

Dec: Ses. 1817 the said work-house have demeaned him or herself in a disorderly manner, or hath refused 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 by-laws, of the said corporation, then and in such case any one of the said trustees may order and direct the person, so demeaning him or herself, to be put on short allowance for any number of days not exceeding twenty.

Trustees to direct what poor shall be received into alms-house—Vagrants.

13. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for any two of the said trustees to direct and appoint, under their hands 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 said county to authorise any constable of said county to apprehend and bring before him, or any other justice of the peace for said county, any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, or other idle, dissolute, and disorderly person, found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and who have no visible means of sustenance, to be by said justice of the peace committed to the work-house, there to be kept at hard labour, for any time not exceeding six months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house is hereby required to receive into the said alms and work-house any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

—to bind out orphans.

14. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees aforesaid, or a majority of them, to bind out any poor orphan under their care in said alms-house to any discreet person applying for said orphan or orphans, always having a regard to give the preference to tradesmen or mechanics, by obliging said applicants for any of the said orphans to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he or she may follow, and to find him or her good and sufficient meat, drink, cloathing, washing and lodging, and to give such education to him or her as the master or mistress, and the trustees aforesaid, may agree upon; and the said indenture, when so taken, shall be lodged with the register of wills for Caroline county by any one of the said trustees, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of ten dollars for every neglect, to be recovered before any justice of the peace for said county wherein such orphan may be bound; and the register of wills for said county shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record said indentures as other indentures heretofore taken for orphans bound out by the orphans court of said county, for which he shall be allowed the sum of forty cents current money for each and every indenture so recorded, to be levied, collected and paid, as other county charges are.

—to keep out pensioners.

15. *And be it enacted,* That the trustees aforesaid, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to have and keep any number of out-pensioners they may see proper, provided the number shall not exceed fifteen, so as their allowance shall not exceed thirty dollars each annually; *Provided* the said trustees shall not allow any person an out pension who is not a fit object to be received into the said alms and work-house; *And provided also* that no trustee, overseer, or other officer of the said alms and work-house, so long as he continues to act as such, shall furnish the said house with any article of any kind whatsoever

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