

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or a major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and empowered to remove such overseer, and all other officers by them to be appointed in pursuance of this act, at their discretion, and to choose others in their place and stead.

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May remove overseers, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and enjoined to meet at the alms and work-house in the said county four times in the year, in the first week in January, May, August and November, or oftener, if it should by them be deemed necessary, to make and ordain, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws, as they shall think convenient and necessary for the direction, government and support, of such alms and work-house, and also for the cleanliness, maintenance and employment of all such poor persons as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants; beggars, vagabonds and offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this act; all which ordinances, rules and by-laws, shall be from time to time inviolably observed by all persons concerned, according to the tenor and effect thereof.

And meet four times a year, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said overseer shall keep a fair and regular list of all poor, and of all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, who shall be committed to the said alms and work-house, and also fair and regular accounts in writing of all materials and other things coming to his hands as overseer aforesaid, and of all expences and charges attending their maintenance and support, and of all monies received by him for the sale of the produce of their labour, and otherwise, as overseer aforesaid, and shall lay the said lists and accounts before the trustees, or the major part of them, at their meetings at the times by this act directed, or oftener, if by them required.

Overseer to keep a list, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said overseer may compel and oblige any of the said poor, beggars, vagrants and vagabonds, or other offenders, in his alms and work-house, if of a sufficient ability, to work and labour, and the produce of their labour he is hereby directed and empowered to sell, and apply the money arising from such sale to their maintenance and support.

And compel the poor to work, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon complaint made, that any person, from his or her disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to his or their neighbourhood, and is likely to become chargeable to the said counties respectively, it shall and may be lawful for any one magistrate of the said counties, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly person, residing within the said counties respectively, to the said work-house, for any time not exceeding three months, unless he or she shall find security, at the discretion of the magistrate aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding twenty pounds current money, for his or her good behaviour during the space of six months; and also upon complaint and due proof made by the overseer of the said alms and work-house, to any one trustee, that any person in the said work-house hath behaved and demeaned him or herself in a disorderly manner, or hath refused or neglected to do and perform his or her daily labour and task, or hath refused or neglected to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws, of the said corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding twenty-five lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

Disorderly persons may be committed, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the said trustees to direct and appoint under their hand in writing (a) what poor shall be received into such alms and work-house; and it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace, for the said county, and for any person authorised and appointed by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to the said work-house, any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in the said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and have no visible means of subsistence whereby to acquire an honest livelihood; there to be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house shall be obliged to receive any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

Trustees to direct what poor shall be received, &c.

(a) By November, 1788, ch. 36, the trustees of the poor for Dorchester and Somerset are directed to receive such objects and poor persons as the justices thereof shall direct.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person who shall be received into the said alms or work-house, and there receive relief, shall, upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment of

Poor, &c. to wear a badge, &c.