

Richard Duckett John Fendall Beall and Nathaniel Magruder for Worcester County Mess.^{rs} Parker Selby George Hayward Peter Chaille Lemuel Purnell and William Whittington for Frederick County Mess.^{rs} Jonathan Willson Upton Sheredine Thomas Bowles Charles Beatty and William Beatty for Charles County Mess.^{rs} Samuel Hanson Jun.^r Robert Mastin John Hanson Thomas M^cPher-son and Henry Smith Hawkins the which Persons so nominated appointed authorized and named for the several and respective Counties as aforesaid or the major part of them in Case of the Death or Absence of any are hereby required with all convenient Speed to meet at such Places within their Counties as to them shall seem meet to qualify themselves for the Office of Trustees for the Poor of their several and respective Counties which they are to do by taking the several Oaths appointed by Law to be taken to the Government signing the Oath of Abjuration and repeating and signing the Test and also taking the following Oath to wit "I A B. do swear That I will duly and faithfully discharge the Duties and Trusts committed to me as a Trustee for the Poor for _____ County according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge and An Act of Assembly intituled An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned. So help me God" The which Oaths are to be administred by any of the four Persons last named for the County to the Person first named or in his Absence to any one of the three Persons first named that shall be there present the 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 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 Counties or of any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and Act as a Trustees when elected and chosen pursuant to the Directions of this Act And the aforesaid Persons or the Major Part of them being sworn as aforesaid shall be constituted and qualified as Trustees for the Poor of their said County and as such are hereby invested with full Power and Authority as a Body Publick 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 for the Poor in all and every Cause Complaint and Action real personal or mixt of whatsoever Kind or Nature it shall be in any of the Courts of Judicature within this Province 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 any of the Counties aforesaid And they or any of them may receive by Way of Subscription any Sum or Sums of Money which

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