

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.

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XXIX.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said overseer shall keep a fair and regular list of all poor, beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and other offenders, who shall be committed to their respective alms and work-houses; 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 regular list of all poor, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said overseer may compel and oblige any of the said poor, beggars, vagrants and vagabonds, or other offenders, in their respective alms and work-houses, if of sufficient ability to work, to labour and work, 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 such as are of sufficient ability, to work, &c.

XVI. And be it further 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, city, or town-corporate, it shall and may be lawful for any one magistrate of the said county, city, or town-corporate, respectively, if, upon hearing the party, he shall adjudge the complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly person, residing within the said county, city, or town-corporate, 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, and more orderly demeanor, during the space of six months; and also upon complaint and due proof made, by any one trustee for the poor, or any overseer of any alms and work-house, to any one magistrate of the said county, city, or town-corporate, 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 thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case shall require.

Magistrate may commit disorderly persons to the work-house, &c. who may be punished for misbehaviour.

XVII. And be it further 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 any one county, city or town-corporate, and for any person authorized and appointed by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in the said county, city, or town-corporate, 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 term not exceeding three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house is hereby required to receive any poor, appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, so as aforesaid committed, and employ them according to the tenor of such commitment.

Trustees to direct what poor shall be received, and a single magistrate, &c. may apprehend vagrants, &c.