

Dec. Ses. 1817 *tion of the poor, and a work-house, the cost of which shall not exceed six thousand dollars, which shall be paid by the inhabitants of Caroline county, to be levied and collected as other county charges are; Provided nevertheless, that not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum shall be levied and collected in any one year, until the whole sum is levied and collected, and paid over to the trustees or their order.*

Proviso.

—to sell in certain cases.

22. *Be it enacted, That the trustees, or a majority, shall have full power and authority, at any time after having made arrangements for the accommodation of the poor as before prescribed, to sell and dispose of the present poor-house, and lands and premises, with all the appertenance thereunto belonging, at public auction, or otherwise at their discretion, for the best price which can be obtained, and when the sale is so made, to make and execute a deed of bargain and sale to the purchaser or purchasers, conveying the same to him or them in fee simple.*

Proceeds how to be applied.

23. *And be it enacted, That the proceeds arising from the sale of the present poor-house and lands, shall be applied to the payment of the purchase money of the lands and premises and improvement authorised to be made in virtue of this law.*

Acts repealed

24. *And be it enacted, That the several acts of assembly heretofore made and provided, relative to the support of the poor of Caroline county, be and the same is hereby repealed from and after the first Monday in April next.*

CHAPTER 103.

Passed Feb 4 An act to authorise the Levy Court of Frederick County to increase the pay of the Overseer of the Poor in said County.

Additional allowance.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Frederick county are hereby authorised, in their discretion, to allow to the overseer of the poor of said county such sum of money in addition to his present pay as in their judgment shall be just and reasonable for his services.*

CHAPTER 104.

Passed Feb 4 A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from Slaves being permitted to act as free.

Penalty on persons permitting slaves to go at large.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person who shall permit and authorise any slave belonging to him or herself, in his or her own right, or possessed in the right of another, or in whom he or she may have special property, to go at large, or hire him or herself within this state, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for every month such slave shall go at large or hire him or herself, and at the same rate for any shorter time than one month, except twenty days at harvest.*

—on persons hiring or contracting with slaves.

2. *And be it enacted, That any person who shall hire a slave, or contract with such slave, shall incur a penalty of twenty dollars, except as before excepted; provided, that any person may permit his slave, being a pilot, to hire himself in such capacity, and any person may employ as a pilot any slave known, or generally reported to be, a pilot, before the passage of this act.*