

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 18. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 19.

18. Any justice of the peace of said county, or any person authorized by a justice of the peace, may apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, and commit to said almshouse, any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, who follow no labor, trade or occupation, and have no visible means of subsistence, found loitering or residing in said county, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 19. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 20.

19. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor, or any other thing, to, or purchase any thing from, any inmate of said almshouse, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 20. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 21.

20. All sheriffs, constables and other officer shall aid the said trustees, and the officers and servants appointed by them, in the discharge of their respective duties.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 21. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 22.

21. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this sub-title of this article, or any matter or thing herein 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-suited 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 or prosecuted the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for such costs, approved by the court.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 22. 1860, Art. 20, sec. 23.

22. All fines and forfeitures imposed by this sub-title of this article shall be applied, one-half to the informer, the other half to the use of the almshouse.

1910, ch. 545, sec. 1 (p. 1157).

23. The County Commissioners of Talbot County are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to erect, establish and maintain a county home, almshouse or asylum for the poor, needy, feeble-minded or insane, or any of the said class or classes of persons.

1910, ch. 545, sec. 2 (p. 1157).

24. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of Section 23 of this subtitle the County Commissioners for Talbot County are hereby authorized to acquire such a site or location and of such size and dimensions as to them may seem proper and most expedient, and to pay for the same by the moneys acquired, as hereinafter provided.*

*The other sections of ch. 545, 1910, authorized \$10,000 of bonds for county home.