

refused and neglected to do and perform his daily labor and task, or hath refused and neglected to obey and keep any of the rules and by-laws of said corporation, the said trustee may 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.

19. Any justice of the peace of the county, and any one authorized and appointed by such justice, may apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, and commit to said alms-house, any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in the said county who follow no labor or trade and have no visible means of support, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months.

20. Any trustee of the poor or justice of the peace of the county may, in writing under his hand, appoint what poor shall be received into said alms-house.

21. If any person shall sell or dispose of any liquor, or any other thing, to any inmate of said alms-house, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars.

22. If any person shall purchase any matter or thing whatsoever which shall belong to said alms-house from any of the poor contained therein, he shall, upon conviction thereof, in the Circuit Court, forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of twenty dollars, to be applied to the use of the said trustees.

23. The county commissioners of Dorchester county, at the time of making their annual levy, shall levy such sum of money as the trustees of the poor, or a majority of them, deem necessary for the support of the alms-house and out-pensioners, to be paid to the trustees of the poor or their order, or the order of a majority of them, under their common seal.

24. The said trustees shall apply the money so levied to and for the use, benefit and charge of maintaining the poor, in purchasing provisions and other necessities for their use and labor, for providing men and women servants, and purchasing materials for the use and employment of all poor who shall be able to labor.