

some, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them ; therefore,

Work-house to be erected, &c.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be an alms and work-house erected and built in Talbot county, at a convenient place therein, at the general charge and expense of the said county ; \* \* \* \* \*

The residue of this section relates to laying a temporary assessment.

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 county, 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, William Hayward, James Benson, Thomas Sherwood, Peregrine Tilghman and William Goldsborough, Esquires ; 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 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 Talbot county, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Talbot 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 four 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 aforementioned 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 remove out of the county, or of any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and act as a trustee, when elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act ; and the aforesaid persons, or the majority of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as trustees for the poor of their said county, and as such are hereby invested with full power and authority, as a body politic, to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended, to answer and be answered, by the name of the Trustees for the Poor of Talbot County, in all and every cause, complaint and action, real, personal or mixed, of whatever kind or nature