

**VAGRANTS, PAUPERS, BEGGARS, VAGABONDS AND
DISORDERLY PERSONS.**

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 907.

878. The judge of the criminal court of Baltimore, or any justice of the peace of the city of Baltimore, upon information that any person in said city is a pauper, an habitual beggar, a vagrant, a vagabond or disorderly person, shall issue a warrant or order, to be directed to the sheriff or any constable or police officer of said city, commanding him to bring the person against whom the information is given, before said court or said justice on a day to be named therein, not more than one week from the date of the warrant, to answer to the said charge.

Ibid. sec. 908.

879. Every person who has no visible means of maintenance from property or personal labor, or is not permanently supported by his or her friends or relatives, and lives idle, without employment, shall be deemed a pauper; and every person who habitually wanders about and begs in the streets, or from house to house, or sits, stands or takes a position in any place and begs from passers-by, either by words or gestures, shall be deemed an habitual beggar; and every person who wanders about and lodges in out-houses, market-places, or other public buildings or places, or in the open air, and has no permanent place of abode, or visible means of maintenance, shall be deemed a vagrant; and every person who leads a dissolute and disorderly course of life, and cannot give an account of the means by which he procures a livelihood, and every fortune teller or common gambler, shall be deemed a vagabond or disorderly person.

1888, ch. 284.

880. Police officers, acting on the request of any person, or upon their own information or belief, shall, without a warrant, arrest and carry before a station-house justice for examination any such pauper, habitual beggar, vagrant, vagabond or disorderly person, and make complaint against him; provided, that in all cases where such arrest is made on request of any person and without warrant, the officer making the arrest shall require the person requesting it to forthwith appear before said justice and prefer a charge, under oath, against the person so arrested.