

a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of them for each; and the sheriff, within six days, shall deliver one of the certificates to each of the trustees, agreeably to the endorsement thereon.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 10, sec. 3.

3. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars each, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the almshouse of the county on the second Monday of June next ensuing their appointment (unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed), and 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 Dorchester county to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God;" which oath is to be administered by any one of the seven trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn shall 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 the office of trustee of the poor, 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 as a trustee; 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. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of said trustees, shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

Ibid. sec. 6.

6. The trustees so appointed and qualified, and their successors, are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor of Dorchester County," and by that name they and their successors may take and hold any gift, donation or present which shall be given, devised or bequeathed by any