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LVII.

cessaries; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required to purchase the said quantity of land not exceeding thirty acres, as near and convenient as may be to the court-house in their said counties; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required, to keep a fair, distinct, and clear account in writing, of all the monies by them received and expended by virtue of this act, and to return a true copy thereof, and shew and produce the vouchers to support the same, to the justices of the said counties respectively, at their June courts yearly, to be by the said justices inspected and examined; which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said courts.

Justices to assess not exceeding 7/6 on every £. 100, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of the said county courts respectively for the time being shall, and they are hereby empowered, to assess and levy on all the property in their said counties subject and liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money not exceeding seven shillings and six-pence on every hundred-pounds of property as aforesaid in the said county, together with the collector's commission of four per cent. for collecting the same; which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before directed; which said money, when so collected, shall be paid by the collector to the order of such trustees, or the major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to and for the use, benefit and charge, of maintaining the poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, in the purchasing provisions and other necessaries for use and labour, in paying a doctor for his salary and for medicines, in providing men and women servants to be under the direction and management of the overseer of such alms and work-house, hereafter directed to be appointed, for and in purchasing materials for the use and employment of all the poor, and all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue of this act.

Trustees to meet in Nov. yearly, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and enjoined, to meet together between the first and tenth day of November, yearly, and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house in the said county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house in the said counties, and other proper officers and servants as to them shall appear necessary for carrying on the business of the said corporation, and they, or the major part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay the said overseer, out of the money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds current money, per annum, as a salary, and so pro rata during his continuance in office, and shall then take bond, which the said overseer, and any other overseer to be appointed, shall, and is hereby obliged to enter into, with good and sufficient sureties, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, payable to the said trustees for the poor, conditioned as follows, to wit, "The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound A. B. as overseer of the alms and work-house in Dorchester or Somerset county, (as the case may be) shall well and truly discharge his duty in the said station, and more particularly according to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Dorchester and Somerset counties, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

May remove overseer, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove such overseer,