

1812.

CHAPTER 12.

Passed Nov. 17, 1812.

*A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An Act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset, passed in seventeen hundred and eighty five, and the several supplement thereto, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned.*

Trustees of the poor to be appointed by the levy court.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the office of the present trustees of the poor of Dorchester county shall cease and be at an end on the second Monday of June next ; and the appointment of the trustees of the poor of said county shall, from and after the second Monday of May next, be vested in the levy court of said county.

Trustees to be appointed—when—how to qualify.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of Dorchester county shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, at their first meeting in May next, and at their first meeting in the month of May in each succeeding year thereafter, to appoint seven discreet and proper persons, qualified agreeably to the provisions of the original act and the supplements thereto, and of this act to be trustees of the poor of the said county from and after the second Monday of June next.

Clerk's duty after appointments—sheriff's duty—duty of the trustees.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the said court, within five days after such appointment, and within the like time after any future appointments to be made in virtue of this act, to make out and deliver to the sheriff of said county, a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees so appointed or to be appointed, endorsing one of the said certificates for each of them respectively ; which said sheriff shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one thereof to each of the said trustees respectively ; and it shall thereupon be the duty of the several trustees so appointed and notified by such appointment, and who shall accept thereof, (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 duties of the said office,) to meet on the said second Monday of June next ensuing such appointment, (except prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) at the alms house of the said county, and qualify in the manner prescribed by the original act,