

fore said, or become incapable of acting, the Trustees for the Time being, then surviving and remaining within the said County, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and required to elect, nominate, and choose, one of the principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County, into the Place and Room of such Trustee, and so to fill up the full Number of Trustees for each Alms and Work-House; the which Persons, so elected and chosen from Time to Time, are always to be qualified in the same Manner as before by this Act is directed.

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XVIII.to choose o-
thers in their
Room.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Person, by this Act appointed as a Trustee for the Poor, or that shall hereafter be nominated and appointed as such, pursuant to the Directions hereof, and who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said Office, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Refusal or Delay, the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money: *Provided*, That no Member of the Upper or Lower House of Assembly, Clergyman, Attorney, or practising Physician, be obliged to accept of the Office of Trustee aforesaid, or forfeit, as aforesaid, for refusing to accept and take upon him the same: And that no Provincial or County Magistrate, or Sheriff, or any one who hath not the Qualification to be a Member of the Lower House of Assembly, if elected, shall be capable to be chosen, or act as a Trustee aforesaid; nor shall any Person be compellable to serve, in less than Three Years after he hath served or paid the said Forfeiture, for not serving as a Trustee aforesaid.

Penalty on
refusing to
act as Trustee

Proviso.

VIII. And, For enabling the said Trustees to purchase Land and erect an Alms and Work-House in the said County, *Be it enacted*, That the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to draw upon the Sheriff of *Saint Mary's* County, in whose Hands the Tobacco aforesaid, so as aforesaid to be assessed and levied, or such Part thereof as shall, by Virtue of this Act, be so assessed and levied, shall remain, for so much of the said Tobacco as the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall from Time to Time think it necessary to draw, for the Uses and Purposes directed by this Act,

Trustees to
draw on the
Sheriff for as
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bacco as they
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Act.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, appointed as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby authorized, directed, and required, to buy and purchase, in Fee, a Quantity of Land in the said County, not exceeding One Hundred Acres; and the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, appointed as aforesaid, are hereby authorized, directed, and required, to agree and contract with a Workman or Workmen, to undertake, erect, build, and in a Workmanlike Manner to complete and finish, on the said Land, when so purchased, good, strong, sufficient, and convenient Houses, Habitations, and Dwellings, for the Reception of the Poor of said County, and of such Vagrants, Beggars, Vagabonds, and other Offenders, as shall be committed by virtue of this Act; and they shall appropriate one Part thereof, to be called the Alms-House, to and for the Reception and Lodging of the Poor of the said County, and another Part or Parts thereof, to be called the Work-House, 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; 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, as their Estate and Inheritance, for the Uses and Purposes by this Act directed and expressed.

Trustees to
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