

(Passed February 8th, 1833)

Rappahannock
county created.

Its
boundaries.

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, That all that part of the county of Culpeper lying next to and adjoining the counties of Shenandoah and Page, and contained within the following boundary lines, to wit: Beginning at the corner of Madison and Culpeper counties upon the top of the Blue Ridge of mountains, and running thence with the line of said counties to the point where it is intersected by Hugh's river, above the junction of Hugh's and Hazel rivers; thence with Hugh's river to the junction of the aforesaid rivers; thence to a bend in the river near a point called the Giant's castle; thence to Horner's mill upon the Fauquier and Culpeper line; thence with said line to the corner of the aforesaid counties upon the top of the Blue Ridge; thence with said mountains to the beginning, shall form one distinct and new county and be called and known by the name of Rappahannock county.

Governor to
commission justices
of peace.

Their oaths.

2. The governor shall commission twenty-five persons as justices of the peace, in and for the said county of Rappahannock, who shall, before entering upon and executing the duties of the said office, take the several oaths now required by law of persons commissioned as justices of the peace; which oaths may be administered by any justice of the peace now in commission for either of the counties of Madison, Fauquier or Shenandoah.

Monthly courts
when to be held.

3. A court for the said county of Rappahannock shall be held by the justices thereof, on the first Monday in every month after the same shall have been organized, in like manner as is provided by law for other counties, and shall be by their commissions directed.

Commissioners to
select place for
holding courts.

4. And in order the more impartially and correctly to ascertain the most proper place for holding courts and erecting public buildings for the said county of Rappahannock. Charles Hunton of the county of Fauquier. John E.

Their duty.

of the county of Berkeley, William M. Robertson of the county of Page, William D. Smims of the county of Halifax, and James Richards of the county of Culpeper, gentlemen, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, a majority of whom may act, for the purpose aforesaid, whose duty it shall be, after having performed the services hereby required, to make report thereof in writing to the court of the said county of Rappahannock; whereupon, they, the said court, shall proceed to cause the necessary public buildings to be erected at the place so fixed upon as the site for the same by the said commissioners or a majority of them; which, when completed, shall be the permanent place for holding courts for the said county of Rappahannock.

First court
where and when
to be held.

5. The justices of the peace, commissioned and qualified as aforesaid, for the said county of Rappahannock, shall meet at the house now the residence of A. M. Cox, in said county, on the first Monday in April next, and a majority of them being present, shall proceed to the appointment of a clerk of the said court; shall nominate to the governor suitable persons to be commissioned as sheriff and coroner of the said county and fix upon a place for holding the courts of said county until the necessary buildings shall be constructed at the place designated by the said commissioners.

Who to collect
public dues.

6. It shall be lawful for the sheriff of the county of Culpeper to collect and make distress for any public dues or officers' fees which shall remain unpaid by the inhabitants of the county of Rappahannock, at the time when this act shall commence and be in force, and shall be accountable for the same in like manner as if this act had never been passed.

Jurisdiction
of courts of
Culpeper.

7. The courts of the county of Culpeper shall have jurisdiction of all actions and suits depending before them on the third Monday in May next, and shall try and

Judicial circuit. Circuit court, when to be held. See post. ch. 74, § 4. Brigade district.

Senatorial, electoral and congressional districts.

Representation.

Quarterly courts.

Commissioners to run dividing lines.

Report of proceedings, to be recorded.

Their compensation.

8. The said county of Rappahannock shall be in and attached to the same judicial circuit with the county of Culpeper; and the circuit courts thereof shall be holden on the twentieth day of May and on the twentieth day of October in every year; and be of the same brigade district with the county of Culpeper.

9. The said county of Rappahannock shall belong to the same senatorial, congressional and electoral districts as the county of Culpeper.

10. The said county of Rappahannock and the county of Culpeper, shall each send one delegate to the house of delegates of Virginia, until a future re-appointment of representation shall take place.

11. The courts of quarterly sessions for the said county of Rappahannock shall be holden in the months of March, June, September and November in every year.

12. William J. Menifee of the county of Culpeper, Montague Parsons of the county of Culpeper, and Mark A. Chilton of the county of Fauquier, are hereby appointed commissioners to run and mark the line between the said counties of Culpeper and Rappahannock, as designated by this act, which, when run and marked, shall be taken and considered as the dividing lines between the said counties; and the said commissioners are hereby required to make report of their proceedings, in writing, to the county courts of Culpeper and Rappahannock respectively; which reports shall be recorded in the clerk's office of each of said counties; and in all controversies which may hereafter arise touching said lines, shall be conclusive evidence. The said county courts of Culpeper and Rappahannock, shall allow the said commissioners a reasonable compensation for their services, to be paid out of the county levy of each of said counties respectively in equal proportions.

Compensation
to commission-
ers for sel-
ecting site
for public
buildings.

13. The commissioners appointed by this act to designate and fix the site for the public buildings in the said county of Rappahannock, shall each be allowed and paid the sum of four dollars for every day that they shall be actually engaged in the duties aforesaid, to be provided for and paid out of the county levy of the said county of Rappahannock.

Commencement.

14. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.