

said trustees, shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 2, sec 5.

5. No member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept said office, or be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no judge, justice of the peace or sheriff, or any person 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. 6.

6. The trustees so appointed and qualified are a body politic, with full power and authority to sue and be sued, by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor of Anne Arundel county;" and by that name they may take and hold any gift, donation or present which shall be given, devised or bequeathed to them for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county, and may purchase and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Ibid. sec. 7.

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

Ibid. sec. 8.

8. They shall have power and authority to make such laws, orders and rules for relieving, regulating and setting the poor to work, and punishing vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, and for the good government of the almshouse in said county, as may seem proper to them.

Ibid. sec. 9.

9. They shall, under the penalty of fifty dollars each, make out and render to the county commissioners, at their first meeting in the month of March in each year, a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with the necessary vouchers, for the preceding year; which account shall be passed and settled by the