

dwelling,
 &c. to
 demand
 admittance,
 &c.

to be admitted into the same, for the purpose of making search as aforesaid, and if the owner or occupant shall refuse to suffer such entry and search, it shall be lawful for such patrol, to use all necessary force to effect the same, and in any action of trespass, or other suit brought by any owner or occupant for any entry made in virtue of this act, the defendant shall, on the general issue plea, have liberty to give the special matter in evidence.

Penalty for
 refusing to
 obey re-
 quisition.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any person named in such requisition or patrol, on being duly notified and summoned by such justice of the peace, or by their authority, shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, every such person so offending, shall be subject to pay a fine not exceeding five dollars, nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered as other small debts out of court now are, by warrant in the name of the state, and the money so arising, to be applied to the use of the commissioners of the school fund.

P O O R .

See County Commissioners, ante page 1358.

AN ACT for the relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned,—1768, ch. 29.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the necessity, number and continual increase, of the poor within this province is very great, and exceedingly burthensome, which might be greatly lessened by a due regulation and employment of them ;

Alms and
 work-
 houses to
 be erected,
 &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it therefore enacted, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same,* 'That there shall be an alms and work-house erected, built and set up, in the several counties herein after named, at convenient places therein, at the general charge and expense of the respective counties where the said alms and work-houses shall be erected and built ; and that the justices of the said county courts respectively for the time being, shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy on the taxable inhabitants of each county, at the time of laying their respective county levy, a quantity, not exceeding fifteen pounds of tobacco by the poll on each and every the taxable inhabitants of their said counties, in each of the years of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, seventeen hundred and sixty-nine and seventeen hundred and seventy, together with the sheriff's salary of five per cent. for collecting the same ; which said assessments, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the several and respective sheriffs of the said counties from the several taxable persons