

office of trustees for the poor of said county, which they are to do by taking the following oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be:) "I, A. B. do swear or affirm, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of Caroline county, by an act of assembly, entitled, 'An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county,' according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oaths or affirmations are to be administered by any of the persons last named, to the person first named that shall be there present, which person being sworn as aforesaid shall administer the oaths or affirmation aforementioned to all the rest, and so successively the person first named that shall be present shall always administer the oaths or affirmations to any that may have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen, pursuant to the directions of this act, to supply the place of any that shall be dead or removed out of the county, or any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and act as a trustee, when elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act; and the aforesaid persons, or the majority of them, being sworn or affirmed as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as trustees for the poor of said county, and as such are hereby vested with full power and authority as a body politic, and shall be capable in law to plead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, defend and be defended, and answer and be answered, by the name of The Trustees of the Poor of Caroline County, in all and every cause, complaint and action, real, personal or mixed, of whatever kind or nature it shall or may be, in any court of record within this state; and by that name they and any of them, and their successors, shall and are hereby enabled to take, hold, possess and enjoy, any gift, donation or present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised or bequeathed, by any person or persons whatsoever, to them or any of them, for or towards the support and maintenance of the poor of the said county; and they, or any of them, may receive by way of subscription any sum or sums of money which shall or may be given for the better and more speedy promoting the benefit and good by this act intended, and that they have full power and authority to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy and have, to them and their successors, for ever, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of three thousand dollars current money, and are hereby empowered and authorised to use one common seal in their business relating to said corporation, and the same if necessary to change and alter; and that the said persons so incorporated, and their successors, shall be the true and undoubted trustees, in perpetual succession, for ever, to be continued in way and manner hereafter specified, with full power, liberty and authority, in the making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the better relieving, regulating, and setting the poor to work, and for the good government of the alms and work-house in the said county, as to them and their successors shall from time to time appear most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseer of such alms and work-house, under the penalties therein contained; *Provided always*, that the said rules, by-laws and orders, be no ways contrary to the laws of this state.

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Proviso

Vacancies, how to be supplied.

2. AND, to perpetuate the succession of the aforesaid number of seven trustees of the poor of said county, **BE IT ENACTED**, That as