

whereby he may receive any of the monies levied for the use, benefit or maintenance of the poor, or other person committed to said alms and work-house. Dec. Ses. 1817

16. *And be it enacted*, That whosoever shall presume either to set up a booth, stall, or other convenience, for the selling of spirituous liquors, on the land purchased and occupied for the use of the said alms and work-house, or shall commit any kind of trespass thereon, or shall sell or dispose of any kind of spirituous liquors, or other matter or thing whatsoever to, or purchase any matter or thing whatsoever thereon, which shall belong to said alms and work-house, from any poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, or other offenders, during their continuance in said alms and work-house, contrary to the provisions of this act, such person, upon conviction thereof in the county court of said county, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of thirty dollars current money, to be applied towards the support and maintenance of the poor of Caroline county, under the direction of the said trustees. Penalty on persons setting up booths &c.

17. *And be it enacted*, That all sheriffs, constables, and other officers and ministers of justice in said county, when called on, shall aid and assist the said trustees, and all such officers as shall be appointed and employed by them, at all times when necessary in the execution and performance of the duties required by this act. Officers to assist trustees when required

18. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall at any time or times be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him or them done and executed in pursuance of this act, or of any matter or thing in this act contained, such person or persons may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence for his or their defence, and if upon trial a verdict shall be given for the defendant or defendants, or if the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his or their suit, then such defendant or defendants shall have and recover treble costs to him or them awarded against such plaintiff or plaintiffs. Persons sued may plead general issue.

19. *And*, to prevent individuals from being unreasonably burthened with this act as trustee of the poor, *Be it enacted*, That at the time of the meeting of the said trustees for the poor on the first Monday of April next, and on the same day yearly and every year thereafter, the said trustees shall proceed to class themselves in such manner as to them shall seem most proper and convenient, so as no person shall be compelled to serve more than two years out of five, the first class going out at the end of the first year, and so in rotation each and every year; *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall prevent any person from serving as a trustee after his time has expired if he may see proper, and shall be re-elected, which election shall take place on the first Monday of April in each and every year after the first year. Trustees to be classed.

20. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take place, and be in full force on and after the first Monday of April next.

21. *Be it enacted*, That whenever the trustees, or a majority of them, shall deem it expedient and for the interest of the inhabitants of Caroline county, and the comfort of the poor, it shall be lawful for them, or a majority of them, to purchase and hold in trust for the purposes herein mentioned, a tract or parcel of land and premises not to exceed five hundred acres, and to erect thereon at their discretion proper buildings and improvements for the accommoda- Proviso
Act declared in force after 1st April next.
When trustees deem it expedient they may purchase land &c.