

C H A P. XXVI. and work-house; and also for the maintenance and employment of all such poor persons, as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this act; and which ordinances, rules and by-laws, shall be, from time to time, inviolably observed by all persons concerned, according to the tenor and effect thereof.

Overseer to keep a list, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said overseer shall keep a fair and regular list of all poor, and of all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be committed to the said alms and work-house, and also fair and regular accounts in writing of all materials, and other things, coming to his hands as overseer aforesaid, and of all expences and charges attending their maintenance and support, and of all monies by him received for the sale of the produce of their labour, and otherwise, as overseer aforesaid, and shall lay the said lists and accounts before the trustees, or the major part of them, at their meetings at the times by this act directed, or oftener, if by them required.

And compel the poor to work, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said overseer may compel and oblige any of the said poor, beggars, vagrants and vagabonds, or other offenders, in his alms and work-house, if of sufficient ability, to work and labour, and the produce of their labour he is hereby directed and empowered to sell, and apply the money arising from such sale to their maintenance and support.

Disorderly persons may be committed, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon complaint made, that any person, from his or her disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to his or her neighbourhood, and is likely to become chargeable to the said county, it shall and may be lawful for any one magistrate of the said county, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly person, residing within the said county, to the said work-house, for any time not exceeding three months, unless he or she shall find security, at the discretion of the magistrate aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding ten pounds current money, for his or her good behaviour during the space of six months; and also upon complaint and due proof made by the overseer of the said alms and work-house to any one trustee, that any person in the said work-house hath behaved and demeaned him or herself in a disorderly manner, or hath refused to do and perform his or her daily labour and task, or hath refused or neglected to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws, of the said corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding ten lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

Trustees to direct what poor shall be received, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any of the said trustees to direct and appoint, under their hand in writing, what poor shall be received into such alms and work-house; and it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace for the said county, and for any person authorized by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to the said work-house, any vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in the said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and have no visible means of subsistence whereby to acquire an honest livelihood, there to be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding six months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house is hereby required to receive into the said alms and work-house any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

Poor, &c. to wear a badge, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person who shall be received into the said alms and work-house, and there receive relief, shall, upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment of every such person, in an open and visible manner, wear the following badge, to wit, the letters P. C. C. for the poor of Calvert county, in Roman letters, cut in red or blue cloth, as by the overseer of the poor shall be directed and appointed; and if such person shall neglect or refuse to wear such mark or badge as aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the trustees of the poor for the county aforesaid to punish every such offender, for every such offence, either by ordering his or their usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise, by ordering such offender to be whipped not exceeding ten lashes, and kept to hard labour for any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustees shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into the said alms or work-house, or shall support any such person, not having and wearing such badge or mark as aforesaid, and be convicted upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money.

Penalty on keeping booth, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whoever shall presume, either to set up a booth, stall, or other convenience, for the selling of strong liquors, on the land purchased for the use of the said alms and work-house,