

C H A P. XVI. of such trustee, and so to fill up the number of trustees for such alms and work-house; the which persons so elected and chosen, from time to time, are always to be qualified in the same manner as before by this act is directed.

Penalty on refusal to serve, &c.

V. **And be it enacted**, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or that shall hereafter be nominated and appointed as such, pursuant to the directions thereof, and 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 ten pounds current money; provided, that no member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney, or practising physician, be obliged to accept of the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same, and that no judge of the general court, county magistrate, or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the general assembly, if elected, shall be capable to be chosen, or act as a trustee aforesaid.

Trustees to draw on collector, &c.

VI. **And**, for enabling the said trustees respectively to purchase land, and erect alms and work-houses in their said counties, **Be it enacted**, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, as occasion shall require, to draw upon the collector of said counties respectively for all or any part of the money by this act assessed, levied and collected, as shall remain in his hands, which the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall think necessary for the uses and purposes mentioned in this act.

To purchase land, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That the said trustees respectively, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to buy and purchase, in fee-simple, a quantity of land in their respective counties, not exceeding fifty acres; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed and required, to agree and contract with a workman or workmen to undertake, erect, build, and in a workman-like manner to complete and finish, on the said land when so purchased, good, strong, sufficient and convenient houses, habitations and dwellings, for the reception of the poor of their counties respectively, and of such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act, and they shall appropriate one part thereof to be called the alms-house, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of their said counties respectively, and another part or parts thereof to be called the work-house, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act; and the aforesaid lands when bought, and the aforesaid houses, habitations and dwellings, when built, shall be, and they are hereby enacted and declared to be, vested in the said trustees, and their successors, for ever, respectively, as their estate and inheritance for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

And buy beds, bedding, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted**, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, after the houses, habitations and dwellings aforesaid, shall be completely erected and finished, to buy and purchase, for the use and employment of the poor of their said counties, respectively, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and 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 purchase the said quantity of land, not exceeding fifty acres, as near and convenient as may be to the court-house in their said counties; 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 by 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 their counties, at their August courts yearly, to be by the said justices inspected and examined, which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said courts.