

work-house in their said county, as to them and their successors shall, from time to time, think most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseer 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.

The power of appointment is vested in the levy court, by 1812, ch. 12, sec. 1 and 5.

SEC. 4. See preceding note.

SEC. 5. *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 ten pounds current money; *Provided*, that no member of the general assembly, clergymen, 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 qualification to be a member of the general 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 has served, or paid the said forfeiture for not serving as a trustee aforesaid.

Penalty on refusal to serve, &c.

SEC. 6. *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 their respective counties 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.

Trustees to draw, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, 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 the said counties respectively, not exceeding thirty 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 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 coun-

To purchase land, &c.