

poor for Somerset 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 not exceeding the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 19, sec. 7.

7. They may use a common seal, and may change the same at their pleasure.

Ibid. sec. 8.

8. They shall meet at the almshouse during the first week in January, May, August and November, or oftener if necessary, and make, by a majority of votes, all such rules and by-laws as they may think necessary for the direction, government and support of said almshouse.

1868, ch. 376.

9. At their annual meeting in May, they shall appoint an overseer of said almshouse, and at their annual meeting in November, or at such time as they may deem proper, they shall appoint a physician and such agents and laborers as they may think necessary; and the overseer so elected, shall enter upon the discharge of his duties on the first day of January next ensuing.

P. L. L., (1860,) art 19, sec. 10.

10. They shall require the said overseer to give bond with security approved by them, and payable to them, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Ibid. sec. 11.

11. They may allow said overseer a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum, and so *pro rata* during his continuance in office, as a compensation for his services.

Ibid. sec. 12.

12. They may remove said overseer at their pleasure and appoint another in his place.