

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.

SEC. 5. *And*, to perpetuate the succession of the aforementioned number of five trustees for the poor in each of the said counties, *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 his 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 and 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 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.

How vacancies are to be filled.

SEC. 6. *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 him 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 for refusing to act, &c.

SEC. 7. *And*, for enabling the said trustees to purchase land, and erect an alms and work-house in each of the said counties, *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 several and respective sheriffs of the several counties aforesaid, in whose hands the tobacco aforesaid, so as aforesaid to be assessed and levied, or such part thereof as shall, by virtue of this act, be so assessed and levied, shall remain, for so much of the said tobacco as the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall from time to time think it necessary to draw for, for the uses and purposes directed by this act.

Trustees to draw, &c.