

ALMS-HOUSE.

- SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Cecil county shall, at their first meeting in April in each year, appoint five discreet and proper persons inhabitants of said county to be trustees of the poor for said county from the first Monday of May next ensuing.
2. The clerk to the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, deliver to the sheriff of the county a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of the certificates for each of them respectively, and the sheriff shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one of the certificates to each of the trustees agreeably to the endorsement thereon.
3. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the alms-house of the county on the first Monday of May next ensuing their appointment, and qualify as trustees by taking the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee of the poor for Cecil county to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oaths are to be administered by any of the five trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn shall administer the same to him.
4. No member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept, or be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept, the office of trustee of the poor, and no justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the General Assembly, shall be eligible as a trustee; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the penalty for not serving.
5. In all cases of vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county or disqualification of any of said trustees, the vacancy shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.
6. The trustees so appointed and qualified, and their successors, are invested as a body politic, with full power to sue and be sued by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor of Cecil