1. ALMS and work-houſes, ſhall be erected in particular counties, at the expence of the reſpective counties, wherein the ſame ſhall be built.—1768, c. 29, § 2.

2, 3, 4. Five perſons in each county are appointed truſtees for the poor of the following counties; Anne-Arundel, Prince-George's, Worceſter, Frederick and Charles counties; who are to qualify, by taking the oaths to the government, and alſo taking the following oath, to wit, "I, A. B. do ſwear that I will duly and faithfully diſcharge the duties and truſts committed to me, as a truſtee for the poor for —— county, according to the beſt of my ſkill and knowledge, and an act of aſſembly, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor within the ſeveral counties therein mentioned. So help me God." Which oaths are to be adminiſtered by any of the four perſons laſt named for the county to the perſon firſt named, or in his abſence, to any one of the three perſons firſt named that ſhall be preſent, which perſon being ſworn as aforeſaid, ſhall adminiſter the oaths to all the reſt, and ſo ſucceſſively, the perſon firſt named, being preſent, ſhall adminiſter the oaths to abſentees, to be elected, or ſupplying the place of thoſe who are dead, &c. which truſtees ſhall be inveſted with full power as a body politic, and may purchaſe, take, hold, receive, enjoy, and have to them and their ſucceſſors for ever, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of 1000l.; and ſhall uſe one common ſeal, and change and alter the ſame, at their pleaſure, and ſhall continue in perpetual ſucceſſion for ever, with power to make laws, for relieving, regulating, and ſetting the poor to work, and puniſhing vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, &c. ſo as the ſame be no wiſe contrary to law.—*ibid.* § 4.

5. In caſe of the death or removal of any of the ſaid truſtees, the truſtees for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhall elect others, who are to qualify as before directed.—*ibid.* § 5.

6, 7. Truſtees appointed, or to be appointed, and refuſing to act, ſhall forfeit 10l. current money; but no member of either houſe of aſſembly, clergyman, attorney, or practiſing phyſician, ſhall be obliged to accept of the office of truſtee; and no provincial or county magiſtrate, or ſheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the lower houſe of aſſembly, if elected, ſhall be choſen as a truſtee, nor ſhall any perſon be compellable to ſerve in leſs than three years after he hath ſerved, or paid the ſaid forfeiture.—*ibid.* § 6.

8. The ſaid truſtees, &c. ſhall purchaſe, in fee, a quantity of land in each county, not exceeding 100 acres; and ſhall agree and contract with a workman or workmen, to undertake, erect, build, complete and finiſh, on the ſaid land, good, ſtrong, ſufficient and convenient houſes, habitations, and dwellings, for the reception of the poor of each county, and of ſuch vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, as ſhall be committed by virtue of this act; and they ſhall appropriate one part