

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 16, sec. 2.

2. The clerk of the county commissioners, within five days after such appointment, shall 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, within six days thereafter, shall deliver one of the certificates to each of them, agreeably to the endorsement thereon.

1884, ch. 166.

3. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars each, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the almshouse in said county on the first Monday of June thereafter, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case, as soon thereafter as the disability is removed, and shall 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 of the poor for Prince George's county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oath is to be administered by any one of the five trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn shall administer the same to him.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 16, sec. 4.

4. No member of the general assembly, clergyman, or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept said office, or be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who has not the qualification 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. sec. 5.

5. The trustees so appointed and qualified are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, by the name of "The trustees of the poor for Prince George's county," and by that name may take and hold any gift, donation or present which may be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them, for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county; and may purchase and hold any lands or tenements not exceeding the yearly value of twenty-five hundred dollars.