

and managing the same; two of the Commissioners to be appointed for Chatham and Newcastle to be Justices of the Peace for the said County; and five of such Commissioners shall form a quorum for transacting business connected with the said Alms House and Work House.

4. The said Commissioners shall have power to make such rules, orders, and regulations, for the good government and management of the said Alms House and Work House, and the premises connected therewith, as they shall find necessary from time to time, (such rules and regulations to be approved of by the Justices in their General Sessions,) 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 Alms House and Work House, or on the premises connected therewith, 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 said Commissioners shall purchase from time to time, all necessary stock, materials, and things that they shall judge necessary for the said Alms House, Work House, and premises therewith connected, not exceeding however in any year the sum authorized by the General Sessions of the Peace to be expended, and for setting to work and employing such poor persons of whatever age or sex they may be, who may apply for, and be entitled to relief, and able to work; and the said Commissioners shall have full power and authority in their discretion, to compel any idle or poor person within the said County, begging or seeking relief, as do not betake themselves to some lawful employment, or who shall hereafter seek to receive alms of any of the said Parishes of the said County, or who may stand in need of relief therefrom, to be removed, and to inhabit, dwell, and work in and about the said Alms House and Work House, and to do all such work as the said Commissioners shall think them able and fit for, or as such Commissioner shall direct to be done; the said Commissioners in each Parish for which they are appointed, shall have all the authority and power for looking after and taking care of the poor, now vested in the overseers of the poor, and the power and authority of the overseers of the poor shall be