

aforesaid respectively for the time being, shall and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of each of their said counties, at the time of laying their county levies, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-one, a quantity of tobacco, not exceeding fifteen pounds by the poll, on each and every of the taxable inhabitants in each of their said counties, together with the sheriff's salary of five per cent. for collecting the same, which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, in the same manner as herein before by this act is directed; which said tobacco, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by such sheriffs respectively to the order of such trustees, or the major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to and for the use, benefit and charge, of maintaining the poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, in the purchasing provisions and other necessaries for use and labour, in paying a doctor for his salary and medicines, in providing men and women servants, to be under the management and direction of an overseer of such alms and work-house, hereafter to be appointed, and in purchasing materials for the use and employment of all the poor, and all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be able to work, and who shall be committed by virtue of this act.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, obliged, directed and enjoined, to meet together on the first Monday of May yearly, and at all such other times as they shall judge necessary, at the respective alms and work-house in each county, during the continuance of this act, to appoint a fit person of each county to be overseer of the alms and work-house in each several and respective county, and other proper officers and servants as to them shall appear necessary, for carrying on the business of the said corporation; and they, or the major part of them, shall and may agree, and they are hereby empowered to pay the said overseer, as a salary, out of the tobacco and money raised and collected as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding eighty pounds current money per annum, and so pro rata, during his continuance in office, and shall then take, and the said overseer, and every other overseer to be appointed, shall, and he is hereby obliged to enter into a bond, with sufficient sureties, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, payable to the said trustees for the poor, conditioned as follows, to wit: 'The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound A. B. as overseer of the alms and work-house in — county, shall well and truly discharge his duty in the said station, and more particularly according to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor

Trustees to meet, &c.