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XV.  
Trustees to  
draw, &c.

VI. AND, for enabling the said trustees to purchase land, and erect an alms and work-house in the said county, BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, as occasion shall require, to draw upon the collector of Talbot county for all or any part of the money by this act assessed, levied and collected, as shall remain in his hands, which the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall think necessary, for the uses and purposes mentioned in this act.

To purchase  
land, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, to buy and purchase in fee-simple, a quantity of land in the said county, not exceeding thirty acres, or less than twenty-five; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed and required, to agree and contract with a workman or workmen to undertake, erect, build, and in a workman-like manner to complete and finish, on the said land when so purchased, good, strong, sufficient, and convenient houses, habitations and dwellings, for the reception of the poor of said county, and of such vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this act, and they shall appropriate one part thereof to be called the alms-house, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of the said county, and another 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 by virtue of this act; and the aforesaid land when bought, and the aforesaid houses, habitations and dwellings, when built, shall be, and they are hereby enacted and declared to be, vested in the said trustees, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

And buy beds,  
&c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed and required, after the houses, habitations and dwellings aforesaid, shall be completely erected and finished, to buy and purchase, for the use and employment of the poor of the said county, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, who shall be committed by virtue of this act, sufficient beds, bedding, working tools, kitchen utensils, cows, horses, and other necessaries; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required to purchase the said quantity of land not exceeding thirty acres, or less than twenty-five, as near and convenient as may be to the court-house in said county; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required to keep a fair, distinct, and clear account, in writing, of all the monies by them received and expended 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 said county at their June court yearly, to be by the said justices inspected and examined, which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said court.

Justices to levy  
money, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of Talbot county court aforesaid for the time being, shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on all the property in the said county subject and liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money not exceeding three (a) shillings on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid, in the said county, together with the collector's commission of four *per cent.* for collecting the same; which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before is directed; which said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector 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 for medicines, in providing men and women servants to be under the direction and management of the overseer of such alms and work-house hereafter directed to be appointed, for 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.

(a) Increased by a supplement, 1797, ch. 9, to four shillings and six-pence.

Trustees to  
meet yearly,  
&c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and enjoined, to meet together between the first and tenth day of November yearly, and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house in the said county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house in the said 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, out of the money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds current money *per annum*,