

Overseer to collect debts due persons admitted into poor's-house.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, whenever any person or persons may be admitted into the poor's-house for Montgomery county, to be supported by said county, it shall be lawful for the overseer or superintendent of the poor of said county, for the time being, under the direction of the board of trustees of the poor for said county, for the time being, to collect in the name of such person or persons, any debt or debts due to such person or persons so admitted, and if necessary to enforce the payment thereof, in the same manner that such person or persons might themselves have enforced such payment previously to their admission as aforesaid into said poor's-house.

To take in to possession any property owned by such persons.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That whenever any person or persons is or are admitted into the poor's-house for Montgomery county, to be supported as aforesaid, who have any property of what nature or kind soever, it shall be lawful for the overseer or superintendent for the time being as aforesaid, under the direction of the board of trustees as aforesaid, to take the same into his possession; and it shall be lawful for the said overseer or superintendent as aforesaid, under the direction of the board of trustees as aforesaid, to pursue the same means for the recovery of such property, or any part thereof, as the said person or persons, so admitted into the poor's-house, could or might have done before their admission into the poor's-house as aforesaid.

Such property to be applied to the support of the pauper.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That all debts collected, or property received or recovered under the provisions of this act, by the overseer or superintendent of the poor, for the time being, as aforesaid, shall be applied to the support of the pauper whose debts and property shall be so received, and if the said pauper shall leave the poor-house, with the consent of the trustees thereof, such part of the said property as shall remain unapplied to the use aforesaid, shall be restored to him.

Rights of creditors not to be affected

**SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall in any manner affect the rights of creditors of persons admitted into the poor's-house.

Repeal.

**SEC. 5.** *And be it enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and they are hereby repealed.

AN ACT to encourage the growth of the Mulberry and the raising of Silk at the Alms and Work-house of Montgomery County.—1838, ch. 192.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it appears to this legislature, that the growing of the mulberry and the production of silk at the alms and work-house of Montgomery county, may lessen the annual expense of said house to said county, and furnish useful and easy labour