

Compel to work. SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That the said overseer may compel any of the inmates of said almshouse or insane asylum, if of sufficient ability, to work and labor, and shall account for the purpose of their labor.

Authority to commit. SEC. 24. *And be it enacted,* That any of the said trustees may, under his hand in writing, appoint what poor, sick and insane shall be received into said almshouse and insane asylum; and any justice of the peace may, under his hand in writing, in his discretion, appoint what poor, sick and insane shall be received into said almshouse and insane asylum, to be there cared for until the next meeting of the board of trustees.

Purchase supplies, etc. SEC. 25. *And be it enacted,* That the said trustees shall purchase all necessary supplies, bedding and furniture for the almshouse and insane asylum, clothing for the inmates, and stock and farming utensils for the farm.

Shall aid and assist. SEC. 26. *And be it enacted,* That all sheriffs, constables and other officers shall aid and assist the trustees for the poor and insane, and all persons by them employed in the execution and performance of their respective duties.

May plead general issue. SEC. 27. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him done in execution and performance of any duty imposed by law, or any matter or thing herein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence in his defence; and if on trial verdict shall be given for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be non-suit or discontinue, the defendant shall recover treble costs; and if the plaintiff is unable to satisfy the same, 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.

Intestate personal property SEC. 28. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees of the poor in Cecil county, and their successors, shall be entitled to the residue of all personal estate of persons dying intestate in said county and leaving no legal representative, and the administrator of the person so dying shall pay the same to them.