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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.

And meet
four times in
the year, &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 bye-laws, as they shall think convenient and necessary for the direction, government and support, of such alms and work-house, and also for the maintenance and employment of all such poor persons as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants, beggars, vagabonds, and other offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this act; all which ordinances, rules and bye-laws, shall be from time to time inviolably observed by all persons concerned, according to the tenor and effect thereof.

Overseer to
keep a fair
list of all poor,
&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 other 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.

And may
compel them
to work, &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 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.

Disorderly
persons may
be committed,
&c.

XV. And be it enacted, That upon complaint made, that any person, from his or her disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to his or her neighbourhood, and is likely to become chargeable to the said county, it shall and may be lawful for any one magistrate of the said county, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly person, residing within the said county, 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 bye-laws, of the said corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding fifteen lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

Trustees to di-
rect what poor
shall be re-
ceived, &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, 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