

21. Upon complaint made to any justice of the peace for said county that any person from his disorderly conduct gives disturbance to a neighborhood and is likely to become chargeable to the county, the said justice, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, may commit such disorderly person to the 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.

22. Upon complaint and due proof made to any trustee, that any person in the said alms-house hath behaved in a disorderly manner or hath refused or neglected to perform his daily labor and task, or to obey and keep any of the rules and by-laws of the said corporation, the said trustee may direct such moderate correction, not exceeding twenty lashes for any one offence, as the nature of the case may require; or may compel such offender to wear upon the right sleeve of his upper garment in an open and visible manner the letters "P. S." cut in red or blue cloth during the pleasure of said trustee.

23. Any trustee may in writing direct the admission of any poor person into the said alms-house.

24. Any justice of the peace for said county, or any person by him authorized, may apprehend or cause to be apprehended and committed to said alms-house, any rogues, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds 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 support, there to be kept at hard labor for any time not exceeding three months.

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

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

27. If any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any thing by him done in pursuance of this law, or any matter or thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if upon trial verdict shall be