

one offence, to be given such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

17. Any justice of the peace, or any person by him authorized and appointed, may apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to said alms-house, any vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no trade or occupation, and have no visible means of subsistence, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months, and the overseer shall receive the person so committed.

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

19. All sheriffs, constables, and other officers shall aid and assist the said commissioners in the performance of their duties as trustees, and all officers by them appointed.

20. If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him done in pursuance of this law, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if upon trial a verdict shall pass for the defendant, or the plaintiff be non-suit or discontinued, the defendant shall receive treble costs, and if the plaintiff be 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.

#### BAILIFFS.

21. The bailiffs of the Circuit Court for Harford county shall each receive a per diem of one dollar and fifty cents for each day they shall attend said court.

22. The collectors of the different election districts shall pay to the said bailiffs, immediately upon the termination of every court, such sum of money as they shall severally be entitled to receive for such attendance, and a certificate signed by the clerk of the Circuit Court, expressing the number of days any bailiff may have attended said court, and the sum due him, shall be sufficient authority to the collectors to pay the amount therein specified.