

XXI. And, to prevent individuals from being unreasonably burthened with the execution of this act as trustees for the poor, **Be it enacted**, That at the time of the meeting of the said trustees for the poor in the first week of November, yearly, the said trustees, or the major part of them, in the counties aforesaid, shall and may elect and choose one of the best inhabitants of the said counties respectively, to be a trustee for the poor of that county in the stead of the first named or eldest of the said trustees of the same county, which said first named or eldest trustee shall be and is, by virtue hereof, thencefrom discharged from his office.

C H A P. LVII.
A trustee to be chosen annually, &c.

XXII. **And be it enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees aforesaid, or a major part of them, to rent an house or houses in the said county respectively, for the reception of such poor, vagrants, vagabonds or offenders, with the necessary lot or lots of ground adjoining to such house or houses, as convenient to the court-house as may be in each county respectively, for the reception and accommodation of the said poor, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, until a sufficient sum of money be raised in virtue of this act, to enable the said trustees to purchase the land and erect the buildings herein before mentioned; and the justices of each county respectively, are hereby empowered and enjoined, annually, at the court for laying the county rate, to assess on the taxable property of the said county, a sufficient sum to discharge the rent aforesaid, with the collector's commission of four per cent. thereon, which sum, so as aforesaid assessed, shall be collected and paid by the said collector to the said trustees respectively, or a majority of them, to be by them applied to the purposes aforesaid; and the said trustees, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and required, as soon as such house or houses aforesaid are procured on rent, to proceed to the appointment of an overseer, and other officers and servants as are mentioned in this act, and to do and perform every other matter and thing necessary to carrying the said act into execution, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Trustees to rent an house, &c.

C H A P. LVIII.

An ACT to suspend the erecting of the public buildings in Harford county.

Passed Mar. 21

WHEREAS a petition has been preferred to this general assembly, by many of the inhabitants of Harford county, praying that the public buildings of the said county may be erected at a place called Havre-de-Grace, at the mouth of Susquehanna river, in the said county; and the said petition hath been referred by the house of delegates to the consideration of the next session of assembly;

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It. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the erecting of the public buildings in Harford county, shall be suspended until the end of the next session of assembly.

The erecting buildings suspended, &c.

C H A P. LIX.

An ACT to enable the justices of Prince-George's county court to assess and levy a sum of money on the said county for the support of James Ranter, a lunatic.

Passed Mar. 21

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that a certain James Ranter, of Prince-George's county, hath for several years past, at times, been in a state of lunacy, during which periods he hath done considerable injury to divers of the inhabitants of said county, and his going at large may endanger the peace and safety

Preamble