

C H A P.
LV.
Town named.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the parcel of ground so as aforesaid laid out by the said Robert Young Stoakes in his life-time into lots, when surveyed by the commissioners aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter called and known by the name of Havre-de-Grace.

By 1795, ch. 63, the commissioners are authorized to cause two other tracts or parcels of land therein mentioned to be surveyed and laid out into lots, &c. to be part of the town of Havre-de-Grace.

C H A P. LVI.

Passed 8th of
March, 1786.

An ACT for the benefit of the estate of Anne Catharine Green. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 693. A Private Act.

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 694.

Supplements 1786, ch. 7; November, 1788, ch. 36, November, 1793, ch. 24.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the necessity, number and continual increase, of the poor within the said counties, is very great and burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them; therefore,

Alms and
work-houses to
be erected, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be alms and work-houses erected and built in Dorchester and Somerset counties, at convenient places in the said counties, at the general charge and expence of the said counties; and that the justices of Dorchester county for the time being shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy, in equal proportion on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying the county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-six, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, together with the collector's commission of four per centum thereon for collecting the same; and the justices of Somerset county for the time being shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy, in equal proportion on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, together with the collector's commission of four per centum for collecting the same; which said rate or assessment so as aforesaid to be laid and levied, shall be collected by the collector of each of the said counties, in the same manner, and at the same time, as the county rate is collected; and the said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the said collector to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

Trustees ap-
pointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the time being the several persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed trustees of the poor within the said counties, and are empowered, with full and sufficient authority, to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts reposed in and required of them by this act; that is to say, for Dorchester county, Messieurs Henry Hooper, Robert Harrison, Joseph Ennalls, Joseph Daffin, Nathaniel Manning, James Steele and Robert Griffith; and for Somerset county, Messieurs John Adams, Levin Gale, Thomas Bruff, John Wilson, George Waggaman, George Day Scott and William Strawbridge; the which persons, or the major part of them, in case of the death or absence of any, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place within the said counties as to them shall seem meet, to qualify themselves for the office of trustees for the poor of their county, which they are to do by taking and subscribing the several oaths (or affirmations) appointed by law to be taken to the government, and subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and also taking the oath, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of _____, by an act of the general assembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Dorchester and Somerset counties, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; so help me God;" the which oaths are to be administered by any of the six persons last named for the county to the person first named, or in his absence to any one of the five persons first named that shall be there present, the which person being sworn as aforesaid, shall administer the oaths aforesaid to all the rest, and so successively, the person first named that shall be present shall always administer the said oaths to any that have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act to supply the place of any that shall be dead, or removed out of the county, or of any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify, or be rendered incapable of acting as a trustee, when elected and chosen pursuant to the directions of this act; and the aforesaid persons, or the majority