

which oath may be administered by any one of the Trustees to the others, any one of whom, being sworn, shall administer the same to him.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That no member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician shall be obliged to accept, or shall be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept, the office of Trustee of the Poor; and no Justice of the Peace or Sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualifications to be a member of the House of Delegates, shall be eligible thereto, and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the penalty for not serving. Qualification.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the County, or disqualification of any of the said Trustees, shall be filled by the County Commissioners at their next meeting thereafter. Vacancies.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the Trustees so appointed and qualified are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, by the name of the "Trustees of the Poor of Wicomico County," and by that name may take, hold and enjoy any gift, donation or present which may be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county. Sue.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That they may purchase and hold any lands or tenements not exceeding the yearly value of twenty-five hundred dollars. Purchase.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That they may use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure may change and alter. Seal.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That they may make such by-laws, and rules for the better relieving, regulating and setting the poor to work, and punishing vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, and for the good government of the almshouse, as they may think proper. By-laws.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That all meetings of the said Trustees shall be held at the almshouse. Meetings.