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Authority over paupers, &c.

5. *And be it enacted*, That every pauper who shall be under the care of the said trustees, except females under the age of twelve years, and males under the age of fifteen, shall be charged as a debtor for food, medicine and other necessaries furnished, at a rate not exceeding thirty cents per day; and every such pauper, when capable of performing labor, or service, may, in the discretion of the trustees, be required and compelled to perform the same, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor, according to the value thereof, to be ascertained and fixed by the said trustees, and credited to the account of such pauper performing such work, labor, or services; and the said trustees may retain such pauper under their care until the amount of compensation so allowed shall be equal to the amount of charges against such pauper aforesaid; and if any pauper shall depart from the poorhouse or workhouse, without the permission of the said trustees, before such pauper shall have compensated by work, labor, or services as aforesaid, or otherwise, for the charges made as herein before directed, such pauper, so departing, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof in the Baltimore city court, to which cognizance of the same is hereby given, shall be sentenced to work and labor under the direction of "the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county" aforesaid, for a period of time, in the discretion of the said court, not exceeding twelve months; and a certificate under the corporate seal of the said trustees, that any person has so departed, indebted and without permission, shall be sufficient evidence to authorise any judge or justice of the peace to issue a warrant for the arrest of such person, and to bind over or commit such person for trial before the proper court, as in other cases of misdemeanor: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent or restrict the said trustees from dismissing any pauper or other person from under their care, without requiring any compensation to be made by labor, or otherwise, for the expenses charged against such person.

Proviso.

Empowered to sell.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said trustees shall have full power, and they are hereby authorised, whenever they shall deem it advisable and beneficial to Baltimore city and county, to sell and dispose of all or any part of the ground or land within the city of Baltimore vested in them by this act and also all or any part of the farm called Calverton lately purchased for the use of the poor of said county, which lies on the east side of Gwinn's Run, and upon receipt of the purchase money to convey the same to the purchasers, and apply the proceeds of such sale or sales to the payment of the expenses incurred or which shall be incurred in erecting and completing the buildings and other improvements necessary for the accommodation and employment of the paupers, vagrants and other persons who shall be under the care, charge, or direction of the said trustees; and if more than sufficient to pay such expenses, to apply the residue to the payment of the debt incurred by the purchase of the aforesaid farm called Calverton; and, until by such sale or otherwise the means of paying the said debt shall be obtained, the said trustees shall include in the amount to be annually levied for the use, support and employment of the poor of Baltimore city and county, such sum in addition to all other charges and expenses as will be sufficient to pay the interest accruing on the said debt which interest shall be levied in equal proportions on the said city and county.

Repeal.

7. *And be it enacted*, That every clause provision or section of any