

23. Nothing contained in the last preceding section shall be construed to prevent or restrict the said trustees from dismissing any pauper or other person under their care, without requiring any compensation to be made by labor or otherwise for the expenses charged against such person.

24. Any one trustee may, under his hand in writing, direct the admission of any pauper into said alms-house.

25. The said trustees shall meet at the alms-house four times in the year, to wit: in the first week of February, May, August, and November, or oftener if they shall deem it necessary, and make and ordain by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws, as they may think necessary and convenient, for the maintenance and employment of the inmates of said alms-house.

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

27. The said trustees shall be entitled to receive the sum of one dollar per day for each day they shall meet together in the discharge of their duties, and five cents a mile going and returning from said alms-house.

28. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor or other thing, to any inmate of said alms-house, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-six dollars and sixty-six and two-thirds cents.

29. Every person who shall be received into the alms-house, shall upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment, in an open and visible manner, wear the letters P. B., in large Roman characters, cut in red or blue cloth, as the overseer shall direct; and if any such person shall neglect or refuse to wear such badge, any one of said trustees may punish such offender, either by ordering his or her relief, or usual allowance,