

county commissioners of the county shall elect one of the citizens of said county in his place.

5*. Any free white male citizen of the county over twenty-one years of age shall be qualified to act as trustee for the almshouse.

6. The person or persons so elected shall, before acting as such trustees, take before some other of the trustees the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of Queen Anne's county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God."

7. Any person elected as trustee who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon himself said office and qualify as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars; but no member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney, or practicing physician, shall be obliged to accept said office, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no judge, 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 thereto; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the forfeiture for refusing.

8. The said trustees, or a majority of them, shall meet together between the first and tenth day of November, yearly, at the almshouse in said county, and appoint a fit person to be overseer of the almshouse, and such other proper officers and servants as they may deem necessary, and they shall pay said overseer a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum, and so pro rata during his continuance in office, as a salary.

9. They shall require the said overseer to enter into bond, with good and sufficient securities payable to the said trustees, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties.

10. They, or a majority of them, at their pleasure, may remove said overseer and all other officers by them appointed, and appoint others in their places.

11. They shall purchase and provide all necessary beds, bedding, household and kitchen furniture, stock and farming uten