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ALMS-HOUSE.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of St. Mary's county shall, at their first meeting in May, annually, appoint five discreet persons, inhabitants of said county, to be Trustees of the Poor for said county, from and after the first Monday of June next succeeding.

2. The clerk to the county commissioners shall, within five days thereafter, deliver to the sheriff of said county a certificate of the appointment of each of said trustees, endorsing one of the certificates for each of them respectively, and the sheriff shall, within ten 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 each, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the alms-house in said county, on the first Monday of June 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 trustee of the poor for St. Mary's county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oaths are to be administered by any one 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 judge, justice of the peace, or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the General