

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of the said county courts respectively for the time being, shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on all the property in said county subject and liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money, not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in their said counties, together with the collectors commission of five *per cent.* for collecting the same; which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before directed, which said money, when so collected, shall be paid by the collector to the order of the trustees for his county, or the major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorised and required to receive and apply the same to and for the use, benefit and charge, of maintaining the poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, in the purchasing provisions, and other necessaries for use and labour, in paying a doctor for his salary and for medicines, in providing men and women servants, to be under the direction and management of the overseer of such alms and work-house, hereafter directed to be appointed, and in purchasing materials for the use and employment of all the poor, and all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue of this act.

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X. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorised, directed and enjoined, to meet together between the first and tenth day of November yearly; and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house in their said counties respectively, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house in their said county, and other proper officers and servants as to them shall appear necessary for carrying on the business of the said corporations, and they, or the major part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay the said overseer, out of the money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding seventy pounds current money *per annum* as a salary, and so *pro rato* during his continuance in office, and shall then take bond, which the said overseer, and any other overseer to be appointed, shall and is hereby obliged to enter into, with good and sufficient sureties, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, payable to the said trustees of the poor, conditioned as follows, to wit: "The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound A. B. as overseer of the alms and work-house in Montgomery or Harford county, (as the case may be) shall well and truly discharge his duty in the said station, and more particularly according to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Montgomery and Harford counties, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

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XI. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees respectively, or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove such overseer, and all other officers by them to be appointed in pursuance of this act, at their discretion, and to choose others in their place and stead.

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XII. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and enjoined to meet at the alms and work-house in their said counties respectively, four times in the year, in the first week in January, May, August and November, or oftener, if it should by them be deemed necessary, to make and ordain, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and bye-laws, as they shall think convenient and necessary for the direction, government and support, of the alms and work-house in their county, and also for the cleanliness, maintenance and employment, of all such poor persons as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this act, all which ordinances, rules and bye-laws, shall be, from time to time, inviolably observed by all persons concerned, according to the tenor and effect thereof.

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