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Thompson, shall be entitled to have credit on the bond to be given in virtue of this act, for all allowances made to them for paupers or insolvents.

If bond is given, process to proceed, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That if the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, shall give bond as aforesaid, the process issued against the property of the said John Hayman Nichols as aforesaid, shall and may proceed, and the execution thereof be completed, and the property taken sold for their use and benefit.

On failure in payment, bonds to be put in suit, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That in case of failure of payment at the days herein before limited, respecting the bonds so given by the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, or the survivors of them, shall be liable to be put in suit in the same manner as public bonds given by collectors in other cases, and the same speedy mode of recovery shall be had and used as may by law be used in the case of other collectors of the public assessment; and the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges, Walter Smith and Richard Thompson, or the survivors of them, shall, on failure of payment, be liable to pay interest at the same rate as the said John Hayman Nichols was heretofore liable to pay on his collector's bond, the said additional interest to commence from the time of payment of said bonds respectively, and not before.

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Passed December 17.

An ACT for the relief of the poor in Montgomery and Harford counties.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the necessity, number, and continual increase, of the poor within the said counties, is very great and burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them; therefore,

Alms and work-houses to be built, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be alms and work-houses erected and built in Montgomery and Harford counties, at a convenient place therein, at the general charge and expence of the said counties respectively, and that the justices of the said counties respectively for the time being shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy, in equal proportion, on the property within their respective counties liable to assessment, at their next March courts, the sum of three hundred pounds current money, and the like sum at the time of laying their county rate in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and seventeen hundred and ninety, together with the collector's commission of five *per cent.* thereon for collecting the same; which said rate or assessment so as aforesaid to be laid and levied, shall be collected by the collector of said counties respectively, in the same manner, and at the same time, as the county rate is collected; and the said money when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

Trustees appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That for the time being the several persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed trustees of the poor within the said counties respectively, and are empowered with full and sufficient authority to discharge the several offices, duties and trusts, reposed in and required of them by this act; that is to say, Messieurs Richard Wootton, William Oneale, Benjamin Mackel, Charles Perry, Charles Beatty, Henry Brookes and Jeremiah Crabb, for Montgomery county, and Messieurs Joseph Stiles, Daniel Tredway, James Walker, William Smithson, Alexander Rigden, Jesse Jarrard and Jacob Norris, for Harford county; the which persons, or the major part of them, in case of the death or absence of any, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place