

neglected to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws of the said corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case shall require.

By 1804, ch. 96, ante page 1620, vagrants may be committed to the alms-house 'to work,' This act was repealed by 1811, ch. 212, which authorized vagrants to be sent to the penitentiary; which act was repealed by 1818, ch. 169, and which revived 1804, ch. 96.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the said trustees to direct and appoint, under their hand, in writing, what poor shall be received into such alms and work-house; and it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace for the said county, and for any person authorized and appointed by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, and committed to the said work-house, any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in the said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and have no visible means of subsistence whereby to acquire an honest livelihood, there to be kept at hard labour for any term not exceeding three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house is hereby required to receive any poor, appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, so as aforesaid committed, and employ them according to the tenor of such commitment.

Trustees to direct what poor shall be received, &c.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted,* That whosoever shall presume either to set up a booth, stall or other convenience, for the selling of strong liquors, on the land purchased in the county aforesaid for the use of an alms or 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.

Penalty on keeping booth, &c.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted,* That all and every the penalties and forfeitures, herein before by this act directed and inflicted, shall and may be recovered in the county court of said county, 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; in which action of debt it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to allege, that the defendant or defendants are indebted to the plaintiff the sums of

Penalties, &c. how to be recovered, &c.