

C H A P. XVIII.

direct; and, until money can be procured for erecting the necessary buildings, the said trustees, or a major part of them, may rent convenient buildings in said county for the purpose aforesaid.

Property vested in trustees, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the free-school property in said county shall be and is hereby vested in the said trustees, and their successors, and shall be taken and held by them as a fund towards the establishment and support of said alms and work-house, which property the said trustees, their successors, or a major part of them, may, at any time, with the consent of Cæcil county court, sell, convey, and convert into money, on such terms as they may deem most advantageous to said establishment; and the visitors of the free-school in said county are hereby directed to deliver to said trustees all the free-school property aforesaid, of whatever nature it may be, and render to them a just and full account of the profits thereof.

Justices to levy money, &c.

III. AND, the more effectually to carry this law into execution, BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Cæcil county court for the time being shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy annually, as long as it may be necessary, on all the property in said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money not exceeding four hundred pounds, together with the collector's commission of six per cent. for collecting the same, which money, when collected, shall be paid to the order of such trustees, or a major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the use and benefit of said alms and work-house.

Trustees appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That James Hughes, John Ward, junior, Edward Ford, Jeremiah Taylor, Henry Hollingsworth, Samuel Gilpin, James Orrick, James Mackey, son of Robert, and Joseph Baxter, be and are hereby appointed trustees of the alms and work-house in the county aforesaid, and that they and their successors shall have the same powers, and be subject to the same rules, regulations and penalties, as the trustees and their successors of the alms and work-house of Kent county, agreeably to an act passed this present session, (a) entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Kent county, and that all other description of persons in Cæcil county shall conform and be subject to the same rules, regulations and penalties, as are directed by said act for the relief of the poor in Kent county, excepting nevertheless any thing in this law which may contradict the same.

(a) Chapter 11. By the 3d section of that act, the trustees are directed to take the several oaths, &c. appointed to be taken to the government, besides the oath of office, but by May, 1788, ch. 13, the trustees under this act are to take only the oath of office before they act.

See the note under ch. 16.

C H A P. XIX.

Passed 16th of Dec. 1787.

An ACT to alter the time of holding Baltimore county court for civil causes. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 342.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to empower the justices of Dorchester county court to lease out the prison lands of said county. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 343.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the justices of Dorchester county court, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that there was certain lands in Dorchester county set apart for the use of the prison of the said county, which, they were of opinion, was much more than necessary for that purpose, and praying a law might pass empowering them to lease out said lands, (after reserving as much as may be necessary for said prison,) for a term not exceeding ninety-nine years, renewable for ever; and the general assembly thinking the prayer of said justices reasonable,

Land to be laid out, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Dorchester county court are hereby empowered and directed to lay out, (after reserving as much land as may by them be thought necessary for said prison,) the prison land in Dorchester county into convenient lots, not exceeding forty feet in front on the street or streets on which they front, and have the same carefully surveyed, bounded and numbered, and have a fair plot and certificate made thereof; and have the same recorded among the land records of Dorchester county.

Lots to be sold, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices aforesaid shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to set up the said lots at public sale to the highest bidder, at their next June or October court, for a premium to be paid by the purchaser or purchasers, and to grant leases not exceeding ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, on an annual ground-rent to be paid by such purchaser or purchasers.

IV. AND