

P. L. L., (1860.) art. 5, sec. 4.

4. Each trustee of the poor, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will truly and faithfully discharge the duties and trust committed to me as trustee of the poor of Calvert county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God."

Ibid. sec. 5.

5. The said trustees so appointed and qualified are hereby invested with power and authority, as a body politic, to sue and be sued, by the name of "the trustees of the poor of Calvert 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 they may purchase and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars.

Ibid. sec. 6.

6. They may use a common seal, and the same, if necessary, change and alter.

Ibid. sec. 7.

7. They shall purchase from time to time the necessary bedding and furniture of every description for the almshouse, and horses, cows and other stock, and the necessary farming implements for the use, occupation and cultivation of the land thereto attached; and they shall keep an account of all money received and expended by them for such purposes, and return a true copy thereof, with the vouchers therefor, to the county commissioners at their annual meeting for making the county levy.

Ibid. sec. 8.

8. The county commissioners shall assess and levy on the assessable property of the county, at the time of laying their county levy, such sum as they shall deem necessary, to be paid by the collectors to the order of said trustees, or the majority of them, under their common seal, to be applied by them to the maintenance of the poor in the almshouse of said county, and