

ALMSHOUSE.

1874, ch 284.

1. The county commissioners of Allegany county, at their first meeting in each year shall appoint three trustees to have charge and general supervision of the almshouse of said county; they shall also, at the same time, appoint a steward and all other necessary officers for said almshouse; and may purchase all articles necessary for farming the land thereto attached, and may levy from time to time on the assessable property of the county such sums of money as shall be necessary for the support of said almshouse.

Ibid.

2. Said trustees shall have general supervision over the said almshouse and grounds thereto attached, and over the inmates thereof, and may prescribe and designate who shall become inmates thereof, and the manner of conducting the affairs of such almshouse, and the officers thereof shall be subject to their control; and said trustees, at the meeting at which their successors are to be appointed shall make a full report of the general condition of said almshouse to the county commissioners, and at such time shall also report the amount of money expended thereon during their term, which report shall be published for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers printed in the city of Cumberland.

Ibid.

3. Said trustees may bind out, under indentures of apprenticeship, any minor child under their charge, dependent on said county for support, to some manufacturer, mechanic, handicraftsman or other person; provided, however, that if any relative claiming such child shall give bond, with approved security in the penalty of at least five hundred dollars, for the proper maintenance and support of said child until it reaches the age of eighteen years, and the furnishing of reasonable schooling and education to such child, then it shall not be so bound out, but shall be delivered to such relative; said bond shall be given to the State of Maryland and recorded in the clerk's office of the circuit court for Allegany county, and suit may be brought thereon by the county commissioners of said county if they shall afterwards