

the age of fifteen, shall be charged as a debtor for food, medicine and other necessaries furnished, at a rate not exceeding thirty cents per day; and every such pauper, when capable of performing labor or service, may, in the discretion of the trustees, be required and compelled to perform the same, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation according to the value thereof, to be ascertained and fixed by the said trustees and credited to the account of the pauper performing such work, labor or services; and the trustees may retain such pauper under their care until the charges against them, and the compensation so allowed, shall balance; and if any pauper shall depart from the alms-house without the permission of the said trustees before he shall have compensated by work, labor, or services as aforesaid, or otherwise, for the charges against him, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, shall be sentenced to work and labor under the direction of the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, for a period of time in the discretion of said court not exceeding twelve months; and a certificate under the corporate seal of said trustees that any person has so departed indebted, and without permission, shall be sufficient evidence to authorize any judge or justice of the peace to issue a warrant for the arrest of such person, and to bind over or commit him for trial as in other cases of misdemeanor.

55. Nothing contained in the last foregoing section shall be construed to prevent or restrict the said trustees from dismissing any pauper or other person under their care, without requiring any compensation to be made, by labor or otherwise, for the expenses charged against such person.

56. Any one trustee may, under his hand in writing, direct the admission of any pauper into said alms-house.

57. The said trustees shall meet at the alms-house four times in the year, to wit: in the first week of February, May, August and November, or oftener if they shall deem it necessary; and make and ordain by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws as they may think necessary and convenient for the maintenance and employment of the inmates of said alms-house.

58. Upon complaint made by any one trustee, or by the overseer, to any justice of the peace for said city or county, and due