

full Number of Trustees, for such 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.

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 thereof, 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 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.

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 Talbot 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 necessary to draw for the Uses and Purposes directed by this 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, or less than Fifty; 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.

X. 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 of the said County, and the Vagrants, Beg-

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Penalty on refusing to act as Trustee.

Proviso.

Trustees to draw on the Sheriff for as much Tobacco as they shall think necessary, for the Uses directed by this Act.

Trustees to purchase Land to build an Alms & Work-House;

And Beds, working Tools, &c. for the Use & Employment of the Poor &c.