

them for or towards the Support and Maintenance of the Poor in the 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 lawful Capacity and ability to purchase take hold receive enjoy and have to them and their successors forever any Lands Tenements and Hereditaments not exceeding the yearly Value of One Thousand Pounds Sterling of any person or persons whatsoever and are hereby Impowered and Authorised 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 the longest Livers and successors of them shall be the true sole and undoubted Trustees in Perpetual Succession forever 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 to work and punishing Vagrants Beggars Vagabonds and other Offenders and for the good Government of the said Alms and Work House in their said County as to them and their successors shall from Time to Time seem most fit and Requisite all which shall be observed by the Overseer of such Alms and Work House and by all poor Beggars Vagrants Vagabonds and other Offenders in such Alms and work House under the Penalties therein contained

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Provided always That the said Rules Laws and Orders be no wise contrary to the Laws of this Province [Proviso]

And to perpetuate the succession of the aforementioned Number of five Trustees for the Poor in the said County Be it enacted that as often as any one of the said Trustees for the Poor shall die remove himself out of the County refuse to Qualify himself by taking the Oaths aforesaid or become incapable of acting the Trustees for the Time being then surviving and remaining within the said County or the Major Part of them are hereby authorized and required to elect Nominate and choose one of the Principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County into the Place and Room of such Trustee 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.

[In Case of Death or Refusal to act, remaining Trustees to choose others in their Room.]

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

[Penalty on refusing to act as Trustee.]

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