

tions in said district, any usage, custom, or law to the contrary notwithstanding. Dec. Ses. 1822

CHAPTER. 52.

*An additional supplement to the act entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset.*

Passed Jan. 14, 1823.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the office of the present trustees of the poor for Somerset county, shall cease, and be at an end on the first Monday of July next, and that the appointment of trustees of the poor of said county, from and after the first Monday in April next, be vested in the levy court of said county.

Levy court to appoint trustees.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court of Somerset county, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, at their meeting in April next, and at their first meeting in the month of April in each succeeding year thereafter, to appoint seven discreet and proper persons qualified agreeable to the provisions of the original act, to which this is a supplement, and of this act, to be trustees for the poor of said county, *Provided nevertheless,* That nothing herein contained shall prevent the said levy court from reappointing any of the existing trustees, if they, in their discretion shall deem it advisable and proper so to do.

Annual appointment.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of said levy 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 of such appointment, and who shall accept thereof, under the penalty imposed by the said original act, upon any person appointed a trustee for 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 first Tuesday of July next ensuing such appointment, and on the first Tuesday in May in every year thereafter, except prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable accident; and in such case, as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed, at the poor house of the said county, and qualify in the manner prescribed by the original act, to which this is a supplementary act, and thenceforward to proceed in the execution of the duties of said office.

Notice of appointment &c.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the existing trustees shall meet at the aforesaid poor house on the first Tuesday of July next, and deliver over to their successors, to be taken under their care and management all books and papers, and a schedule of all and singular the property belonging to the aforesaid poor house under the penalty of forty dollars; each to be recovered and applied as other fines and forfeitures, are directed to be recovered and applied, in the aforesaid original act to which this is a supplementary act.

Meeting in July next.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees for the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act, and their successors in that capacity, hereby constituted the trustees for the poor of Somerset county, shall respectively forever have, hold, use, exercise and enjoy, all the powers, authorities, rights, property, liberties, privileges and immunities, which have hitherto been possessed, enjoyed, and used; and shall be

Powers vested.