

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

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

21. 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.

22. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing done in performance of this law, or any matter or thing herein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if upon trial verdict shall be found for the defendant, or if the plaintiff shall be non-suit or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff shall be unable to pay them, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs approved by the court.

23. All fines and forfeitures imposed by this law shall be applied one-half to the informer, the other half to the use of the alms-house.

BAILIFFS.

24. The bailiffs of the Circuit Court for said county, while attending said court, shall be entitled to two dollars a day.

CIRCUIT COURT.

25. There shall be two terms of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, commencing at Easton on the third Monday of May and the third Monday of November in each year.

26. The judge of the Circuit Court for said county, in his discretion, may appoint intermediate terms between the Circuit Court terms for the transaction of equity business, to which