

poor of Somerset county, and their successors, to have and hold the same in trust for the use of the said county, if in their judgment they shall deem the same proper and necessary, and the said commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby authorised in their discretion, to erect thereon, proper and suitable buildings and improvements, necessary and convenient for the accommodation of the poor of said county: *Provided*, 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 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 until 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 the County 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 said county, that the interest of the inhabitants of said county, would be thereby promoted, nothing herein contained shall be construed to forbid the more speedy payment of the said certificates.

SEC. 2. *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 County 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,

*Provided*

Duty of Commissioners.

Commissioners to take an oath.