

17. Upon complaint made that any person, from his disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to a neighborhood and is likely to become chargeable to the county, any justice of the peace, if, upon hearing the party, he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, may commit such disorderly person to the 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 fifty dollars, for his good behavior during the space of six months.

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

19. Any trustee may, under his hand, in writing, appoint what poor shall be received into said alms-house.

20. Any justice of the peace of the county, or any person authorized and appointed by said justice, may apprehend and commit to said alms-house any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons found loitering or residing in said county and having no visible means of subsistence, and following no trade or occupation, there to be kept at hard labor for any period not exceeding three months, and the overseer shall receive and employ them accordingly.

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

22. All the pains, penalties and forfeitures imposed in this law may be recovered by action of debt, or by indictment in the Circuit Court for said county, for the use of the alms-house. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, and other officers shall aid and assist the said trustees, and the officers by them appointed, in the discharge of their respective duties.