

C H A P. chosen, from Time to Time, are always to be qualified in the same  
XXX. Manner as before by this Act is directed.

Penalty on  
Trustees re-  
fusing to act.

Proviso.

X. 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.

Trustees to  
purchase  
Land, and  
agree with  
Workmen to  
erect an Alms  
and Work-  
house, &c.

XI. 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, out of the Money aforesaid, to buy and purchase, in Fee, a Quantity of Land, in the said County, not exceeding One Hundred Acres, near and convenient to *Baltimore-Town*, but not within Half a Mile thereof; and 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 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 are hereby enacted and declared to be, vested in the said Trustees, by virtue of this Act, as their Estate and Inheritance, for the Uses and Purposes by this Act directed and expressed.

And to purchase Beds  
and other  
Necessaries  
for the Use  
and Employment  
of the  
Poor, &c.

XII. And be it further 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 buy and purchase, for the Use and Employment of the Poor, Vagrants, Beggars, 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 keep a fair, distinct, and clear Account, in Writing, of all the Monies by them expended and paid by virtue of this Act, and to return a true Copy thereof, and shew and produce the Vouchres to support the same, to the Justices of the County aforesaid, at *November Court*, to be by the said Justices inspected and examined.

Justices to levy  
15 lb. of  
Tobacco per  
Poll in 1774,  
&c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Justices of the County Court aforesaid, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County,