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An Act to provide for the erection and maintenance of a Poor House and Alms House in the Parish of Saint George, in the County of Charlotte. Passed 11th April, 1864.

Section.

1. Erection and maintenance, how provided.
2. Superintendence vested in Commissioners.
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6. Profits of work of inmates, how applied.
7. Appointment of Commissioners, when to be made.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Charlotte, at their General Sessions or at any Special Sessions of the Peace to be for that purpose holden, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree with proper and competent parties for the building, completing and furnishing a House for a Poor House and Alms House in the Parish of Saint George, in the said County, and agree for such sum or sums of money as to them may seem necessary to effect that object; and to make a rate and assessment upon all persons liable to assessment in the said Parish, for a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds, for defraying the expense of the said building, completing, furnishing and providing a suitable site for the same, the title whereof shall be in the said Sessions in trust for the purposes contemplated by this Act; which said sum of six hundred pounds, or a lesser sum if deemed sufficient, shall be assessed, collected and paid agreeably to any Act or Acts now in force for assessing, collecting and levying of County rates.
2. That the superintendence, management and control of the said Poor House and Alms House, and all matters relating thereto, shall be vested in a Board of Commissioners numbering not less than three nor more than five, who shall be elected and appointed in lieu of, and as Overseers of the Poor in the said Parish, and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties; and for neglecting or refusing to qualify or perform the same, they shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as Parish Officers are by virtue of any Acts made or hereafter to be made for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties of this Province.
3. The Commissioners to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, may from time to time provide such materials and things as they shall judge necessary for the setting to work and employing such poor persons of what age or sex soever they be who may apply for relief, and shall be capable to work; and shall have power and authority at their discretion to compel such idle or poor people begging or seeking relief as do not betake themselves to some lawful employment, or also do or

shall hereafter seek and receive alms of the said Parish, or who may stand in need of relief therefrom, to dwell, inhabit and to work in the said Poor House and Alms House; and to do all such work as they shall think them able and fit for; and shall have the same powers to bind out poor children apprentices, as by law are given to Overseers of the Poor in the several Towns and Parishes.

4. The said Commissioners shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the good government and management of the said Poor House and Alms House as they shall find necessary, the same to be approved by the Justices in Session, and to inflict such correction and punishment by solitary confinement or otherwise, from time to time, as to them shall seem reasonable, on any person or persons within the said Poor House and Alms House, who shall be set to work, and shall not conform to such rules, orders and regulations to be made as aforesaid, or shall misbehave in the same.

5. The Commissioners shall at the first General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, annually lay before the Justices in their said Sessions an account, to be audited by the said Justices, of the expenses incurred by them for the support and maintenance of the said Poor House and Alms House and the inmates thereof, for the then past year, together with an estimate of what sum or sums of money will be needful for the same purposes for the current year; which sum or sums of money shall be assessed, levied and raised in such manner and form as is by law directed, and when raised shall be paid to the said Commissioners for the use and purpose aforesaid, and for none other.

6. The profits of any work or labour to be done and performed under the direction of the said Commissioners, shall be duly accounted for by them, and shall be applied towards the support and maintenance of the said Poor House and Alms House, and those therein.

7. No appointment or election of Commissioners under this Act shall take place or be had until the said Poor House and Alms House shall have been first erected.