

receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed Liber R. G.
1774

Provided always and be it enacted that it shall and may be Lawful [Proviso.]
for the several and respective Taxable Inhabitants within the said
County 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

And be it further enacted that for the Time being the Five several [Trustees
appointed.]
Persons hereafter named be and are hereby appointed Trustees for
the Poor within the said County and are impowered with full and
sufficient Authority to discharge the Several Offices Duties and
Trusts reposed in and required of them by this Act That is to say
The Honourable William Hayward Esquire, M^r Henry Hollyday,
Doctor Moses Allen M.^r William Hindman and M.^r James Benson
the which Persons or the Major Part of them in Case of Death or
absence of, any are hereby required with all convenient speed to
meet at such Place within their County as to them shall seem meet
to Qualify themselves for the Office of Trustees for the Poor of
their County which they are to do by taking the Several Oaths
Appointed by Law to be taken to the Government, signing the Oath
of abjuration, and repeating and signing the Test and also taking
the following Oath to wit. I A. B. do swear that I will duly and [Their
Oath.]
faithfully discharge the duties and Trusts committed to me as a
Trustee for the Poor for Talbot County by an Act of Assembly
entitled An Act for the releif of the Poor in Talbot County accord-
ing to the best of my skill and knowledge so help me God the which
Oath is 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 there present the
which person being sworn as aforesaid shall Administer the Oaths
aforementioned to all the rest & 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 have after be Elected
and Chosen according pursuant to the directions of this Act, to supply
the places 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 [Trustees in-
vested with
Power &
Authority as
a Body
politic, &c.]
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 for
Talbot County in all and every Cause, Complaint and Action real
personal or mixed of whatever kind or nature it shall be in any of
the Courts of Judicature within this Province and by that name