

poor; *Be it enacted*, That at the time of the meeting of the said trustees for the poor in the first week of May yearly, the said trustees, or the major part of them, in the counties aforesaid respectively, shall and may elect and choose one of the best inhabitants of the same county to be a trustee for the poor of that county, in the stead of the first named or eldest of the said trustees of the same county, which said first named or eldest trustee shall be, and is by virtue hereof, thencefrom discharged from his office.

AN ACT to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of the Poor in the several Counties therein designated.—1799. ch. 65.

Trustees
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sioners, &c.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may lawful for the trustees of the poor in the several counties of this state in which poor-houses have been established, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to keep any number of out-pensioners, not exceeding ten in any one county at one time, and to allow each of such pensioners an annual pension, not exceeding thirty dollars, to be paid at such time or times as they shall direct; *Provided*, that no person shall be supported as out-pensioners except those whose peculiar circumstances may render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable for them.

Continued by the annual continuing law.

AN ACT to enlarge further the powers of the Trustees of the Poor in the several Counties therein mentioned —1804, ch. 69.

Applica-
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persons in
certain
counties to
be main-
tained out
of the poor-
house to be
made to
trustees.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all applications by and on behalf of persons desirous of being maintained out of the poor-houses in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Prince George's and Harford counties, shall hereafter be made to the trustees of the poor, and in case the said trustees, or a majority of them, of the said respective counties, at their meeting next after any such application, shall be of opinion that the circumstances of the applicant are such as to render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable, the said trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to recommend such application to the levy court of their respective county, and the said levy courts are hereby respectively authorized and empowered, if they shall also be of opinion that the circumstances of the applicant are such as to render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable, to levy a sum of money for the support of said applicant out of the poor-house, not exceeding forty dollars for any one applicant; *Provided*, that the number of out-pensioners shall not exceed twenty in any one county in any one year; and the money so levied shall be collected as other moneys are collected for the support of the