

require the person requesting it to forthwith appear before said Justice and prefer a charge, under oath, against the person so arrested.

868. The said Court or said Justice, when proof that any person is a pauper, an habitual beggar or a vagabond, as aforesaid, shall, in the discretion of the said Court or Justice, commit said pauper, habitual beggar or vagabond to the Almshouse for said City, or to such other suitable place as may be provided for said purpose by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or to the Maryland House of Correction for the first offence, and in a second or subsequent commitment of the same person for any of the said causes, the said person shall be committed by the said Court or Justice to the Maryland House of Correction.

869. Whenever any house of refuge, house of correction, workhouse or other house, building or place shall be provided by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to which persons convicted under this sub-division of this Article may be sent, the said Court or said Justice may send them to any such house, building or place, if the Judge of said Court or said Justice consider it to be a more suitable place for the purpose than the Almshouse.

870. The Supervisors of City Charities, or the officers of places respectively to which persons convicted under the two preceding sections may be sent, shall keep them during the time for which they are to be kept, so that they cannot escape from said places.

871. The said Supervisors of City Charities or other officers respectively shall put such of said persons so convicted as are able to work, to the work which they are best able to do.

872. The time for which any person shall be sent to the almshouse, the Maryland House of Correction or other place, as provided by section 868 of this Article, shall not be less than