

28. Any justice of the peace for said county, and any person by him authorized, may apprehend or cause to be apprehended any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no trade or occupation, and have no visible means of support, and commit them to said alms-house, there to be kept at hard labor for any term not exceeding three months, and the overseer shall receive and employ them according to the tenor of the commitment.

29. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor or other thing to any inmate of said alms-house, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars.

30. All the pains, penalties and forfeitures imposed by this law, shall be recovered in the Circuit Court for Frederick county, by action of debt or indictment, one-half to the informer, and the other half to the use of the alms-house for said county.

31. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other officers shall assist the trustees of the alms-house, and the officers by them appointed, in the discharge of their respective duties.

32. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him done in pursuance of this law, or any thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence in his defence, and if the plaintiff shall be non suit, or discontinue, or if the defendant upon trial shall have verdict, he shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff be unable to pay them, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs, to be approved by the court.

33. The trustees of the alms-house, and their clerk, shall receive two dollars a day for every day they shall be in session, and for every meeting they, or either of them, shall attend.

34. They shall pay to the treasurer of the trustees of the poor, for his services as treasurer, any sum not exceeding fifty dollars per annum, in addition to his regular per diem allowance as trustee.