

CHAP. 42. improvements necessary and convenient for the accommodation of the poor of said county; and the cost of said land and buildings shall not exceed in the whole the sum of ten thousand dollars, and for the payment thereof the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall issue their certificates, under their hands and seals, to the persons entitled, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable in five equal annual instalments, that is to say, one-fifth of the principal and all the interest then accrued, payable in one year after date, and so on, till the whole is paid; and for the payment of the principal and interest of said certificates, the property of the county is hereby pledged; and it shall be the duty of commissioners of Somerset county, annually, to levy for the use of the holders of said certificates, on the assessable property of the said county, as other county charges are levied and paid, an amount sufficient to pay said instalments and the interest as aforesaid; and if it shall appear to the said commissioners of the said county, that the interests of the inhabitants of the said county would be thereby promoted, nothing herein contained shall be construed to forbid the more speedy payment of the said certificates.

Commissioners to sell the present poor house.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners appointed by this act, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to sell and dispose of the present poor house of said county, and all the land, with its appurtenances thereto attached, on such terms as they may deem best for the interests of the county; and on the payment of the purchase money, they, or a majority of them, shall convey the same in fee simple to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, by a good and sufficient deed of bargain and sale, and the proceeds of said sale shall be applied towards the payment of the land and improvements authorised by the first section of this act.

Oath, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners appointed by this act, and every of them, before they act as such, shall take an oath before some person authorised by law to administer oaths, that they will, well and faithfully, execute the trust reposed in them by this act, and perform the several duties required of them, to the best of their skill and judgment; they shall keep a journal in writing, in which shall be fully noted all their proceedings, and which shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the commissioners of said county; they shall have power to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their own body; appoint agent or agents, employ workmen,