

VI. YEAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

CHAPTER LXXI

AN ACT for fixing the Seat of Justice for Madison County, and for other purposes

Approved February 3, 1798

WHEREAS it is represented to the present general assembly, that the court-house and jail of the county of Madison are rendered unfit for the use for which they were intended, and that from the late division of said county, and the extension of the settlements on the frontier thereof, the present seat of justice is rendered inconvenient and uncentral to the great body of the people: and whereas it is further represented, that the great injury and losses would be sustained by the citizens of Milford, should the seat of justice be removed therefrom; for remedy whereof,

Sec.1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That Edmund Bullock, Robert Clark, jun. and Dillard Collins, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to execute the duties hereby required to be performed; and if they shall refuse or neglect to do the same, then the county court (a majority of the justices being present) shall appoint three fit and proper persons, who being first sworn impartially to discharge the duties required by this act, shall immediately proceed to assess and value the amount of the losses of every person or persons holding any improved lot or lots within the said town of Milford, occasioned by the removal of the seat of justice therefrom, and make report thereof to the next county court, and thereupon, if it shall appear to the court, all circumstances considered, that it would tend to the general convenience, interest and happiness of the good people of the county; a majority of the justices aforesaid shall proceed to fix on the most eligible and convenient situation to the centre of*