

XV. This Act to continue for, and during the Space of Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

C H A P. XXVIII. Continuance.

*Continue October session 1771 - 6-33 - Jan 7 years 6<sup>th</sup>.*

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT for the Relief of the Poor, within the several Counties therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS the Necessity, Number, and continual Increase of the Poor, within this Province, is very great, and exceedingly burthen- some, which might be greatly lessened, by a due Regulation and Employment of them;

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That there shall be an Alms, and Work-House, erected, built, and set up, in the several Counties herein after named, at convenient Places therein, at the general Charge and Expence of the respective Counties, where the said Alms, and Work-Houses, shall be erected and built; and that the Justices of the said County Courts, respectively, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of each County, at the Time of laying their respective County Levy, a Quantity, not exceeding Fifteen Pounds of Tobacco, by the Poll, on each and every the taxable Inhabitants of their said Counties, in each of the Years of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-eight, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-nine, and Seventeen Hundred and Seventy, together with the Sheriff's Salary, of Five per Cent. for collecting the same; which said Assessments, so as aforesaid to be made, and levied, shall be collected by the several and respective Sheriffs of the said Counties, from the several taxable Persons, who shall reside within the same, in the same Manner as the Public and County Levies are collected; and the said Tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid, by such Sheriffs, respectively, 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.

Alms, and Work-Houses to be erected in particular Counties, for which the Justices are to assess a Quantity, not exceeding 15 lb. of Tobacco, per Poll, in the Years 1768, 1769, & 1770, together with the Sheriff's Salary of 5 per Cent. for Collection.

To be paid to Trustees;

III. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it shall, and may be lawful, for the several and respective taxable Inhabitants, within every of the said Counties, to pay, and discharge the said several Assessments, in Money, in the same Manner, as they are enabled to pay, and discharge the Public, or County Levy.

which may be discharged by the Inhabitants, in Money, &c.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That, for the Time being, the Five several Persons, hereafter named, for each County, be, and are hereby nominated, appointed, and named, Trustees for the Poor, within their several and respective Counties, and are empowered with full and sufficient Authority, for discharging the several Offices, Duties, and Trusts, reposed in, and required of them, by this Act, within the several and respective Counties, wherein they reside; That is to say: For Anne-Arundel County, Messieurs Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Thomas Dorsey, Nicholas Worthington, Lancelot Jacques, and Upton Scott. For Prince-George's County, Messieurs John Baines, William Bowie, Richard Duckett, John Fendall Beall, and Nathaniel Magruder. For Worcester County, Messieurs Parker Selby, George Hayward, Peter Chaille, Lemuell Purnell, and William Whittington. For Frederick County, Messieurs Jonathan Wilson, Upton Sheredine, Thomas Bowles, Charles Beatty, and William Beatty. For Charles County, Messieurs Samuel Hanson, Jun. Robert Mastin, John Hanson,

Five Persons, in each County, appointed Trustees for the Poor.