

25. The sheriff of Kent county shall be entitled to fifty cents for the delivery of each certificate of the appointment of said trustees to the persons appointed.

26. Upon complaint made that any person, from his disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to a neighborhood, and is likely to become chargeable to said county, any justice of the peace of said county, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, may commit such disorderly person to said alms-house for any time not exceeding three months, unless he shall find security, at the discretion of the justice, in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, for his good behavior during the space of six months.

27. Upon complaint and due proof made by the overseer of the alms-house to any one trustee, that any inmate thereof hath behaved in a disorderly manner, or hath neglected or refused to obey any of the rules of the said corporation, the said trustee may order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding ten lashes for any one offence, as the nature of the case may require.

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

29. All sheriffs, constables and other officers shall aid and assist the said trustees and the officers by them appointed, in the discharge of their respective duties.

30. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this law, or any thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special evidence in his defence; and if, upon trial, verdict shall be given for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be non-suit, or discontinue, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff shall be unable to satisfy the same, they shall be satisfied and paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs approved by the court.