

poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, in the purchasing provisions and other necessaries for use and labour, in paying a doctor for his salary and for medicines, in providing men and women servants to be under the *discretion** and man- (*direction)
agement of the overseer of such alms and work-house hereafter directed to be appointed, for and in purchasing materials for the use and employment of all the poor, and all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue of this act.

By 1786, ch. 7, the justices are directed to levy annually the amount mentioned in this section for the subsistence of their poor, in Dorchester, till the end of the year 1788, and in Somerset till the end of the year 1789.

By May, 1788, ch. 6, the free school property of Dorchester county, is vested in the trustees of the poor, which they may (with the consent of the county court,) lease or sell, and apply the money to the support of the poor.

By 1793, ch. 24, any four of the trustees are authorized to place children under three years of age out to nurse.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and enjoined, to meet together between the first and tenth day of November, yearly, and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house in the said county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house in the said county, and other proper officers and servants, as to them shall appear necessary for carrying on the business of the said corporation, and they, or the major part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay the said overseer, out of the money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds current money per annum, as a salary, and so pro rata during his continuance in office, and shall then take bond, which the said overseer, and any other overseer to be appointed, shall and is hereby obliged to enter into, with good and sufficient sureties, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, payable to the said trustees for the poor, conditioned as follows, to wit: 'The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound A. B. as overseers of the alms and work-house in Dorchester or Somerset counties, (as the case may be,) shall well and truly discharge his duty in the said station, and more particularly according to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Dorchester and Somerset counties, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.'

Trustees to meet yearly, &c.

See 1812, ch. 12, sec. 8 and 9.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove such overseer, and all other officers by them

May remove overseers, &c.