

and if it shall appear to them that any part of the said accounts has been levied, more than what is credited, that they direct the clerk of the county to make out an attested certificate thereof, with the name of the sheriff liable therefor, and transmit the same to the said Frederick Green by the first safe opportunity, and where the said sums have not been levied, agreeably to the several laws passed for that purpose, that they assess the same in their next levy, and, upon application to the said courts, that they direct the clerk of the county to give information thereof to the said Frederick Green.

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An ACT for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset. Passed Mar. 8.

WHEREAS the necessity, number, and continual increase of the poor within the said counties, is very great and burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be alms and work-houses erected and built in Dorchester and Somerset counties, at convenient places in the said counties, at the general charge and expence of the said counties; and that the justices of Dorchester county, for the time being, shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess and levy, in equal proportion, on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying the county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-six, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, together with the collector's commission of four per centum thereon for collecting the same; and the justices of Somerset county for the time being, shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess and levy, in equal proportion, on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money, in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, together with the collector's commission of four per centum for collecting the same; which said rate or assessment, so as aforesaid to be laid and levied, shall be collected by the collector of each of the said counties, in the same manner and at the same time as the county rate is collected; and the said money, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the said collectors to such trustees for the poor, or the major part of them, as are by this act appointed, who are hereby authorized and required, to receive and apply the same to the uses and purposes herein after directed.

Alms and work-houses to be erected, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That for the time being, the several persons hereafter named be, and are hereby appointed, trustees of the poor within the said counties, and are empowered 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, for Dorchester county, Messieurs Henry Hooper, Robert Harrison, Joseph Ennalls, Joseph Daffin, Nathaniel Manning, James Steele, and Robert Griffith; and for Somerset county, Messieurs John Adams, Levin Gale, Thomas Bruff, John Wilton, George Waggaman, George Day Scott, and William Strawbridge; the which persons, or the major part of them, in case of the death or absence of any, are hereby required, with all convenient speed, to meet at such place within their said counties 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 and subscribing the several oaths or affirmations,

Trustees appointed, &c.

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