

the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as trustee for the poor of Anne Arundel County, according to the best of my skill and judgment; and that I will not, directly nor indirectly, furnish supplies of any description for the use of said almshouse, during the term of my office, so help me God."

4. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation or removal out of the county or disqualification of any ^{vacancies.} of said trustees, shall be filled by the County Commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

5. No member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practicing physician, shall be obliged to accept said ^{Exempt from service.} office, or be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no judge 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.

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 ^{A body politic.} 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 land, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of twenty-five hundred dollars.

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

8. They shall have power and authority to make such by-laws, order and rules for relieving, regulating and employing the ^{By-laws.} poor, and for the good government of the almshouse in said county, as may seem proper to them.

9. They shall, under the penalty of fifty dollars each, make out and render to the County Commissioners, at the first meeting of said commissioners in the month of January in each ^{Quarterly reports.} year, and every three months thereafter, quarterly reports, embracing a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with necessary vouchers for the preceding quarter; and the