

kept at employ-  
ment  
Guilty of mis-  
conduct, to be  
punished

such useful employment as may be best suited to his or her age, and most profitable to the institution; and if the person shall refuse to perform the work assigned to him or her, or be guilty of acts of insubordination or misconduct, such person shall be punished in such manner as the regulations prescribed by said board of managers shall provide, and a record shall be kept of every punishment inflicted and the cause thereof, in a book which shall be kept at the institution, and shall always be laid before the said board of managers at its meetings, and it shall be the duty of the board to exercise a careful supervision and control over the punishments inflicted.

Id. s 12  
Person com-  
mitted by jus-  
tice may apply  
for writ of  
*habeas corpus*.

**109.** Any person committed to said House of Correction by a justice of the peace, may apply for a writ of *habeas corpus*, to any judge of any court of record, and upon return thereof, such judge, if he shall deem that there is sufficient ground for so doing, shall hear the evidence offered and either discharge the applicant or modify or confirm the commitment.

Id. s 13  
Board may pay  
to person por-  
tion of earn-  
ings, at time of  
release

**110.** The board of managers shall in its discretion, and with reference to the uniform good conduct therein, of the persons committed or sentenced to said institution, allot and pay over to such persons at the time of their release a portion of the earnings of his or her labor.

Id. s 14  
Board to pro-  
vide for daily  
record of  
conduct

**111.** In order to further promote good behavior and tend to reformation, the said board of managers shall provide in its rules and regulations for a correct daily record of the conduct of each of the persons confined in said House of Correction and their fidelity and diligence in the performance of his or her work; and each prisoner shall be entitled to a diminution of the period of his or her confinement under the following rules and regulations:

Diminution of  
period of con-  
finement

What diminu-  
tion

First. For each calendar month, commencing on the first day of the month next after his or her arrival at the institution, during which he or she shall not be guilty of a violation of the discipline, or any of the rules thereof, and shall labor with diligence and fidelity, shall be allowed a reduction of five days from each month of the period of his or her commitment or sentence.

When forfeiture  
of gained time

Second. For each and every violation of the rules and discipline of the institution, or want of fidelity or care in the performance of work, the person therein confined shall not only forfeit all gained time in the month in which such delinquency occurs, but, according to the aggravated nature or frequency of his or her offence, the board may deduct a portion or all of his or her gained time.

#### HIRE OF CONVICT LABOR TO MARYLAND CANAL COMPANY.

1878, c. 358  
Hire of con-  
victs.

**112.** The board of managers of the Maryland House of Correction are hereby authorized and directed to hire to the Maryland Canal Company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by and between the said board of managers and said canal company, such able-bodied male convicts under sentence to said House of Correction