

PRISON LABOR.

1906, ch. 36. 1920 Code, sec. 383.

286. The Sheriff of Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, or his jailor, upon the demand of the bailiff of any incorporated town in said counties, or of any supervisor of any public road of said counties, or other person duly authorized to superintend the repairing of the public streets of said town, or the public roads of said counties, is authorized and required to deliver to such person or official, any male prisoner over sixteen years of age, who may be confined in said jail, under sentence imposed by the Circuit Courts or any Justice of the Peace of said counties in any case of assault, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disturbing the public peace, vagrancy, petty larceny, carrying concealed weapons, gaming or playing at crap, in order that said bailiff or supervisor or other official in charge of said public streets or highways may employ such prisoner at hard labor on the public roads of Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, or on the public streets of any incorporated town of said counties.

1906, ch. 36. 1920 Code, sec. 384.

287. The hard labor provided for in the preceding section shall be performed, if within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, under the supervision and discretion of the town commissioners and bailiff of said town, and if on the public roads of Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, then under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners or the road supervisor of any district who may be authorized by the County Commissioners to work same, and the labor performed by such prisoners may include every service necessary for the purpose of draining, grading, shelling, paving or repairing such public streets or other highways of Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties within or without the limits of any incorporated town therein.

1906, ch. 36. 1920 Code, sec. 385.

288. The officer or other person having such prisoners in charge shall have the power and authority to compel such labor, and shall be responsible for the safe keep and return to prison of such convicts to the custody of the sheriff at the end of each day's labor, which day's labor shall be within the discretion of the officer or other person so supervising at the time, but shall not exceed ten hours' work or labor for any day he may be so employed; no prisoner shall be employed to perform such labor whose health is not in a condition to allow the same, and the certificate of the physician to the jail shall be sufficient to excuse such labor.

1906, ch. 36. 1920 Code, sec. 386.

289. If any officer or other person having such prisoner in charge for the performance of such work or labor, connive at or by his wilful neglect, permit the escape of any such prisoner, he shall be guilty of a misde-