

to the best of his ability and judgment; and the said trustees shall provide a book or books in which shall be entered the minutes of their proceedings under this act, and the certificate of each trustee having taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation aforesaid; and when the said trustees or a majority of them, or any four trustees appointed in virtue of this act, shall have taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, they shall be qualified and competent to exercise all the powers and perform the duties herein granted and required.

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3. *And be it enacted*, That all the powers, authorities, rights and privileges which were granted to or vested in the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county, by an act of assembly, passed at November session, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the county of Baltimore, and all lands, houses and other property, estate and effects acquired by and vested in the trustees for the poor of Baltimore county aforesaid, as such, and not since sold or otherwise legally disposed of; and also all the powers, authorities, rights, duties and privileges vested in the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county in respect to the said lands, the poor house, work house and poor of Baltimore county and afterwards transferred to and vested in or granted to the trustees of the poor house of Baltimore county, and all lands, property, estate and effects, powers, rights, privileges and emoluments now vested in or held by the trustees of the poorhouse of Baltimore county, or to which they are entitled, shall be, and the same are hereby transferred to and vested in the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, incorporated by this act; and the said trustees hereby incorporated, shall be entitled to receive all the books, papers, proceedings, vouchers and documents relating to the poor of Baltimore county, and to the lands, buildings, estate, property and effects so transferred to and vested in them as aforesaid, which shall be forthwith delivered to them.

Transfer.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall have power, and they are hereby authorised to appoint all such officers, clerks, agents and servants, as they may think necessary or useful in the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties entrusted and committed to them, and the same at their pleasure to remove and discharge; to fix the compensation and prescribe the duties of all such officers, clerks, agents and servants; to admit into the poorhouse and receive under their care, in addition to those paupers which the laws of this state authorise or require, such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity or particular circumstances render proper or necessary; to prescribe, provide for & direct all matters relating to the support, treatment and employment of all paupers, vagrants and other persons whatever, in the poorhouse and workhouse, or any other place under their care or charge; to procure or erect and use all such machinery, materials and implements as they shall think proper or necessary for any purpose connected with their duties, or the exercise of the powers vested in them; and to make and in their discretion, amend, alter and repeal all such by-laws as shall be necessary to carry into full effect all the powers, authorities, rights, privileges and duties granted to and vested in, or required of them, or which shall be granted to them by any future act of assembly: *Provided*, that such by-laws shall not be contrary to any law of this state or of the United States.

Powers granted.