

## PRISON LABOR.

1908, ch. 332, sec. 1 (p. 989).

**198.** The sheriff of St. Mary's county or his jailor, upon the demand of the bailiff of any incorporated town in said county, or of any supervisor of any public road of said county, or other person duly authorized to superintend the repairing of the public streets of said town, or the public roads of said county, is hereby authorized and required to deliver to such person or official, any male prisoner over sixteen years of age, or under fifty years of age, who may be confined in said jail under sentence imposed by the Circuit Court or any justice of the peace of said county, in any case of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disturbing the public peace, vagrancy, petty larceny, carrying concealed weapons, gaming or playing at crap, in order that said bailiff or supervisor or other official in charge of said public streets or highways may employ such prisoner on the public roads of St. Mary's county, or on the public streets of any incorporated town of said county.

1908, ch. 332, sec. 2 (p. 989).

**199.** The employment provided for in the preceding section shall be performed, if within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, under the supervision and discretion of the Town Commissioners and bailiff of such town, and if on the public roads of St. Mary's county, then under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners or the road supervisor of any district who may be authorized by the County Commissioners to work same, and the labor performed by such prisoners may include every service necessary for the purpose of draining, grading, shelling, paving or repairing such public streets or other highways of St. Mary's county within or without the limits of any incorporated town therein.

1908, ch. 332, sec. 3 (p. 989).

**200.** The officer or other person having such prisoners in charge shall have the power and authority to compel such labor, and shall be responsible for the safety and return to prison of such convicts to the custody of the sheriff at the end of each day's labor, which day's labor shall be within the discretion of the officer or other person so supervising at the time, but shall not exceed ten hours' work or labor for any day he may be so employed; no prisoner shall be employed to perform such labor whose health is not in a condition to allow the same, and the certificate of the physician to the jail shall be sufficient to excuse such labor.

1908, ch. 332, sec. 4 (p. 989).

**201.** If any officer or other person having such prisoner in charge for the performance of such work or labor, connive at or by his wilful neglect, permit the escape of any such prisoner, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon indictment and conviction of such offense in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) or more than fifty.