

an Act for Removing the Seat of Justice
from ~~Lower Town~~ to a more central
part of Super County, and for other Purposes.

Whereas it appears to this General Assembly
that a great majority of the Inhabitants
of Super County, by Petition have prayed a
Removal of the seat of justice from
~~Lower Town~~ to a more central and
convenient part of said County.
And this Assembly considering the
prayer of said Petitioners should
be granted.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly
of Delaware that George Mitchell Esq.
Robert Hanston Esq. William Moore Esq.
John Collins Esq. ^{Mathamully Young} ~~Richard Young~~ Esq. John
William Perry Esq. ~~James~~ Rhoads Shankland Esq. Nathaniel
Wyndham Stockley ~~Charles~~ Daniel Polk Esq. and
Thomas Baskin Esq. as a major part
of them and are hereby appointed
Commissioners to execute and performe
the several trusts, and powers reposed
in and required of them by this Act,
and be, and are hereby authorized and
impowered to purchase in fee for the
use of Super County a quantity
of

of land not exceeding ² one hundred
acres near the center of the said County
of Super, at the place called James
Pettyjohns Old Field, or within ^{two} ~~three~~
miles of the House where Benjamin Pettyjohns
now resides. Situate in Broad Kill Hundred
in said County: for the purpose of
building thereon a Court House and
Prison for said County, and shall
cause the said land, to be laid out
by the Surveyor of the County, with
good and sufficient Boundaries and a
Certificate thereof to be delivered to
the Recorder of said County, who shall
faithfully record the same in due
form of Law

And Whereas it may appear to the undersigned
to oblige those of the Inhabitants of
Super County who do not wish a
Removal, to bear part of the expense
^{incurred in erecting the said Buildings}
that may ~~be used in carrying said~~
~~Buildings into effect~~. Be it enacted that
Robert Hanston Abner Shankland George
Mitchell William Moore and John Collins
^{Commissioners of said County or any three of them}
Esquires are hereby authorized and
impowered, with the assistance of the
Surveyor of said County to cause the

the said land so to be purchased as
aforesaid, to be laid out in such
lots, and parcels, as to the said
Commissioners may seem proper.
who are hereby authorized required
and impowered, to sell the same to the
best advantage, and execute deed or
deeds for the conveyance thereof
reserving ~~to the use of Super~~
County ~~a sufficient quantity of~~
^{half an acre of ground each for the}
~~said land as the erecting of said~~
~~erecting said Court House and Prison on respectively,~~
~~County House and Prison thereon~~
~~and their respective accommodations~~
~~may require~~. and appropriate
the monies arising from such sale
toward the discharge of such expenses
as shall be occasioned in the purchase
of the said land, and ^{finishing} ~~completing~~
the said Buildings, and the said
Commissioners, or a Majority of
them are hereby authorized and
impowered to open subscriptions
for the purpose of procuring monies
to complete the said Buildings and

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and shall have power, to make demand
and sue for the same when subscribed
and be it enacted that the Court House
and Prison, so to be Built as aforesaid
shall be at least of the same size
and dimensions with the Old Court
House and Prison now at Lewes
~~Town~~, The Court House to be
built of ^{wood} ~~brick~~, and the Prison of
Brick or Stone; and when the said
Court House and Prison, are so far
finished, that Courts can conveniently
be held in said Court House and
Prisoners safe kept in said Prison
the fitness of which shall be judged
of by ^{3 or 4} ~~the~~ ^{Here insert No. 12.} ~~Commissioners~~ ^{as a} ~~a~~ ^{major part of them;} then the
said Commissioners or a majority of them
shall have power and authority, to
sell by way of public sale or otherwise
to the best advantage, the old Court House
and Prison in Lewes ~~Town~~, and
appropriate the monies arising
from

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from such sale towards the finishing
of said building, and shall give
good and sufficient deed, as directed in fee simple
to the purchaser, or purchasers of the same
and be it enacted that after such sale is
made of the old Court House and Prison
so as aforesaid to be made, that then all
the Courts of Sussex County shall
be held in such new Court House
according to the usage, and practice
of other Courts in this State. and such
new Court House, and Prison shall then
be used taken, held, and deemed to be
the proper Court House and Prison of
Sussex County, and that ~~all the~~
all the process issuing out of any
of the Courts of said County, shall
be attested at, and returned to said
new Court House, and such business
is directed by any law of this government
to be done at Lewes Town, shall thereafter
be acted and done at ^{the} ~~said~~ ^{the} new Court House
and be it enacted that the Clerk of the Supreme
Court, Clerk of Common Pleas, Clerk of

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of the Peace, Sheriff and Register for the
probate of wills, and granting letters of
administration Clarke of the Appraisers
Court. and the Recorder of Deeds for
the said County of Sussex, shall reside
themselves, or keep lawful deputies at said
new Court-House within two years after such
Sale made as aforesaid of the old Court-House
and Prison, and in the mean time that
the Clarke and Officers aforesaid ~~except~~
~~the Recorder of Deeds~~ shall duly attend
at the said new Court-House during
the holding of Courts there, at all
such times as the Nature of their respective
duties may require

Any Law Customs or usage to the
Contrary Notwithstanding — 11

Here insert the 15th Amendment.

Bill for the removal of
the Seat of Justice from
Lower Town to a more
central part of the County
of Sussex.

Sent to the Council for
Consideration & concurrence.

In Council
Per J. 25th 1791 Read &
Referred to
W. Shankland
W. Ridgely &
W. Baring