

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 Provided always that the said Rules Laws and Orders be no wise contrary to the Laws of this Province.

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And to perpetuate the Succession of the aforementioned Number of Trustees for the poor in the said County Be it enacted that as often as any one or more of the said Trustees for the poor shall die or remove himself out of the said County that then and so often the Trustees for the time being then surviving and remaining within the said County or the Major Part of them be and are hereby Authorized and required to elect nominate and choose one or more of the Principal or better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County not being related in Blood to any other of the then Trustees into the Place and Room of the said Trustee so dead or removed and so to fill up the full Number of Trustees for the said Alms and Work House the which Persons elected and Chosen from time to time are always to be Qualified in the same manner as before by this Act directed

[In Case of the Death or Removal of any of the Trustees, the surviving ones 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 be obliged to accept of the Office of Trustee aforesaid or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon them the same and that no Provincial or County Magistrate or Sheriff or any one who hath not the Qualification to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly if Elected shall be Capable to be chosen or act as a Trustee aforesaid nor shall any Person be compellable to serve in less than three Years after he hath served or paid the said Forfeiture for not serving as a Trustee aforesaid

[Penalty on Trustees refusing to act, &c.]

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And be it further enacted that the said Trustees or the Major Part of them appointed as aforesaid shall and they are hereby authorised directed and required out of the Money a<sup>d</sup> to buy and purchase in ffee a Quantity of Land in the said County not exceeding one hundred Acres near and convenient to Baltimore Town but not within half a Mile thereof and to agree and contract with a Workman or Workmen to undertake erect build and in a Workman-like manner to complete and finish on the said Land when so purchased good strong sufficient and convenient Houses Habitations and Dwellings for the Reception of the poor of said County and if such Vagrants Beggars Vagabonds and other Offenders as shall be committed by Virtue of this Act and shall appropriate one part thereof to be called the Alms-House to and for the Reception and Lodging of the Poor of the said County and another part or parts thereof

[Trustees to purchase Land, and agree with Workmen to erect an Alms and Work-House, &c.]