

caught in the waters of Little Choptank or Hudson river or the creeks thereof, in Dorchester county.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons violating any one of the sections of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in Dorchester county, one-half of which said penalty, thus discretionally to be imposed by said justice, shall be for the use of the infirmary, and the other half for the use of the state.

Penalties.

POOR.

AN ACT for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Dorchester and Somerset.—1785, ch. 57.

WHEREAS, the necessity, number and continual increase of the poor within the said counties, is very great and burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there shall be alms and work-houses erected and built in Dorchester and Somerset counties, at convenient places in the said counties, at the general charge and expense of the said counties.

Alms and work-houses to be erected, &c.

The residue of this section authorized an assessment restricted as to its duration.

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 counties, and are empowered, with full and sufficient authority, to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts reposed in and required of them by this act; that is to say, for Dorchester county, Messieurs Henry Hooper, Robert Harrison, Joseph Ennalls, Joseph Daffin, Nathaniel Manning, James Steele and Robert Griffith; and for Somerset county, Messieurs John Adams, Levin Gale, Thomas Bruff, John Wilson, George Waggaman, George Day Scott and William Strawbridge; the 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 the said counties as to them shall seem meet, to qualify themselves for the office of trustees for the poor of their county, which they are to do by taking and subscribing the several oaths (or affirmations) appointed by law to be taken to the government, and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and also taking the oath, viz. 'I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of _____, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Dorchester and Somerset

Trustees appointed, &c.