

no trade or occupation, and have no visible means of support, and commit them to said almshouse, there to be kept at hard labor for any term not exceeding three months, and the overseer shall receive and employ them according to the tenor of the commitment.

Shall forfeit.

SEC. 24. If any person shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor to any inmate of said almshouse, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Penalties—how recovered.

SEC. 25. All the pains, penalties and forfeitures imposed by this law shall be recovered in the circuit court for Frederick county by action of debt or indictment, one-half to the informer and the other half to the use of the almshouse for said county.

Shall assist.

SEC. 26. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other officers shall assist the commissioners of charities and corrections, and the officers by them appointed, in the discharge of their respective duties.

In case of suit.

SEC. 27. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him done in pursuance of this law, or any thing therein contained, he may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence in his defence; and if the plaintiff shall be non-suit, or discontinue, or if the defendant upon trial shall have verdict, he shall recover treble costs, and if the plaintiff be unable to pay them, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs, to be approved by the court.

Treasurer's salary.

SEC. 28. The treasurer of said commissioners of charities and corrections shall receive a salary for his services not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, to be fixed by said commissioners.

Bond filed.

SEC. 29. The bonds executed by the treasurer and overseer or keeper of the almshouse, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for Frederick county.

Advertise for proposals.

SEC. 30. It shall be the duty of said commissioners of charities and corrections, every three months, to advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing all supplies and provisions necessary for the support and maintenance of the inmates of the almshouse, and all persons committed to the jail of Frederick county, and for all fuel needed for said almshouse and jail; and to award the contract or contracts therefor to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall give bond to said commissioners, in such penalty as they may prescribe,