

N :<sup>o</sup> 29 : An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein  
 Liber H. S. mentioned  
 No. 1  
 [Preamble]

Whereas the Necessity Number and continual Increase of the Poor within this Province is very great and exceedingly burthensome which might be greatly lessened by a due Regulation and Employment of them

[Alms, and Work-Houses to be erected in particular Counties, for which the Justices are to assess a Quantity, not exceeding 15 lb. of Tobacco per poll, in the Years 1768, 1769 & 1770, together with the Sheriff's salary of 5 per cent. for Collection]

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the upper and lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That there shall be an Alms and Work-House erected built and set up in the several Counties herein after named at convenient places therein at the general Charge and Expence of the respective Counties where the said Alms and Work-Houses shall be erected and built And that the Justices of the said County Courts respectively for the Time being shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of each County at the Time of laying their respective County Levy a Quantity not exceeding fifteen Pounds of Tobacco by the Poll on each and every the taxable Inhabitants of their said Counties in each of the Years of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty eight seventeen hundred and sixty nine and seventeen hundred and seventy together with the Sheriffs Salary of five per Cent for collecting the same which said Assessments so as aforesaid to be made and levied shall be collected by the several and respective Sheriffs of the said Counties from the several taxable Persons who shall reside within the same in the same Manner as the publick and County levies are collected And the said Tobacco when so as aforesaid collected shall be paid by such Sheriffs respectively to such Trustees for the Poor or the major Part of them as are by this Act appointed who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the Uses and Purposes herein after directed

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[To be paid to Trustees]

[Which may be discharged by the Inhabitants, in Money, &c]

Provided always and be it Enacted That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective taxable Inhabitants within every of the said Counties to pay and discharge the said several Assessments in Money in the same Manner as they are enabled to pay and discharge the publick or County Levy

[Five Persons in each County, appointed Trustees for the Poor]

And be it further Enacted That for the Time being the five several Persons hereafter named for each County be and are hereby nominated appointed and named Trustees for the Poor within their several and respective Counties and are empowered with full and sufficient Authority for discharging the several Offices Duties and Trusts reposed in and required of them by this Act within the several and respective Counties wherein they reside that is to say for Ann Arundel County Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Brice Thomas Beale Worthington Thomas Dorsey Nicholas Worthington Lancelot Jacques and Upton Scott for Prince Georges County Mess.<sup>rs</sup> John Baynes William Bowie