

to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or by ordering such offender to be whipped, not exceeding twenty lashes, and kept at hard labor, for any number of days not exceeding twenty-one; and if any overseer shall receive into the alms-house any person not having or wearing such badge, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars.

30. All penalties and forfeitures imposed by this law, shall be recovered in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, by action of debt, or by indictment.

31. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other officers, shall aid and assist the said trustees, 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 thing done in pursuance of this law, or any thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence; and if, upon trial, verdict shall be found for the defendant, or if the plaintiff shall be non suit or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff shall 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 alms-house property, heretofore jointly owned by Baltimore city and Baltimore county, shall continue to be jointly used and occupied by the said county and city, under such regulations as the said trustees shall from time to time agree upon and prescribe, unless by the joint consent of the county commissioners of said county, and the mayor and city council of Baltimore, any change in the use and occupation shall be made; power and authority to make which change, is hereby vested in the county commissioners and the mayor and city council.

34. The county commissioners of Baltimore county shall annually, at their meeting for making the county levy; nominate and appoint one sensible and discreet inhabitant, residing in each election district of said county, to be a manager of the poor of the district in which he shall reside; and the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall, at their first annual meeting, nominate and appoint one sensible and discreet inhabitant, residing in each ward of the city of Baltimore, to be a manager of the poor of the ward in which he shall reside.