

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

SEC. 16. *And be it 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 the alms and work-house of their county; and it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace for the said counties, 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 vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in their said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and to have no visible means of subsistence whereby to acquire an honest livelihood, there to be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding three months, and the overseer of such alms and work-house shall be obliged to receive any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

Poor, &c. to wear a badge, &c.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That every person who shall be received into the said alms or work-house, and there receive relief, shall, upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment of every such person, in an open and visible manner, wear the following badge, to wit: the letters P. M. or P. H. as the case may require, cut in red or blue cloth, as by the overseer of the poor shall be directed and appointed; and if such poor person shall neglect or refuse to wear such mark or badge as aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the trustees of such county to punish every such offender for every such offence, either by ordering his or her usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise, by ordering such offender to be whipped, not exceeding fifteen lashes, and kept to hard labour for any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustee shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into his alms and work-house, or shall support, any such person, not having and wearing such badge or mark as aforesaid, and be thereof convicted upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money.

Penalty on keeping booth, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it 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 for the use of the said alms and work-houses respectively, or shall commit any kind of trespass thereon, or shall sell or dispose of any strong liquor, or other matter or thing whatsoever to, or purchase any matter or thing whatsoever from, any poor, or other person entertained in the said alms and work-houses, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money.