

his, her or their appearance, they shall enter into a recognizance as aforesaid for their appearance at the next criminal court of Baltimore county, and in case such person or persons cannot find security for their appearance as aforesaid within twenty-four hours after his, her or their appearance last aforesaid before the justices aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said constable who served the said warrant to bring the party or parties before the justice aforesaid, who shall thereupon commit the said party or parties to the alms-house of Baltimore county for any term not exceeding nine months; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to make the constable liable for accidents or escapes.

SEC. 2. *And*, to ascertain what persons shall be deemed vagrants, vagabonds and disorderly persons, within the intention of this act, *Be it enacted*, That every person who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labour, and lives idle, without employment, and every person who wanders about and begs in the streets from door to door, and any person who wanders about and lodges in out-houses, market places, or in the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he, she or they, procure a livelihood, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler or fortune-teller, or common-gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond, prostitute or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act.

Defines  
vagrants.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in case any person being convicted of being a vagrant, vagabond, common prostitute or disorderly person, within the provisions of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the court to sentence the person so convicted to hard labour in the alms-house for a space of time not less than one week, nor more than two months.

Upon conviction may  
be sentenced to  
labour.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the first day of April next, and shall continue for two years, and until the end of the next session of assembly that shall happen thereafter.

Duration

Continued by the annual continuing laws.

AN ACT relating to Vagrants in the City of Baltimore.—1818, ch. 169.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the act, entitled, an act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eleven,\* be and the same is hereby repealed, and made void.

Act re-  
pealed.

\* Ch. 212.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled, an act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four,† be and the same is hereby revived and declared to be in full force and virtue in law, any thing in any statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act re-  
vived.

† Ch. 96.