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and persons on the bounds, with consent of such prisoners, in such work and labor in and about the premises, as may not be inconsistent with their safe keeping, according to the tenor of their commitment; and the visitors shall keep an account of the earnings of each person engaged in such voluntary labor, and upon his or her discharge, he or she shall be allowed two thirds of the net proceeds thereof, to be ascertained by the said visitors. And all vagrants committed to the jail of Baltimore county, under the existing laws of this state, free negroes or slaves who may be committed, shall be required to perform such work and labor without their consent being thereto first had and obtained.

Officers-meeting

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said visitors to choose annually at their first meeting in the month of April or at some subsequent meeting, a President and Secretary from among the members of the board; the President shall preside at all meetings of the board; the secretary shall keep the minutes of their proceedings; the board shall meet on the first Tuesday of every month or at such other times as they may direct; special meetings may be called at any time by the President or any two members on giving three days notice in writing to the members.

Warden.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors shall appoint a fit person as Warden of the jail of Baltimore city and county who shall take charge of the prison and prisoners therein, and exercise during his continuance in office the same powers, and be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures, and responsible for escapes, in the same manner as the sheriffs of the respective counties are subject to in relation to prisoners committed to their custody, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by said visitors.

Wardens fees-appeal.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the Warden for the time being shall be entitled to receive and collect in his own name, but for the use of the visitors aforesaid, the same jail fees as have heretofore been allowed by law to the sheriff of Baltimore county, and in case of any dispute between the Warden and any prisoner, or the owner of any slave, or master of any apprentice, who shall have been committed to his custody, in relation to the amount of fees demanded by the Warden from any prisoner, or owner of any slave, or master of any apprentice as aforesaid, which shall be the subject of a contest before a justice of the peace in Baltimore city, either party against whom judgment shall be given, may appeal to Baltimore city court, although the amount in dispute shall be under twenty shillings.

Assistants.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors shall prescribe the number and duties of the assistants who may