

**CHAP. 102.** often as any one of the said trustees for the poor shall die, remove out of the county, or refuse to qualify as aforesaid, or become incapable of acting, the trustees for the time being, then surviving and remaining within the said county, or the majority of them, are hereby authorised and required to elect and choose one of the inhabitants of said county in the place and room of such trustee, and so fill up the full number of trustees for such alms and work-house, which persons so elected and chosen from time to time, are always to be qualified in the same manner as herein before directed.

Persons appointed to act, under a penalty.

Proviso

House, &c. vested in trustees.

To purchase bedding, &c.

Annual levy.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or who shall hereafter be appointed as such, pursuant to the directions thereof, or who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay for every such refusal or delay the sum of twenty dollars current money; *Provided*, that no minister of the gospel, attorney, practising physician, judge of the county or orphans court, or sheriff, shall be obliged to accept the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same, nor shall any person be compelled to serve in less than three years after he has served, or paid the forfeiture for not serving, as a trustee as aforesaid.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the houses now erected and called and known by the name of the Poor-House of Caroline county, and the land thereunto belonging, are hereby declared to be vested in the said trustees, and their successors for ever, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act expressed and directed, one part thereof to be called the Alms-House, to be for the reception of the poor of said county, and the other part or parts thereof to be called the Work-House, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, as shall be committed in virtue of this act.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby authorised and directed, to purchase for the use and employment of the poor of said county, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, who shall be committed, by virtue of this act, sufficient beds, bedding, working tools, kitchen utensils, cows, horses, and other necessaries; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required, to keep a fair, distinct, and clear account, in writing, of all the monies by them received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a true copy thereof, and shew and produce the vouchers to support the same, to the justices of the levy court of said county, at one of their sessions between the first Monday in April and the first Monday in June, yearly, and every year, to be by the said court inspected and examined, which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of Caroline county court.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of the county aforesaid, at some one of their sessions after the first Monday of April next, and yearly and every year thereafter, shall and they are hereby empowered and directed, to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, at the time of making their county levy, such sum of money as the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall or may deem absolutely necessary and requisite to carry into effect the intentions and provisions of this act, together