

18. Upon complaint and due proof made by the overseer to any one trustee of the alms-house, that any person in said alms-house hath behaved in a disorderly manner, or hath refused or neglected to obey any of the rules and by-laws of said corporation, he may order such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding fifteen lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender as the nature of the case may require.

19. Any of the trustees may, in writing, direct what poor shall be received into said alms-house.

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

21. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor, or other matter or thing to, or purchase any thing from, any inmate of said alms-house, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars.

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

23. If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing by him done in pursuance of this law, or any thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence for his defence, and if verdict be given for him, or the plaintiff be non suit or discontinue, he shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff be unable to satisfy them, the attorney who brought the suit shall pay them, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs approved by the court.

24*. Each trustee of the alms-house of Montgomery county shall be entitled to three dollars a day for each day he shall attend to the duties of his office, and five cents for every mile he shall necessarily travel from his place of residence to their place of meeting, but no mileage in returning.