

in, at the general charge and expense of the said counties respectively; and that the justices of the said counties respectively for the time being shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy, in equal proportion on the property within their respective counties liable to assessment, at their next March courts, the sum of three hundred pounds current money, and the like sum at the time of laying their county rate in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and seventeen hundred and ninety, together with the collector's commission of five per cent. thereon for collecting; which said rate or assessment, so as aforesaid to be laid and levied, shall be collected by the collector of said counties respectively, in the same manner, and at the same time, as the county rate is collected; and the said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

Trustees  
appointed,  
&c.

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 respectively, 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, Messieurs Richard Wootton, William Oneale, Benjamin Mackel, Charles Perry, Charles Beatty, Henry Brookes and Jeremiah Crabb, for Montgomery county, and Messieurs Joseph Stiles, Daniel Tredway, James Walker, William Smithson, Alexander Rigden, Jesse Jarrard and Jacob Norris, for Harford county; 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 their said counties respectively 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 following 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 Montgomery or Harford county, as the case may be, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor of Montgomery and Harford counties, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; so help me God;' the which oaths are to be administered by any of the persons last named for the county to the person first named, or in his absence to any one of the persons first named that shall be there present, the which person being sworn as aforesaid,