

Commissioners to provide materials for employing the Poor.

May compel idle people seeking relief, to dwell in the Poor-House.

And have power to bind out poor Children as Apprentices.

Commissioners to make rules and regulations for the government of the House,

to be approved of by the Sessions,

and may inflict reasonable punishment.

time to time, to provide such materials and things as they shall judge necessary, for the setting to work and employing such poor Persons, of what age or sex soever they be, who may apply for relief, and shall be capable to work, and shall have power and authority, at their discretion, to compel such idle or poor People begging or seeking relief, as do not betake themselves to some lawful employment, or who do or shall hereafter, seek and receive alms of the said Parish hereinbefore mentioned, or who may stand in need of relief from the said Parish, to dwell, inhabit, and to work, in the said Poor-House, and to do all such work, as they shall think them able and fit for, and shall have the same powers to bind out poor Children, Apprentices, as are by the Laws of this Province, given to the Overseers of the Poor in the several Towns and Parishes.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to make such rules, orders, and regulations, for the good government and management of the said Poor-House, as they shall find necessary, (such rules and regulations to be approved of by the Justices in their General Sessions) and to inflict such correction and punishment, by solitary confinement or otherwise, from time to time, as to them shall seem reasonable, on any person or persons within the said Poor-House, who shall be set to work and shall not conform to such rules, orders, and regulations, to be made as aforesaid, or shall misbehave in the same.

IV. *And*