

security, at the discretion of the magistrate aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding twenty 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 or neglected 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 twenty-five lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful to and 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 and appointed by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to the said work-house, any rogues, 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 three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house shall be obliged to receive any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

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

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That every person who shall be received into the said alms or 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. D. for the poor of Dorchester, and the letters P. S. for the poor of Somerset, cut in red or blue cloth, as by the overseer of the poor shall be directed and appointed; and if such poor 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 aforesaid to punish every such offender for every such offence, either by ordering his or her usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise, by ordering such offender to be whipt, not exceeding ten lashes, and kept to hard labour for any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustee shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into the said alms and

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