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or parts thereof as they, or a majority of them, in their discretion, shall determine, to and for the reception and lodging of the poor of the said county, to be called the alms-house, and other part or parts thereof 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, to be called the work-house; and the aforesaid land, and the aforesaid houses, habitations and buildings, when finished, shall be, and they are hereby enacted and declared to be, vested in the said trustees, and their successors, for ever, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

And buy beds,  
&c.

IX. 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 sufficiently repaired, altered and built, for the reception of the poor of the said county, and the vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be committed by virtue of this act, to buy and purchase, for their use and employment, sufficient beds, bedding, working tools, kitchen utensils, cows, horses, and other necessaries; 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 July 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  
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X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the expiration of the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, the justices of Queen-Anne's county court aforesaid for the time being shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy, on all the property in said county subject and liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money, not exceeding five shillings on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in the said county, together with the collector's commission of six *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.

Trustees to  
meet yearly,  
&c.

XI. 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 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*, as a salary, and so *pro rata*, during his continuance in office, and shall then take bond, which the said overseer, and any other overseer to be appointed, shall and is hereby obliged to enter into, with good and 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 Queen-Anne's 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 in Queen-Anne's county, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

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verseer, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a 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 choose others in their place and stead.

And meet four  
times a year,  
&c.

XIII. AND BE IT 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 the said county four times in the year, to wit: in the first week in January, May, August and November, or oftener, if it should  
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