

money or tobacco by this act directed or 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.

Sheriffs,
&c. to aid
trustees.

SEC. 24. *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 the said county, 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.

General
issue plead-
able.

SEC. 25. *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 county court.

Trustees
may order
correction.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases, upon complaint of the overseer of said work-house, to any trustee for the poor of such work-house, that any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, or other idle, dissolute and disorderly person thereto committed, and therein remaining, hath behaved and demeaned himself in a disorderly manner, or hath neglected and refused to do and perform his or her daily labour and task, or hath neglected or refused to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws, of the said corporation, it shall and may be lawful for such trustee to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, to be given to any such offender, as the nature of the case shall require.

The other sections of this act are merged in the following acts relating to the poor.

1805, ch. 34, authorizes a lease of a part of the grounds belonging to the Poor-house.

1805, ch. 95, transfers the control over the fiscal concerns of the Poor-house to the Levy Court.

1807, ch. 46, and 1811, ch. 111, authorizes an exchange of a lot.

1816, ch. 201, authorizes the sale of the lands of the Poor-house, and the purchase of other grounds.