

**R O B E R T O E D A E W, Y Esq; M GOVERNOR.** 1774

to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Talbot County*, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full Force and Virtue in Law.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed, and empowered to remove the Overseer at move such Overseer, and all other Officers by them to be appointed in their Dis- Pursuance of this Act, at their Discretion, and to choose others in their creation, &c. Place and Stead.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby directed, and enjoined, to meet Ordinances, at the Alms and Work-House in said County Four Times in the Year Government in the First Week of January, May, August, and November or oftener, if and Support it should by them be deemed necessary, to make and ordain by a Majority of the Alms Work- jority of Votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome House, &c. Ordinances, Rules, and Bye-Laws, as they shall think convenient and necessary for the Direction, Government, and Support of such Alms and Work-House, and also for the Maintenance and Employment of all such Poor Persons as shall be taken under their Care, and of all Vagrants, Beggars, Vagabonds, and other Offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this Act; all which Ordinances, Rules, and Bye- Laws, shall be from Time to Time inviolably observed by all Persons concerned according to the Tenor and Effect thereof.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Overseer shall keep a Overseer to fair and regular List of all Poor, and of all Beggars, Vagrants, Vags, the Poor, bonds, and other Offenders, who shall be recommitted to the said Alms &c. to be and Work-House, and also fair and regular Accounts in Writing of all laid before the Trustees; Materials and other Things coming to his Hands, as Overseer aforesaid, and of all Expences and Charges attending the Maintenance and Sup- port, and of all Monies received by him for the Sale of the Produce of their Labour, and otherwise, as Overseer aforesaid, and shall lay the said Lists and Accounts before the Trustees, or the major Part of them upon their Meetings at the Times by this Act directed, or oftener if by them required.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Overseer may compel And compel and oblige any of the said Poor, Beggars, Vagrants, and Vagabonds, or those to work who are able, other Offenders, in his Alms and Work-House, if he finds Ability, &c. to work and labour, and the Produce of their Labour he is hereby directed and empowered to sell, and apply the Money arising from such Sale to their Maintenance and Support.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That upon Complaint made that any Disorderly Person from his disorderly Conduct gives Disturbance to the Person, to be committed to Neighbourhood, and is likely to become chargeable to the said County, it shall and may be lawful for any of the Magistrates of the said County, upon hearing the Party, he shall adjudge the Complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly Person residing within the said County to the said Work-House, for any Time not exceeding Three Months, upon less he or she shall find Security, let the Discretion of the Magistrate aforesaid, in any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds Current Money, for his or her good Behaviour, and more orderly Demeanour, during the Space of Six Months, and also upon Complaint made by the Overseer of said Alms and Work-House, to any magistrate that any Person in the said Work-House hath behaved undemanded him but himself.