

out of his county, that then, and so often, the trustees for the time being, then surviving and remaining within the said county, or the major part of them, be and are hereby authorized and required, to elect, nominate and choose, one or more of the principal and better sort of the inhabitants of the county, not being related in blood to any other of the then trustees, into the place and room of the said trustee so dead or removed, and so to fill up the full number of trustees for each alms and work-house, the which persons, so elected and chosen, from time to time, are always to be qualified in the same manner as before by this act is directed.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or that shall hereafter be nominated and appointed as such, pursuant to the directions hereof, and who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay, for every such refusal or delay, the sum of ten pounds current money. Provided, That no member of the upper or lower house of assembly, clergyman, attorney, or practising physician, be obliged to accept of the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same; and that no provincial or county magistrate, or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the lower house of assembly, if elected, shall be capable to be chosen or act as a trustee aforesaid, nor shall any person be compellable to serve in less than three years after he hath served, or paid the said forfeiture for not serving as a trustee aforesaid.

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VII. And, for enabling the said trustees to purchase land, and erect an alms and work-house in each of the said counties, Be it enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time as occasion shall require, to draw upon the several and respective sheriffs of the several counties aforesaid, in whose hands the tobacco aforesaid, so as aforesaid to be assessed and levied, or such part thereof as shall, by virtue of this act, be so assessed and levied, shall remain, for so much of the said tobacco as the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, from time to time, think it necessary to draw for, for the uses and purposes directed by this act.

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VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to buy and purchase, in fee, a quantity of land in each county, not exceeding one hundred acres; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed and required, to agree and contract with a workman or workmen to undertake, erect, build, and in a workman-like manner to complete and finish, on the said land, when so purchased, good, strong, sufficient and convenient houses, habitations and dwellings, for the reception of the poor of each county, and of such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act; and they shall appropriate one part thereof, to be called the alms-house, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of the said county, and another part or parts thereof, to be called the work-house, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act; and the aforesaid land, when bought, and the aforesaid houses, habitations and dwellings, when built, shall be, and they are hereby enacted and declared, to be vested in the said trustees of that county where the same shall be bought, erected and built upon, by virtue of this act, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

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IX. And be it further enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, after the houses, habitations and dwellings aforesaid, shall be completely erected and finished, to buy and purchase, for the use and employment of the poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be committed by virtue of this act, sufficient beds, bedding, working tools, kitchen utensils, cows, horses, and other necessaries; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required, to purchase the said quantity of land, not exceeding one hundred acres, as near and

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