

County, be sent for a support including all such bastard children whose reputed
fathers cannot be compelled to support them (and of the mother will not part with her child nor sup-
port it herself, let her go to the poor house and labour for the benefit of the institution, until the child
shall be of sufficient age to be bound out) excepting only such, who or whose friends for them, shall
agree to take an amount to be given them in stipulated articles of provisions and clothing as
the Overseers of the Poor shall think would not exceed the rate at which such person might
be supported at the poor house. And in this exception let none be included but those whose
peculiar situation absolutely requires such a course. And in every such case let the Overseers of
the Poor demand and receive sufficient assurance that the person so provided for shall be
supported that year without any further allowance or expence to the County, and more effec-
tually to guard against impositions in this respect let a committee of 5 (a majority of
whom shall be a quorum for business) be selected of the most intelligent and discreet men, that
can be obtained near the poor house as possible, whose duty it shall be to visit the institution
over in three months or often if need be, to examine the State of the poor, with all the economy
and management pursued by the Steward, to instruct him in the line of his duty, to decide
upon all questions of doubt relative to the admission of such as may claim the benefit of the
establishment, and what may or may not be provided for, amongst their friends, under
the foregoing exceptions. And let it be the duty of this Committee to report to the County Court
once in six months, or often if need be, the general State of the institution stating partic-
ularly, the number, names and conditions of the paupers, as well those resident at the
poor house as such as shall be provided for in any other way, and the reason for such
exception. They shall moreover suggest to the Court in every such report any defects in the
plan or management of the institution and point out such additions, alterations or improve-
ments as they shall think would be beneficial. It shall be the duty of the Steward to receive
into his care all such persons as shall be sent to the poor house by order of the Overseers
of the Poor or by a majority of those in any one district; to register in a book to be kept for that
purpose, their names, Sexes, ages, their particular infirmities, under whose order, and the
time of their arrival, when discharged and for what cause; which book as well as all others
to be kept by him in the management of his Office shall at all times be open to the inspec-
tion of any one or more of the Overseers of the Poor, or any member of the Court, or of a
Committee appointed by either to visit the institution. He shall parcel their clothes off
into separate packages as in his discretion he shall think will be best adapted to their
circumstances, so as to insure peace, harmony and mutual assistance to each other
and change them as experience may prove necessary from time to time, and to assign to
each such its particular residence, and to each person his other particular duty, as they
may be able and he shall think proper. It shall be his duty to furnish them out of the
means in his hands with the quantity and quality of provisions, clothing, bedding &c
which their several cases may seem to require, and shall pay strict attention to
the use they make of them so as to guard against waste. And it shall be his duty

to visit each house every day
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necessitating houses, and in
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Lean Down. Ed. Hap-
And it is ordered that
John Stone, Benjamin