

dollars per annum, besides his actual expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of his office.

1886, ch. 487, sec 19.

18. Said lunacy commission shall make such by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with this article, as they shall deem proper. They shall meet at least once in three months; and shall be required to meet at any time when a call for such meeting shall be desired by any two members made to the secretary, in writing.

Ibid. sec. 20.

19. The secretary, or at least one member of said commission appointed for the purpose by the board, shall visit all public, corporate or private institutions, including almshouses where the insane are kept, at least once in every six months and report the same to the commission with such comments as may be necessary, which shall be recorded; and the said commission may order the secretary to make visits of inspection at any time to any one or all of said institutions, including almshouses where the insane may be kept, and report in writing to said commission the condition, management and treatment of the insane and idiotic inmates of such institutions.

Ibid. sec. 21.

20. If in their judgment any person confined in any institution in this State as insane be not insane, the commission may, at any time, bring the matter to the attention of the State's attorney of Baltimore city, or the State's attorney of any of the respective counties of the State, whose duty it shall be to apply to the proper tribunal for the writ of *habeas corpus*, to the end that proper inquiry and investigation may be had at once as to the mental condition of such person; and if the court shall be of the opinion that such person is not insane, then the court shall discharge such person; but if the court shall determine that such person is insane, then the court shall order that such person be returned to the institution from which he has been taken under said writ of *habeas corpus*.