

aforesaid shall be completely erected and finished, to buy and purchase, for the use and employment of the poor of said county, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and 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 fifty acres, as near and convenient as may be to the court-house in said county, not exceeding seven miles from said court-house; 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 said county at their May courts yearly, to be by the said justices inspected and examined; which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said court.

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XXII.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of the said county court respectively, for the time being, shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on all the property in said county subject and liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in said county, together with the collector's commission of six *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 trustees for the said county, 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, 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.

After three years, justices to levy money, &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 county, 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 sixty-five pounds current money *per annum*, as a salary, and so *pro rato* 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 of 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 Washington county, 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 Washington county, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

Trustees to meet yearly, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees respectively; or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove such overseer, and all other officers by them to be appointed in pursuance of this act, at their discretion, and to choose others in their place and stead.

May remove the overseer, &c.

XII. **And**