

ALMS-HOUSE.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Harford county shall perform the duties of Trustees of the Poor for said county.

2. They shall make all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws, for the direction, government and support of the alms-house, and for the cleanliness, maintenance, and employment of all such persons as shall be committed thereto, as they may think proper.

3. Any one commissioner may direct the reception and admission of any person to said alms-house.

4. They shall annually, in the month of March, appoint a fit person to be overseer of the poor, who shall have charge and custody of the lands, goods and chattels, purchased for the use of the poor, and shall take care of the poor, and perform all the duties which may be required of him, in relation to the poor of said county, and the property appropriated to their use.

5. The said overseer, before acting as such, shall give bond to the State of Maryland, in the penalty of two thousand dollars with security approved by the county commissioners, and with condition that he shall well and faithfully perform the duties of overseer of the poor of Harford county, and shall well and faithfully account for all property, money, goods and chattels, which may come to his hands or possession, as overseer as aforesaid.

6. They may remove such overseer at pleasure, and appoint another in his place.

7. They shall allow him such annual compensation for his services as they may think proper, not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum, exclusive of the board of himself and family.

8. They, or the overseer under their direction, shall keep an account of all articles by him or them sold and purchased on their account, stating therein the articles sold and the price received, the articles purchased, the price paid or to be paid, and from whom purchased, and the same shall be verified by the oath of the overseer, and a copy thereof set up at the place of holding elections in each election district of the county.