

## CHAP. 90.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy court of Dorchester county, be, and they are hereby required, if in their judgment the interest of the county would be promoted, to levy upon the assessable property of said county one hundred dollars. to be applied, under the directions of the trustees of the poor of said county, to the culture of the mulberry tree, and growing of silk at the Alms House.

Application directed

Fifty dollars for trees

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of the poor for said county, in carrying into effect the provisions and intentions of this act, are required to expend in the purchase of *morus multicaulis*, or Chinese mulberry trees, fifty dollars, and the balance remaining, in fitting up and arranging the upper apartment or garret of the Alms House, for a cocoonery.

Fifty dollars for cocoonery

Trustees directed to proceed with Silk Culture

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the poor, to introduce, as soon as practicable, the raising of silk into said institution, for which purpose they are authorised to purchase such books, and to take such papers as may be necessary for giving instructions to the keeper, and those under him, in growing the mulberry tree, and raising and reeling silk, and the trustees aforesaid are further authorised, whenever it shall become necessary, to purchase a reel, and such other implements as may be required to carry into complete effect the intentions of this act.

Loan authorised

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court of Dorchester county, be, and they are hereby authorised and required at their discretion, to borrow, in anticipation of the amount of money contemplated to be levied by this act, for the purpose of immediately carrying into effect so much of its provisions as relates to the purchase of mulberry trees, books, and papers, and repay the same out of the levy to be made under this act, together with whatever interest may be due at the time of repayment.