

Passed Feb. 23, 1839. *An act to introduce the cultivation of the Mulberry, and the making of Silk, at the Poor's House, in Saint Mary's County.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, the growing of the Mulberry and the making of Silk at the poor's house, in Saint Mary's county, would, it is confidently believed, not only afford agreeable and healthful employment to its inmates at a pleasant season of the year, but would ultimately, under a judicious system of management, aid greatly in defraying the expenses of that institution, and also afford a means of giving to the poor children therein, the blessing of education:—Therefore,

Levy of \$110 directed

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, hereafter to be elected in obedience to an act heretofore passed at the December session 1838, be, and they are hereby required to levy upon the assessable property of said county, the present year, the sum of one hundred and ten dollars, to be collected and paid over to the trustees of the poor for said county, to be by them expended agreeably to the provisions contained in this act.*

\$100 applied to purchase Morus Multicaulis

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted, That the trustees of the poor, for said county, be, and they are hereby required, as soon after the passage of this act, as practicable, to purchase on the best possible terms, one hundred dollars worth of morus multicaulis, to be planted and cultivated by the poor under the direction of the keeper of said institution, who is hereby required to select, with the approbation of the trustees aforesaid, some eligible scite for said purpose.*

Planted, &c.

Loan authorized

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted, That in order to carry the second section of this act into immediate operation, said trustees of the poor are hereby required to borrow the sum of one hundred dollars, until such time as the levy and collection authorised by the first section of this act shall have been effected.*

Payment of interest

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted, That the remaining ten dollars to be levied by the first section of this act, shall be applied to the payment of the interest, which may accrue on the sum hereinbefore authorized to be*