

alms-house any vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no labor, trade, occupation or business, and have no visible means of support, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months.

20. The county commissioners for Cecil county shall levy on the assessable property of the county, annually, such sum as in their judgment may be necessary for the support of the alms-house.

21. The trustees shall purchase all necessary bedding and furniture for the same, clothing for the inmates, and stock and farming utensils for the farm.

22. They shall, under the penalty of fifty dollars each, make out and render to the county commissioners at their first meeting in April in each year, a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with the necessary vouchers, for the preceding year, which accounts shall be settled and passed by the commissioners previous to making the new appointment of trustees.

23. They shall be entitled to one dollar per day for each day they shall attend to the discharge of their duties as trustees.

24. All sheriffs, constables, and other officers shall aid and assist the trustees for the poor, and all persons by them employed, in the execution and performance of their respective duties.

25. If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him done in execution and performance of any duty imposed by this law, or any matter or thing herein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence in his defence; and if on trial verdict shall be given for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be non suit or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff is unable to satisfy the same, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs to be approved by the court.

26. The trustees of the poor in Cecil county and their successors shall be entitled to the residue of all personal estate of persons dying intestate in said county and leaving no legal