

ceed five hundred acres of land; *And whereas*, said trustees have represented to this general assembly, that they have made an advantageous and cheap purchase of a farm containing seven hundred and twenty-two acres of land, and pray that their act may be confirmed; therefore,

Purchase confirmed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the purchase of the farm for the use of the poor of Dorchester county, made by the trustees of the poor, and containing seven hundred and twenty-two acres, be and the same is hereby confirmed and made as valid and effectual, as if the same had contained but five hundred acres of land, as was required by the original act, to which this is a supplement.

Loan authorized.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the present trustees of the poor for Dorchester county, shall be and they are hereby authorized to contract for, and negotiate a loan upon the credit of said county, for any sum of money not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, for the use and benefit of the new poor's institution in said county.

Payment provided for.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That to secure the punctual payment of said loan as the same shall become due, the trustees aforesaid shall be and they are hereby authorized and required, to set apart the amount now due, for the sale of the old poor-house farm, and the surplus production of the new farm, as a fund, to be used for the purpose of paying said loan, and no other.

AN ACT to introduce the cultivation of Mulberry Trees, and the growing of Silk, at the Alms-house, in Dorchester County.—1838, ch. 90.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is believed that the introduction of the mulberry tree, and the raising of silk at the alms-house in Dorchester county, would tend, not only to lessen the public expenditures on that account, but would introduce a species of profitable industry eminently adapted to the condition of those usually found in such institutions; therefore,

Levy of \$100 authorized.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Dorchester county, be, and they are hereby required, if in their judgment the interest of the county would be promoted, to levy upon the assessable property of said county one hundred dollars, to be applied, under the directions of the trustees of the poor of said county, to the culture of the mulberry tree, and growing of silk at the alms-house.

Application directed.

\$50 for trees.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of the poor for said county, in carrying into effect the provisions and intentions of this act, are required to expend in the purchase of *morus multicaulis*, or Chinese mulberry trees, fifty dollars, and the balance remaining, in fitting up and arranging the upper apartment or garret of the alms-house, for a cocoonery.

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