

levied on the assessable property of Calvert county to pay the said persons for their services, and shall cause the same to be paid to them, or to their order.

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AN ACT for the relief of the Poor in Calvert County.—1790, ch. 26.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the necessity, number and increase, of the poor within said county, might be lessened by a due regulation and employment of them; therefore,

An alms and work-house to be erected, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be an alms and work-house erected and built in Calvert county, at a convenient place therein, at the general charge and expense of the said county. * * * * *

A new Poor-house is to be erected by 1826, ch. 244.

Trustees appointed, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That for the time being the several persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed trustees of the poor within the said county, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts, reposed and required of them by this act; that is to say, Messieurs Walter Smith, John Dare, Frederick Skinner, John Somervell, Edward Reynolds, Charles Williamson and William Allein; which persons, 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 place within their county as to them shall seem proper, to qualify themselves for the office of trustees for the poor of their county, by taking and subscribing the several oaths, or affirmations, appointed by law to be taken to the government, and also taking the following oath, viz: 'I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trust committed to me as trustee for the poor of Calvert county, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor of Calvert county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; so help me God;' which oaths are to be administered by any of the seven 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, which person being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths aforementioned to all the rest, and so successively, the first person named that shall be present shall always administer the said oaths to any that have been absent, or that 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 county, or any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and act as a trustee, when elected pursuant to the directions of this act; and the aforesaid persons, or a majority of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and quali-