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XXIX.
court-house
of each coun-
ty, and also
to return a fair
account to
the justices, at
every Nov.
court, to be
examined.

convenient as may be to the principal towns in each county, or in those counties where no such towns are, as near and convenient as may be to the several and respective court-houses of each county; and the said trustees are hereby obliged, directed and required, to keep a fair, distinct and clear account, in writing, of all the monies by them expended and paid, by virtue of this act, and to return a true copy thereof, and shew and produce the vouchers to support the same, to the justices of the several counties aforesaid, at their respective November courts, to be by the said justices inspected and examined.

The justices
of the coun-
ties aforesaid,
to assess in
1771, a quan-
tity not ex-
ceeding 15lb.
per poll, &c.
to be paid to
the order of
the trustees,
&c. to be ap-
plied to the
use of the
poor, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of the several county courts aforesaid, respectively, for the time being, shall, and they are hereby empowered, to assess and levy, on the taxable inhabitants of each of their said counties, at the time of laying their county levies, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-one, a quantity of tobacco, not exceeding fifteen pounds by the poll, on each and every of the taxable inhabitants in each of their said counties, together with the sheriff's salary of five *per cent.* for collecting the same; which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before by this act is directed; which said tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such sheriffs respectively to the order of such trustees, or the major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorized and required, to receive and apply the same, to and for the use, benefit and charge, of maintaining the poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, in the purchasing provisions and other necessaries for use and labour, in paying a doctor for his salary and medicines, in providing men and women servants, to be under the management and direction of an overseer of such alms and work-house, hereafter to be appointed, and in purchasing materials for the use and employment of all the poor, and all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue of this act.

Trustees to
meet on the
1st Monday of
May, yearly,
to appoint o-
verseers of the
alms and
work-houses,
&c.

and empow-
ered to pay a
salary, not ex-
ceeding 80l.
per annum.

Overseer to
give bond in
the penalty of
200l. for the
faithful dis-
charge of his
duty.

And to be re-
moved at the
discretion of
the trustees.

Trustees to
meet at the
alms and
work-houses
four times a
year, to make
rules for the

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, obliged, directed and enjoined, to meet together on the first Monday of May, yearly, and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the respective alms and work-house in each county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person of each county to be overseer of the alms and work-house in each several and respective county, and other proper officers and servants as to them shall appear necessary, for carrying on the business of the said corporation; and they, or the major part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered, to pay the said overseer, as a salary, out of the tobacco and money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding eighty pounds current money *per annum*, and so *pro rato*, during his continuance in office, and shall then take, and the said overseer, and every other overseer, to be appointed, shall, and he is hereby obliged to enter into a bond, with sufficient sureties, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, payable to the said trustees for the poor, conditioned as follows, to wit: "The condition of the above obligation is such, That if the above bound A. B. as overseer of the alms and work-house; in ——— county, shall well and truly discharge his duty in the said station, and more particularly according to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the several counties therein mentioned, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed and empowered, to remove such overseer, and all other officers, by them to be appointed, in pursuance of this act, at their discretion, and to proceed to choose others in their place and stead.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed and enjoined, to meet at the alms and work-house in each respective county, four times in the year, to wit, in the first week of February, May, August, and November, or oftener, if it should by them be deemed necessary, to make and ordain, by a majority of votes of such as may