

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE POOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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C H A P. XVI. gets Vagabonds, 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 purchase the said Quantity of Land, not exceeding One Hundred Acres, or less than Fifty, as near and convenient as may be to the Court-House in said County: And the said Trustees are hereby obliged, directed, and required, to keep a fair, distinct, and clear Account in Writing, of all the Monies by them received and expended, to ed and expended by virtue of this Act, and to return a true Copy thereof, and shew, and produce the Vouchers to support the same, to the Justices of the said County, at their November Court yearly, to be by the said Justices inspected, and examined; which said Accounts shall be lodged with the Clerk of the said Court.

Justices to levy 15lb. Tobacco per Poll for maintaining the Poor, &c.

- XI. And be it further enacted, That after the Expiration of the said Three Years, the Justices of Talbot 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, at the Time of laying their County Levy, a Quantity of Tobacco not exceeding Fifteen Pounds by the Poll, on each and every of the taxable Inhabitants in the said County, together with the Sheriff's Salary of Five per Cent. for collecting the same; which said Assessment shall be made, levied, collected, and paid, in the same Manner as herein before by this Act is directed; which said Tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the Sheriff to the Order of such Trustees, or the major Part of them, under their common Seal, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same, so and for the Use, Benefit, and Charge, of maintaining the Poor, Vagrants, Beggars, Vagabonds, and other Offenders, in the purchasing Provisions and other Necessaries for Use and Labour, in paying a Doctor for his Salary and Medicines, in providing Men and Women Servants to be under the Management and Direction of an Overseer of such Alms and Work-House, hereafter directed to be appointed, as for, and in purchasing Materials for the Use and Employment of all the Poor, and all Beggars, Vagrants, Vagabonds, and other Offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue

Trustees to appoint an Overseer & other Officers, &c.

- XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized, obliged, directed, and enjoined, to meet together between the First and Tenth of November yearly, and at all such other Times as they shall judge necessary, at the Alms and Work-House in said County, during the Continuance of this Act, to appoint a fit Person to be Overseer of the Alms and Work-House in the said County, and other proper Officers and Servants as to them shall appear necessary for carrying on the Business of the said Corporation, and they, or the major Part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay the said Overseer, as a Salary, out of the Tobacco and Money raised and collected as aforesaid, a Sum not exceeding Eighty Pounds Current Money per Annum, and so proportionate, during his Continuance in Office, and shall then take a Bond, which the said Overseer and every other Overseer to be appointed, shall and is hereby obliged to enter into, with sufficient Sureties in the Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money, payable to the said Trustees for the Poor, conditioned as follows, *to wit*. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above Bound A, B, as Overseer of the Alms and Work-House in Talbot County, shall well and truly discharge his Duty in the said Station, and more particularly according to

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