

26. Any 3 trustees of the poor in each of the several counties on the eastern shore, are constituted a board to transact any business as trustees of the poor for their several counties. 1791, c. 21, § 1.

27. It shall be lawful for the trustees as aforesaid, or any 3 of them, to bind out any orphans under their care in said poor-house, to any discreet person applying for said orphan or orphans, always having a regard to give a preference to tradesmen and mechanics, by obliging said applicants to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he follows, and to find him in good sufficient cloathing, meat, drink, washing and lodging, and to give such education as masters are obliged to give to apprentices bound by the several county courts of this state; and said indenture, when so taken, shall be lodged with the clerk of the county where such indenture is taken, by any one of the trustees of said county, within 30 days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of 3l. for every neglect, to be recovered by presentment in the county court of the county where any such orphan shall be bound, and applied to the benefit of the poor of said county; and the clerk of said county shall receive and record the said indenture, and shall be allowed 3s. current money for each and every indenture so received and recorded, to be assessed in the levy of said county.—*ibid.* § 2.

28. If any of the trustees of the poor of the counties aforesaid shall neglect to attend on any the days appointed for the meeting, and transacting of business, the said trustees, or any three of them, when met, shall fine such person or persons so neglecting, in any sum not exceeding 10s. for every such neglect, to be applied as aforesaid.—*ibid.* § 3.
See *Apprentices*, 4. *Flour & bread*, 35, 36.

POTASH AND PEARLASH.

1. THE commissioners of the town of Baltimore, and the mayor, recorder and aldermen, of George-town, shall appoint skilful and discreet persons to be inspectors of pot and pearlsh; which inspectors shall appoint a suitable number of deputies under them; and the said inspectors, and their deputies, previously to entering on the execution of their respective offices, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before a magistrate, faithfully and impartially to perform their trusts and duties to the best of their skill and understanding, according to the directions of this act; and in case of death, misbehaviour in office, or inability, the commissioners of Baltimore-town, and the mayor, &c. of George-town, shall appoint other inspectors, and none of the said inspectors, or their deputies, shall directly or indirectly vend, barter or trade, in pot or pearlsh, under the penalty of 100l. to be recovered by action of debt, the one moiety