

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 19, sec. 2.

2. The clerk of the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, make out and deliver to the sheriff of said county a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of the said certificates for each of them; and the sheriff shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one thereof to each of the said trustees.

Ibid. sec. 3.

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 Tuesday of May next ensuing such appointment, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed, and severally qualify as trustees, 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 Somerset 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 said trustees to the others, any one of whom, being sworn, may administer the same to him.

Ibid. sec. 4.

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

Ibid. sec. 5.

5. Vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of the trustees, shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

Ibid. sec. 6.

6. The trustees so elected and qualified are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, by the name of "The trustees of the