

have attended, shall and may enforce obedience to his process by attachment of contempt, to be made returnable before the justice of the peace issuing the same, or such other justice of the peace before whom the same shall be returned, who is hereby authorised and required to take cognizance thereof, and shall and may, at the discretion of such justice of the peace before whom the same shall be heard, tried and determined, fine the offender in any sum not exceeding twenty shillings current money of Maryland for every such offence, to be applied towards defraying the charges of the county wherein the same shall be recovered.

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II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every justice of the peace by whom such fine shall be imposed, shall, upon refusal of the offender to pay the same, issue execution to the constable to levy said fine, with costs of execution, on the offender's lands, goods or chattels, and the constable receiving the said fine shall pay the same to the justice by whom such execution was issued, who shall, in every year, on or before the first day of January, make return of every such fine, and pay the same over to the clerk of the county wherein the same was recovered.

And issue executions, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerks of the several county courts shall make true return of all such fines by them received to the justices of the levy courts of their respective counties, to be by them applied as aforesaid.

Clerks to make return, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the eighth section of the act to which this is a supplement, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section repealed.

C H A P. XLIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the office of the present trustees of the poor of Caroline county shall cease and be at an end on the first Monday in May next, and the appointment of the trustees of the poor of said county shall, from and after the first Monday in April next, be vested in the levy court of said county.

Office as trustees to cease, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Caroline shall be and they are hereby authorised and required, at their first meeting in April, to appoint five discreet and proper persons, qualified agreeably to the provisions of the original act and of this act, to be trustees of the poor of the said county, from and after the first Monday in May next.

Court to appoint persons, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the said court, within five days after such appointment, to make out and deliver to the sheriff of the said county five certificates of the appointment of said trustees, endorsing one for each of them, who shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one of said certificates to each of the said trustees respectively, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the said several trustees so appointed, and notified of such appointment, (under the penalty imposed by the said original act upon any person appointed a trustee of the poor in virtue of the said act for wilfully refusing or delaying to take upon him the said office,) to meet on the said first Monday in May, (except prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) at the alms and work-house of the said county, and qualify in the manner prescribed by the said original act, and thenceforward to proceed in the execution of the duties of said office; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said court from re-appointing any or all of the present trustees, if in their discretion they shall deem it adviseable and proper so to do.

Clerk to make out certificates, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees shall meet at the aforesaid alms and work-house on the aforesaid first Monday in May next, and deliver over to the newly appointed trustees all the books and papers, and all and singular the property belonging to the aforesaid alms and work-house, to the care and management of the newly appointed trustees, under the penalty of ten dollars each, to be recovered and applied as other fines and forfeitures are directed to be recovered and applied in the aforesaid original act.

Trustees to meet, &c.

V. AND, to prevent individuals from being unreasonably burthened with the execution of this act as trustees of the poor, BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court aforesaid shall and may, at their first meeting in April, in the year eighteen hundred and three, annually thereafter, elect and choose

Court to elect trustees, &c.