

SEC. 21. *And*, to prevent individuals from being unreasonably burthened with the execution of this act as trustees for the poor, *Be it enacted*, That at the time of meeting of the said trustees for the poor in the first week of November yearly, the said trustees, or the major part of them, in the county aforesaid, shall and may elect and choose one of the best inhabitants of the said county, to be a trustee for the poor of that county in the stead of the first named or eldest of the said trustees of the same county, which said first named or eldest trustee shall be and is by virtue hereof thencefrom discharged from his office.

A trustee to be chosen annually, &c.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures incurred by this act shall be applied, one moiety thereof to the informer, the other to the use and benefit of the alms and work-house in said county.

How fines are to be applied.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees aforesaid, or a major part of them, to rent an house or houses in the said county for the reception of such poor, vagrants, vagabonds, or other offenders, with the necessary lot or lots of ground adjoining to such house or houses, as convenient to the court-house as may be in the same county, for the reception and accommodation of the said poor, vagrants, vagabonds, and other offenders, until a sufficient sum of money be raised in virtue of this act, to enable the said trustees to purchase the land and erect the buildings herein before mentioned, and the justices of the said county are hereby empowered and enjoined, annually, at the court for laying the county rate, to assess on the taxable property of the said county a sufficient sum to discharge the rent aforesaid, with the collector's commission of four per cent. thereon; which sum so as aforesaid assessed, shall be collected and paid by the said collector to the said trustees, or a majority of them, to be by them applied to the purposes aforesaid; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and required, as soon as such house or houses aforesaid are procured on rent, to proceed to the appointment of an overseer, and other officers and servants, as are mentioned in this act, and to do and perform every other matter and thing necessary to carrying the said act into execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Trustees to rent a house &c.

SEC. 24, 25. Relates to moneys collected under an act of 1774, ch. 16.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid act\* of assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Talbot county, except so much thereof as respects the recovery of the moneys collected in virtue thereof, be and is hereby repealed and made void.

Part of an act repealed \* 1774, ch. 16.

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1797, ch. 9, repealed by 1816, ch. 108.