

other offenders, as shall be committed in 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, and their successors, for ever, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

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 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 one hundred acres or less than six, in such part of said county as they, or a majority of them, may think most convenient; 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 in virtue of this act, and to return a true copy thereof, and shew and produce the vouchers to support the same, to the said county, at the court for laying the county charges, to be by the said justices inspected and examined; which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said court.

And buy beds,
&c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of Calvert county court aforesaid for the time being shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy, on the assessable property in said county, 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 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 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 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.

Justices to levy
money, &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 days of November yearly, and all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house of the said county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house of the said county, and such 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 fifty pounds current money *per annum*, as a salary, and so *pro rato*, 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 one 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 Calvert 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 of Calvert county, then this obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue."

Trustees to
meet yearly,
&c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove the said overseer, and all other officers to be by them appointed in virtue of this act, at their discretion, and to choose others in their place and stead.

May remove
overseer, &c.

XII. 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 some convenient place in the said county three times in the year, in the first week in March, June 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 be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws, (the same being no way contrary to the laws of this state,) as they shall think convenient and necessary for the direction, government and support, of such alms

And meet three
times a year,
&c.

and