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Clerk to make out certificate of appointment

Proviso.

Present trustees to deliver books, &c. to their successors

Trustees powers—vacancies

To render statement of their accounts to levy court.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the said court, within five days after such appointment, and within the like time after any future appointments to be made in virtue of this act, to make out and deliver to the sheriff of said county a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees so appointed, or to be appointed, endorsing one of the said certificates for each of them respectively, which said sheriff shall, within ten days thereafter, deliver one thereof to each of the said trustees respectively; and it shall thereupon be the duty of the several trustees so appointed, and notified of such appointment, and who shall accept thereof, under the penalty imposed by the supplement to the original act upon any person appointed a trustee of the poor in virtue of the said act for wilfully delaying or refusing to take upon him the duties of the said office, to meet on the said first Monday of June next ensuing such appointment, (except prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed) at the alms-house of said county, and qualify in the manner prescribed by the original act, and thenceforward proceed in the execution of the duties of said office; *Provided nevertheless,* that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said court from reappointing any of the existing trustees, if they in their discretion shall deem it adviseable and proper so to do.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the existing trustees shall meet at the aforesaid alms-house on the first Monday of June next, and deliver over to their successors all books and papers, and all and singular the property belonging to the aforesaid alms-house, under the penalty of twenty dollars each, to be recovered and applied as other fines and forfeitures are directed to be recovered and applied in the supplement to the original act, to be taken under the care and management of the said newly appointed trustees.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act, shall and may have, and are hereby invested with, the powers and authorities, and subject to all the penalties for neglect of the duties of trustees of the poor of said counties, as are mentioned and declared in the said original act, and the supplement thereto, except the power of appointing new trustees, or of filling up casual vacancies in their own board; and in all cases of vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of the said trustees, the vacancies thereby occasioned shall be filled up by the said levy court at their next meeting which shall happen thereafter.

6. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act, under the penalty of fifty dollars each, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed, to make out and render to the said levy court, at their first meeting in May every year, a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with the necessary vouchers for the preceding year, which accounts shall be settled and passed by the said court previous to the making out the new appointments of trustees.

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