

Liber R. G. 1773 titled an Act for the Relief of the poor with the County of Baltimore So help me God." The which Oaths are to be administered by any of the four Persons last named to the Person first named or in his Absence to any one of the three Persons first named that shall be there present the which Person being Sworn as aforesaid shall administer the Oaths aforementioned to all the rest and so successively the Person first named that shall be present shall always administer the said Oaths to any that have been absent or that shall hereafter be elected and chosen Pursuant to the Directions of this Act to supply the Place of any that shall be dead or removed out of the County or of any who shall refuse or neglect to Qualify and act as a Trustee when elected and chosen Pursuant to the Directions of this Act And the aforesaid Persons or the Major Part of them being sworn as aforesaid shall be constituted and Qualified as Trustees for the poor of their said County and as such are hereby invested with full Power and Authority as a Body politic to plead and be impleaded to sue and be sued to defend and be defended to answer and be answered by the Name of the Trustees for the Poor of Baltimore County in all and every Cause Complaint and Action Real Personal or mixt of whatsoever kind or Nature it shall be in any of the Courts of Judicature within this Province and by that Name they and any of them and their Successors shall and they are hereby enabled to take hold possess and enjoy any Gift Decoration or Present which shall or may hereafter be given devised or bequeathed by any Person or Persons whatsoever to them or any of them for or towards the Support and Maintainance of the poor in the County aforesaid and they or any of them may receive by Way of Subscription any Sum or Sums of Money which shall or may be given for the better and more speedy promoting the Benefit and Good by this Act intended and that they have full power Authority Lawful Capacity and Ability to purchase take hold receive enjoy and have to them and their Successors forever any Lands Tenements and Hereditaments not exceeding the Yearly Value of one thousand Pounds of any Person or Persons whatsoever and are hereby impowered and Authorized to use one common Seal in their Business relating to the said Corporation and the same at their Pleasure to change and alter and that the said Persons so incorporated the Longest Livers and Successors of them shall be the true sole and undoubted Trustees in perpetual Succession forever to be continued in way and Manner hereafter specified with full and absolute Power Liberty and Authority in the making and ordaining such Laws Orders 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 said Alms and Work House in their Respective Counties as to them and their Successors from time to time seem most fit and requisite all which shall be observed by the Overseer of such

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