

foresaid, shall administer the Oaths aforementioned to all the rest, and so successively; the Person first named, that shall be present, shall always administer the said Oaths to any that have been absent, or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to supply the Place of any that shall be dead, or removed out of the County, or of any who shall refuse or neglect to qualify and act as a Trustee, when elected and chosen, pursuant to the Directions of this Act: And the aforesaid Persons, or the major Part of them, being sworn as aforesaid, shall be constituted and qualified as Trustees for the Poor of their said County, and, as such, are hereby invested with full Power and Authority, as a Body politic, to plead and be impleaded, to sue and be sued, to defend and be defended, to answer and be answered, by the Name of the Trustees for the Poor of *Baltimore* County, in all and every Cause, Complaint, and Action, real, personal, or mixt, of whatsoever Kind or Nature it shall be, in any of the Courts of Judicature within this Province; and by that Name they and any of them, and their Successors, shall, and they are hereby enabled, to take, hold, possess, and enjoy, any Gift, Donation, or Present, which shall or may hereafter be given, devised, or bequeathed, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, to them, or any of them, for or towards the Support and Maintainance of the Poor in the County aforesaid; and they, or any of them, may receive, by Way of Subscription, any Sum or Sums of Money, which shall or may be given, for the better and more speedy promoting the Benefit and Good by this Act intended; and, that they have full Power, Authority, lawful Capacity, and Ability, to purchase, take, hold, receive, enjoy, and have, to them and their Successors for ever, any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly Value of One Thousand Pounds, of any Person or Persons whatsoever; and are hereby impowered and authorized, to use one common Seal in their Business relating to the said Corporation, and the same, at their Pleasure, to change and alter; and, that the said Persons so incorporated, the longest Livers and Successors of them, shall be the true, sole, and undoubted Trustees, in perpetual Succession, for ever, to be continued in Way and Manner hereafter specified, with full and absolute Power, Liberty, and Authority, in the making and ordaining such Laws, Orders, and Rules, for the better relieving, regulating, and setting the Poor to work, and punishing Vagrants, Beggars, Vagabonds, and other Offenders; and, for the good Government of the said Alms and Work-House, in their respective Counties, as to them and their Successors shall, from Time to Time, seem most fit and requisite, all which shall be observed by the Overseer of such Alms and Work-House, and by all Poor, Beggars, Vagrants, Vagabonds, and other Offenders, in such Alms and Work-House, under the Penalties therein contained: *Provided always*, That the said Rules, Laws, and Orders, be no wise contrary to the Laws of this Province.

Trustees invested with full Power as a Body politic, &c.

In Case of the Death or Removal of any of the Trustees, the surviving ones to choose others in their Room.

IX. And, to perpetuate the Succession of the aforesaid Number of Trustees for the Poor in the said County, *Be it enacted*, That as often as any one or more of the said Trustees for the Poor shall die or remove himself out of the said County, that then, and so often, the Trustees for the Time being, then surviving and remaining within the said County, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby authorized and required to elect, nominate, and choose, one or more of the principal and better Sort of the Inhabitants of the County, not being related in Blood to any other of the then Trustees, into the Place and Room of the said Trustee, so dead or removed, and so to fill up the full Number of Trustees for the said Alms and Work-House; the which Persons, so elected and