Court-House in their respective counties by virtue of this act; any thing in this act, or in the said recited act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not to levy more than 300l. for building Gaol and Court-house, or purchasing any building for that purpose.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the said herein before recited act, and every clause, matter, and thing therein contained, not herein before altered and repealed, shall be and remain in full force; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

The said recited act, except as herein altered and repealed, to remain in force.

C. A P. IV.

An ACT to authorise the erection of FENCES and GATES across certain roads in the several counties in this province where the same shall be found necessary.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this act, when any inhabitant of, or proprietor of lands in any town or parish

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