

selling of strong liquors, on the land purchased in any of the counties aforesaid for the use of an alms and work-house, or shall commit any kind of trespass thereon, or shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor, or other matter or thing whatsoever, to any poor, or other person entertained in such alms and work-house, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every the pains, penalties and forfeitures, herein before by this act directed and inflicted, shall and may be recovered in any court of record within this province, by action of debt, founded on this act, or indictment, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, or more than one imparlance, shall be allowed, any thing in this act herein before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, one moiety to the informer, the other moiety to the use of the alms and work-house where such recoveries shall be had and obtained; in which actions of debt it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to allege, that the defendant or defendants are indebted to the plaintiff the sums of money or tobacco by this act directed and inflicted, whereby the plaintiff's action accrued to him, according to the form of this act of assembly, without setting forth the special matter; *Provided,* a short note, expressing the cause of action, be lodged in the office at the time of issuing the writ.

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SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted,* That all sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, and all other officers and ministers of justice, shall be aiding and assisting to the said trustees for the poor in each of the said counties, and to all such officers as shall be employed by them, as by this act is directed, in the execution and performance of the said service.

Sheriffs,
&c. to aid
trustees,
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SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall, at any time or times, be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him or them done and executed in pursuance and execution of this act, or of any matter or thing in this act contained, such person or persons shall and may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence for his or their defence; and if upon trial a verdict shall pass for the defendant or defendants, or if the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall become non-suited, or discontinue his or their suit, then such defendant or defendants shall have and recover treble costs to him or them awarded against such plaintiff or plaintiffs, and if the plaintiff or plaintiffs is or are unable to satisfy the same, then it shall be paid and satisfied by the attorney who brought such suit, unless the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall give security for the costs, to be approved of by the court in which such suit is brought.

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SEC. 25. *And,* to prevent individuals being unreasonably burthened with the execution of this act, as trustees for the

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