

to visit each house every day if possible to enquire into the management of such wife, to regulate their concerns, to see that the sick, the lame and the weak are suitably provided for, to guard against disorder, and to see that cleanliness is properly observed in their several apartments. — He shall cause to be cultivated in the poorhouse premises a kitchen garden in order to raise vegetables, as well for the use and convenience of himself and family, as for the use of the poor in his care, and he should also cultivate a small farm for the benefit of the institution: in doing which let him have the aid of such labour as the paupers may be able to perform, and let him moreover be furnished annually with an able bodied labouring hand to be hired for that purpose by the Overseers of the Poor. This hand will be found necessary also in furnishing firewood for the poor, taking care of the stock &c. &c. Let the County Court once in 6 months or oftener if need be appoint a committee of 3 of their own body who shall collectively visit the institution examine the Stewards books with the whole management of the system and report to the Court.

Such of the paupers as are able, should be kept at such business or labour as they are capable of, and for that purpose suitable tools should be furnished.

The Steward should particularly guard against too frequent and unnecessary visits to the poor house, and especially against the introduction and too frequent use of, Spirituous liquors, and by every means in his power should guard against idleness — dissipation and disorder amongst the paupers, and in order to effect this let him be instructed to correct disorders by shortening the rations of the offenders, or such other like punishment (not contrary to law) as he may prudently most effectual.

But as the present Law would not justify the Court in all the provisions of the foregoing plan, and as the present state of things in relation to the poor of the County seems to call aloud for something to be done with a view to the better support of the real poor to guard more effectually against impositions, and if possible to reduce the present enormous expence your Committee have Resolved 1st That it be recommended to the Court, forthwith to proceed to carry into effect so much of the foregoing plan as relates to the purchase of land and providing the necessary houses, and in doing this they would recommend that their contracts be made payable in two annual instalments.

2^d That it be recommended to the Court, to instruct their representatives in the next General Assembly, to use their best endeavour to procure such amendments to our poorhouse, as will meet the views of the foregoing plan, or such other plan as the wisdom of the Legislature may devise. And

3^d That it be respectfully recommended to the Overseers of the Poor, so soon as the necessary houses are provided, to adopt the foregoing in the management of the institution as far as the laws shall warrant, and so far as they in their discretion shall think to be well adapted to the object until the laws shall be amended, if that event shall take place. W^m D. Goddard, John Bowers, J^d. Massenburg, Sam^l Jones, Jacob Barnes, Jacob Darden.

And it is ordered that William D. Goddard, James D. Massenburg, Samuel Jones, Jacob Barnes, John Bowers, Benjamin Crofford, John Thomas, and John Spencer or any three of them carry