

twelve hundred pounds current money, and the like sum at the time of laying their county rate in each of the years seventeen hundred and ninety-eight and seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, together with the collector's commission of six *per cent.* thereon for collecting the same; which said rate or assessment, so as aforesaid to be levied, shall be collected by the collector of said county in the same manner, and at the same time, as the county rate is collected; and the said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

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III. And be it enacted, That for the time being the several persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed trustees of the poor within the said county, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts, reposed in and required of them by this act; that is to say, Messieurs William Heiser, Lodowick Young, John Ankiney, John Orbison, Ambrose Geoghegan, Jacob Harry and George Ney, which persons, or the major part of them, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place within said county as to them shall seem meet, to qualify themselves for the office of trustees of the poor of Washington county, which they are to do by taking and subscribing the several oaths, or affirmations, appointed by law to be taken to the government, and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and also taking the following oath, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, as the case may be, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of Washington county, agreeably to an act of the general assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Washington county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God;" which oaths are to be administered by any of the persons last named for the county to the persons first named, or in his absence to any one of the persons first named that shall be there present, which person, being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths aforementioned to all the rest, and so successively, the person first named that shall be present shall always administer the said oaths to any that have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act, to supply the place of any that shall be dead or removed out of the county, or if any shall refuse or neglect to qualify, or be rendered incapable of acting as a trustee, when elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act; and the aforesaid persons, or the majority of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as trustees of the poor of their said county, and as such are hereby invested with full and authority, as a body politic, to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended, to answer and be answered, by the name of The Trustees of the Poor of Washington county, as the case may be, in all and every cause, complaint and action, real, personal or mixed, of whatever kind or nature it shall be, in any court of judicature within this state; and by that name they, and any of them, and their successors, shall and they are hereby enabled to take, hold, possess and enjoy, any gift, donation or present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised or bequeathed, by any person or persons whatsoever, to them, or any of them, for or towards the support and maintenance of the poor in said county; and they, or any of them, may receive, by way of subscription, any sum or sums of money which shall or may be given for the better and more speedy promoting the benefit and good by this act intended; and that they have full power, authority and ability, to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy and have, to them and their successors, for ever, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of five hundred pounds current money; and are hereby empowered and authorized to use one common seal in their business relating to the said corporation, and the same, if necessary, to change and alter; and that the said persons so incorporated, and their successors, shall be the true and undoubted trustees, in perpetual succession, for ever, to be continued in way and manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute power, liberty and authority, in the making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the better relieving, regulating, and setting the poor

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