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to work, and punishing vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, and for the good government of the said alms and work-house in said county, as to them, and their successors, shall, from time to time, appear most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseers of such alms and work-house, and by all poor, beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, in such alms and work-house, under the penalties therein contained; provided always, that the said rules, laws and orders, be no ways contrary to the laws of this state.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled.

IV. **And**, to perpetuate the succession of the aforesaid number of six trustees for the said county, **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That as often as any one of the said trustees for the poor in the said county shall die, or remove himself out of the county, refuse to qualify, by taking and subscribing the oaths or affirmations, or the declaration aforesaid, or become incapable of acting, the trustees for the time being for the county aforesaid wherein such vacancy shall happen, 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 inhabitants of said county in the place and room of such trustee, and to fill up the number of trustees for such alms and work-house; 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.

Penalty on
refusing to
serve, &c.

V. **And be it 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 thereof, 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 thirty dollars; provided, that no member of the general 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 him the same, and that no judge of the general court, county magistrate or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualifications to be a member of the general assembly, if elected, shall be capable to be chosen or act as a trustee aforesaid.

Trustees to
draw on the
collector, &c.

VI. **And**, for enabling the said trustees to purchase land, and erect an alms and work-house in the said county, **Be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time as occasion shall require, to draw upon the collector of said county for all or any part of the money by this act assessed, levied and collected, as shall remain in his hands, which the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall think necessary for the uses and purposes mentioned in this act.

To purchase
land, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees respectively, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to buy and purchase, in fee-simple, a quantity of land in said county not exceeding fifty acres; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed and required, to agree and contract with a workman or workmen to undertake, erect, build, and workman-like manner to complete and finish, on the said land, when so purchased, a good, strong, sufficient and convenient house, for the reception of the poor of said county, and of such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act, and they shall appropriate one part thereof to be called the alms-house, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of said county, and another part or parts thereof to be called the work-house, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act; and the aforesaid land when bought, and the aforesaid house when built, shall be, and are hereby enacted and declared to be, vested in the said trustees, and their successors, for ever, respectively, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

And buy
beds, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, after the house
aforesaid