

576. They shall regulate and provide the diet of the prisoners, procure necessary bedding and clothing for their use; make such repairs, alterations and improvements in and about the jail as they may deem necessary, and provide medicines and attendance for such of the prisoners as are sick.

577. They shall keep all persons confined in said jail by sentence of a court for offences punished by confinement therein at hard labor in some useful employment, and shall frame such regulations as shall be necessary to the industry, quiet and discipline of such persons, and shall have them kept separate from persons in confinement awaiting trial or for other causes.

578. They shall also require all vagrants, free negroes or slaves confined in said jail to work and labor about the premises.

579. They may with their consent employ other persons confined therein in such work and labor in and about the premises as may be consistent with their safe keeping, and shall keep an account of the earnings of such persons, and shall upon their discharge allow them two-thirds of the net proceeds thereof, to be ascertained by the visitors.

580. They shall keep regular books of accounts, in which the whole expenses of the jail, whether for supplies, salaries of officers, repairs or incidentals, shall be distinctly stated.

581. They shall appoint a fit person as warden of the jail of Baltimore city, who shall take charge of the prison and prisoners therein, and exercise during his continuance in office the same powers and be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures and responsible for escapes, in the same manner and to the same extent as the sheriffs of the respective counties, and shall perform such other duties as shall be required of him by said visitors.

582. He shall be entitled to collect and receive in his own name, but for the use of the visitors, all jail fees; and in case of dispute between the warden and any prisoner, or the owner of any slave or master of any apprentice, in relation to the amount of fees demanded by the warden, which shall be the subject of contest before a justice of the peace for said city, either party against whom judgment shall be given, whatever may be the amount in dispute, may appeal to the Court of Common Pleas.