

Trustees  
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ture within this province, and by that name they and any of them, and their successors, shall and they are hereby enabled to take, hold, possess and enjoy, any gift, donation or present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised or bequeathed, by any person or persons whatsoever, to them, or any of them, for or towards the support and maintenance of the poor in the said county ; and they, or any of them, may receive by way of subscription, any sum or sums of money which shall or may be given for the better and more speedy promoting the benefit and good by this act intended ; and that they have full power, authority, lawful capacity and ability, to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy and have, to them and their successors for ever, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of one thousand pounds sterling, of any person or persons whatsoever, and are hereby empowered and authorized to use one common seal in their business relating to the said corporation, and the same, if necessary, to change and alter ; and that the said persons so incorporated, the longest lived and successors of them, shall be the true, sole and undoubted trustees, in perpetual succession, for ever, to be continued in way and manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute power, liberty and authority, in the making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the better relieving, regulating and setting the poor to work, and punishing vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, and for the good government of the said alms and work-house in their said county, as to them and their successors shall, from time to time, seem most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseer of such alms and work-house, and by all poor, beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, in such alms and work-house, under the penalties therein contained ; *Provided always*, that the said rules, laws and orders, be no wise contrary to the laws of this province.

The power of appointment is vested in the Levy Court by 1837, ch. 32.

Sec. 5. See preceding note.

Penalty for  
refusing to  
act, &c.

**SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted*, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or that shall hereafter be nominated and appointed as such pursuant to the directions hereof, and who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay, for every such refusal or delay, the sum of ten pounds current money ; *Provided*, that no member of the upper or lower house of assembly, clergyman, attorney, or practising physician, be obliged to accept of the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same ; and that no provincial or county magistrate or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the lower house of as-