

selling of spirituous liquors, on the land purchased and occupied for the use of the said alms and work-house, or shall commit any kind of trespass thereon, or shall sell or dispose of any kind of spirituous liquors or other matter or thing whatsoever to, or purchase any matter or thing whatsoever thereon, which shall belong to said alms and work-house, from any poor, vagrants, beggars, vagabonds or other offenders, during their continuance in said alms and work-house, contrary to the provisions of this act, such person, upon conviction thereof in the county court of said county, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of thirty dollars current money, to be applied towards the support and maintenance of the poor of Caroline county, under the direction of the said trustees.

Sheriffs,
&c. to
assist trustees
when
required.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That all sheriffs, constables and other officers and ministers of justice in said county, when called on, shall aid and assist the said trustees, and all such officers as shall be appointed and employed by them, at all times when necessary in the execution and performance of the duties required by this act.

Persons
sued may
plead
general
issue.

SEC. 18. *And be it 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 of this act, or of any matter or thing in this act contained, such person or persons 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 be given for the defendant or defendants, or if the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be non-suit, 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.

Trustees to
be classed.

SEC. 19. *And,* to prevent individuals from being unreasonably burthened with this act as trustee or of the poor, *Be it enacted,* that at the time of the meeting of the said trustees for the poor on the first Monday of April next, and on the same day yearly and every year thereafter, the said trustees shall proceed to class themselves in such manner as to them shall seem most proper and convenient, so as no person shall be compelled to serve more than two years out of five, the first class going out at the end of the first year, and so in rotation each and every year; *Provided,* nothing herein contained shall prevent any person from serving as a trustee after his time has expired if he may see proper, and shall be re-elected, which election shall take place on the first Monday of April in each and every year after the first year.

Provided.

SEC. 20. Provides that the act shall go into operation on the first Monday of April next, after its passage.

When
deemed ex-

SEC. 21. *Be it enacted,* That whenever the trustees or a majority of them, shall deem it expedient and for the interest of