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XXVI.

to buy and purchase, in fee-simple, a quantity of land in the said county, not exceeding one hundred acres or less than six; 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 complete and finish, on the said land, when so purchased, good, strong, convenient and sufficient, 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 in 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, and their successors for ever, as their estate and inheritance, for the uses and purposes by this act directed and expressed.

And buy
beds, &c.

VIII. **And be it 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 purchase, for the use and employment of the poor of the said county, and the vagrants, beggars, 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 six, in such part of said county as they, or a majority of them, may think most convenient; and the said trustees are hereby directed and required to keep a fair, distinct, and clear account, in writing, of all the monies by them received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a true copy thereof, and shew and produce the vouchers to support the same, to the said county, at the court for laying the county charges, to be by the said justices inspected and examined; which said accounts shall be lodged with the clerk of the said court.

After three
years, justices
to levy mo-
ney, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the expiration of the said three years, the justices of Calvert county court aforesaid, for the time being, shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, at the time of laying their county rate, a sum of current money not exceeding five shillings on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in the said county, together with the collector's commission for collecting the same; which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before is directed; which said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector 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 to 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 direction and management of the overseer of such alms and work-house, hereafter directed to be appointed; for 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 of this act.

Trustees to
meet yearly,
&c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, directed and enjoined, to meet together between the first and tenth days of November, yearly, and all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the alms and work-house of the said county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person to be overseer of the alms and work-house of the said county, and such 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, out of the money raised and collected as aforesaid,