

oysters and terrapins, in Wye river, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, chapter three hundred and eleven, be extended to the waters of Queen Anne's and Kent counties.

POOR.

AN ACT for the relief of the Poor of Kent County.—1787, ch. 11.

The modifications of this act will be found in the acts classed under this chapter.

WHEREAS, a number of the inhabitants of Kent county, by their humble petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that they are heavily burthened with taxes for supporting the poor in said county, whose numbers annually increase, and notwithstanding the large sums granted to that use they are not comfortably supported under the present regulations; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 2. Merged in 1830, ch. 151.

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 county, and are empowered, with full and sufficient authority, to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts reposed and required of them by this act; that is to say, Messieurs Thomas Smyth, Anthony Banning, Simon Wilmer, Isaac Perkins, Robert Buchanan, James Ringgold, Joseph Sturgis, Augustine Boyer and James Pearce; 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 county 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 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 Kent county, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Kent county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; so help me God;' the which oaths are to be administered by any of the five persons last named for the county to the person first named, or in his absence to any one of the three persons first named that shall be there present, the which person being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths afore-mentioned to all the rest, and so successively, the person first named that shall be present shall always administer the said oaths to any that have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act to supply the place of any that shall be dead, or removed out of the county, or of

Trustees appointed, &c.