

the discretion of two of the said inspectors, be baked, fumigated, or carefully laid by, until the expiration of the time for which such offender shall be sentenced to hard labour, to be then returned to him or her.

XXX. And be it enacted, That all and every person convicted in virtue of this act shall, at the expence of the state, during the term of their confinement, be clothed in habits of such materials, and be sustained upon bread, Indian meal, or such other inferior food as the said inspectors shall direct, and shall be kept, as far as may be consistent with their sex, age, health and ability, to such kind of labour as their various circumstances may require, regard being had to such work as is least liable to be spoiled by ignorance, neglect or obstinacy, and where the materials are not easily embezzled or destroyed, and if the work to be performed is of such a nature as may require previous instruction, proper persons for that purpose, to whom a suitable allowance shall be made, shall be provided by order of any two or more of the inspectors hereafter named, during which labour the said offender shall be kept separate and apart from each other, if the nature of their several employments will admit thereof, and where the nature of such employment requires two or more to work together, the keeper of said gaol, or one of his deputies, shall, if possible, be constantly present.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That such offenders, unless prevented by ill health, shall be employed in work every day in the year, except Sundays, and the hours of work in each day shall be as many as the season of the year, with an interval of half an hour for breakfast, and an hour for dinner, will permit, but not exceeding eight hours in the months of November, December and January, nine hours in the months of February and October, and ten hours in the rest of the year, and when such hours of work are passed, the working tools, implements and materials, or such of them as will admit of daily removal, shall be removed to places proper for their safe custody, until the hour of labour shall return.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the keeper of the said gaol shall, from time to time, with the approbation of any two of the inspectors hereafter mentioned, provide a sufficient quantity of stock and materials, working tools and implements, for such offenders, for the expence of which the said inspectors, or any two of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized to draw orders for any sum not exceeding ——— dollars, during any one year, to be countersigned by the mayor of the city of Baltimore, on the treasurer of the western shore, if need shall be, specifying in such orders the quantity and nature of the materials, tools or implements wanted, which orders the said treasurer is hereby required to discharge out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury of said shore, for which materials, tools and implements, when received, the said keeper shall be accountable; and the said keeper shall, with the approbation of any two of the said in-