

yearly value of three thousand dollars current money, and are hereby empowered and authorised to use one common seal in their business relating to said corporation, and the same if necessary to change and alter; and that the said persons so incorporated, and their successors, shall be the true and undoubted trustees, in perpetual succession, for ever, to be continued in way and manner hereafter specified, with full power, liberty and authority, in the making and ordaining such laws, orders and rules, for the better relieving, regulating, and setting the poor to work, and for the good government of the alms and work-house in the said county, as to them and their successors shall from time to time appear most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the overseer of such alms and work-house, under the penalties therein contained; *Provided always*, that the said rules, by-laws and orders, be no ways contrary to the laws of this state.

Dec. Ses. 1817.

2. *And*, to perpetuate the succession of the aforesaid number of seven trustees of the poor of said county, *Be it enacted*, That as often as any one of the said trustees for the poor shall die, remove out of the county, or refuse to qualify as aforesaid, or become incapable of acting, the trustees for the time being, then surviving and remaining within the said county, or the majority of them, are hereby authorised and required to elect and choose one of the inhabitants of said county in the place and room of such trustee, and so fill up the full number of trustees for such alms and work-house, which persons so elected and chosen from time to time, are always to be qualified in the same manner as herein before directed.

Proviso.

Vacancies

3. *And be it enacted*, That every person by this act appointed as a trustee for the poor, or who shall hereafter be appointed as such, pursuant to the directions thereof, or who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay for every such refusal or delay the sum of twenty dollars current money; *Provided*, that no minister of the gospel, attorney, practising physician, judge of the county or orphans court, or sheriff, shall be obliged to accept the office of trustee aforesaid, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept and take upon him the same, nor shall any person be compelled to serve in less than three years after he has served, or paid the forfeiture for not serving, as a trustee as aforesaid.

Persons appointed trustees to act, under a penalty

Proviso

4. *And be it enacted*, That the houses now erected and called and known by the name of the Poor House of Caroline county, and the land thereunto belonging, are hereby declared to be vested in the said trustees, and their successors for ever, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act expressed and directed, one part thereof to be called the Alms-House, to be for the reception of the poor of said county, and the other part or parts thereof to be called the Work-House, to and for the reception and lodging of all such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, as shall be committed in virtue of this act.

House, &c. vested in trustees

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby authorised and directed, to purchase for the use and employment of the poor of said county, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, who shall be committed, by virtue of this act, sufficient beds, bedding, working tools,

To purchase bedding, &c.