

C A P. IX.

An Act for raising the sum of Sixteen Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of erecting BUILDINGS, for the meeting of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, the SUPREME COURT, and its OFFICES, and other PUBLIC OFFICES, in Charlotte-Town, and for Building two Gaols, viz. one in Prince County, and one in King's County, in this Island.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is essential to to the dignity and honour of His Majesty's Government in this Island—the due and regular administration of Justice—and the security of private Property, that Provision be made by this Assembly, for the erecting Proper Buildings for the accommodation of the General Assembly, the Supreme Court and its Offices, and the Register and Surveyor General's Offices, in Charlotte-Town, as also for Public Buildings in King's County and Prince County; *and whereas* the usual method of raising money for building Court Houses and Gaols, in His Majesty's Colonies, as well as in Great Britain, is by Assessment on the Property of the County upon presentment by the Grand Juries thereof:

And Whereas, under the circumstances of this Island, where there is only one Grand Jury for the whole thereof, and where it is impossible to ascertain the abilities of the Inhabitants, otherwise than by their Landed Property—it appears both expedient, equitable, and least burthensome, that the same should be raised by an *Assessment of Two Shillings* for every *hundred acres of Land*, in this Island:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That there shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this Island, the sum of *Two Shillings*, lawful Money thereof, for every *hundred acres of Land* contained in the several Townships thereof, and in the several small Islands, belonging thereto; and the sum of *Two Shil-*

There shall be paid two shillings per 100 acres, in the Townships and small Islands, and two shillings