

**SEC. 22.** *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees aforesaid, or a major part of them, to rent an house or houses in the said county respectively, for the reception of such poor, vagrants, vagabonds or offenders, with the necessary lot or lots of ground adjoining to such house or houses, as convenient to the court-house as may be in each county respectively, for the reception and accommodation of the said poor, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, until a sufficient sum of money be raised in virtue of this act, to enable the said trustees to purchase the land and erect the buildings herein before mentioned, and the justices of each county respectively are hereby empowered and enjoined, annually, at the court for laying the county rate, to assess on the taxable property of the said county a sufficient sum to discharge the rent aforesaid, with the collector's commission of four per cent. thereon; which sum so as aforesaid assessed, shall be collected and paid by the said collector to the said trustees respectively, or a majority of them, to be by them applied to the purposes aforesaid; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and required, as soon as such house or houses aforesaid are procured on rent, to proceed to the appointment of an overseer, and other officers and servants, as are mentioned in this act, and to do and perform every other matter and thing necessary to carrying the said act into execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Trustees to rent an house, &c.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Dorchester and Somerset.—1786, ch. 7.

Authorizes a further assessment for the use of the poor for a restricted period of time.

AN additional Supplementary ACT to the act, entitled, an Act for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Dorchester and Somerset.—1788, ch. 36.

**WHEREAS,** there are several objects in Dorchester and Somerset counties that the trustees of the poor in said counties will not receive into the poor-houses thereof, Preamble.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the trustees of the poor for Dorchester and Somerset counties shall and they are hereby directed to receive such objects and poor persons as the justices thereof shall direct. Trustees may receive objects, &c.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act for the relief of the Poor in Dorchester and Somerset Counties.—1793, ch. 24.

**WHEREAS,** children are frequently brought to the almshouses of Dorchester and Somerset counties to be received and supported, and it would often be for the benefit of such of said children who do not exceed three years of age, and also lessen Preamble.