

ALMSHOUSE.

1870, c. 87 adds the following:

26. The county commissioners of Wicomico county, at their first meeting in the month of April in each year, shall appoint three discreet persons, inhabitants of said county, to be trustees of the poor of said county. 1870, c. 87, s. 1. Appointment of trustees of the poor.

27. The clerk to the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, deliver to the sheriff of the county a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of them for each, and the sheriff shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one of the certificates to each of the trustees agreeably to the endorsement thereof. Ibid. s. 2. Certificates of appointment.

28. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars each, shall accept such office, and shall meet at the almshouse in said county, on the first Tuesday of May then next ensuing, (except prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) and qualify by taking the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me, as a trustee for the poor of Wicomico county, to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God," which oath may be administered by any one of the trustees to the others, any one of whom, being sworn, shall administer the same to him. Ibid. s. 3. Penalty for non-acceptance. Oath.

29. No member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician shall be obliged to accept, or shall be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept, the office of trustee of the poor; and no justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualifications to be a member of the house of delegates, shall be eligible thereto, and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the penalty for not serving. Ibid. s. 4. Who exempt from trusteeship.

30. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county or disqualifica- Ibid. s. 5. Vacancies.