

CHAP. 162. **tees.** so appointed and notified of such appointment, and who shall accept thereof. (under the penalty imposed by the said original act upon any person appointed a trustee of the poor in virtue of the said act, for wilfully refusing or delaying to take upon him the duties of the said office,) to meet on the said first Monday of June next, **ansuing** such appointment, (except prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) at the alms-house of the said county, and qualify in the manner prescribed by the original act, and thenceforward to proceed in the execution of the duties of said office; *Provided nevertheless*, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said court from reappointing any of the existing trustees, not exceeding five, if they in their discretion shall deem it advisable and proper so to do.

Proviso

Existing trustees to deliver over books, &c. to their successors, under a certain penalty.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the existing trustees shall meet at the aforesaid alms-house on the first Monday of June next, and deliver over to their successors all books and papers, and all and singular the property belonging to the aforesaid alms-house, under the penalty of twenty dollars each, to be recovered and applied as other fines and forfeitures are directed to be recovered and applied in the aforesaid original act or the supplements thereto, to be taken under the care and management of the said newly appointed trustees.

Trustees vested with powers as declared in original act.

5. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the trustees of the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act, shall and may have, and they are hereby invested with all the powers and authorities, and subject to all the penalties for neglect of the duties of trustees of the poor of said county, as are mentioned and declared in the said original act, except the power of appointing new trustees, or filling up casual vacancies in their own board; and in all cases of vacancies happening by nonacceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of the said trustees, the vacancies thereby occasioned shall be filled up by the said levy court, at their next meeting which shall happen thereafter.

To render a statement of accounts to levy court under a penalty.

6. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the poor to be appointed in virtue of this act, under the penalty of fifty dollars each, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed, to make out and render to the said levy court, at their first meeting in May in each year, a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with the necessary vouchers, for the preceding year, which accounts shall be settled and passed by the said court, previous to the making out the new appointments of trustees.

Accounts settled by treasurer shall be on oath.

7. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That all accounts settled by the treasurer or overseer of the poor with the trustees, shall be on oath or affirmation that they are just and true, which oath or affirmation shall be administered by any one of the trustees.

Trustees to meet at alms-house.

8. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That all the meetings of the said trustees of the poor necessary to be held for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, or of the original act, or of the supplements thereto, shall be held at the alms-house in the said county, except such meetings as may be necessary for the settlement and passing their accounts with the levy court.