

five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

20. The overseer shall keep a regular list of all poor, beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be committed to said alms-house, and also a regular account, in writing, of all materials and other things which may come to his hands, and all expenses and charges attending their maintenance and support, and of all moneys received by him for the sale of the produce of their labor, and otherwise, as overseer; and shall lay the same before the trustees when required.

21. He may compel and oblige any of the vagrants, vagabonds, and other offenders in said alms-house to work and labor, and shall sell the produce of their labor and apply the money arising therefrom to their support and maintenance.

22. Every pauper who shall be under the care of said trustees, (except females, under the age of twelve years, and males, under the age of fifteen years,) shall be charged as a debtor for food, medicine and other necessaries, furnished, at a rate not exceeding thirty cents per day; and every such pauper, when capable of performing labor or service, may, in the discretion of the trustees, be required and compelled to perform the same, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation, according to the value thereof, to be ascertained and fixed by the said trustees, and credited to the account of the pauper performing such work, labor or services; and the trustees may retain such pauper under their care until the charges against him and the compensation so allowed shall balance, and if any pauper shall depart from the alms-house without the permission of the said trustees, before he shall have compensated by work, labor, or service as aforesaid or otherwise, for the charges against him, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, shall be sentenced to work and labor under the direction of the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, for a period of time, in the discretion of said court, not exceeding twelve months; and a certificate under the corporate seal of the said trustees, that any person has so departed, indebted, and without permission, shall be sufficient evidence to authorize any judge, or justice of the peace, to issue a warrant for the arrest of such person, and to bind over or commit him for trial, as in other cases of misdemeanor.