

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted,* That all sheriffs, constables, and all other officers and ministers of justice, shall be aiding and assisting to the said trustees for the poor in the said counties respectively, 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,
&c.

SEC. 20. *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 and execution of this act, or 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-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, 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 by the court in which such suit is brought.

General
issue plead-
able, &c.

SEC. 21. Merged in 1828, ch. 75, sec. 2.

SEC. 22. Temporary.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the said counties respectively, until the end of the year seventeen hundred and ninety, shall and they are hereby empowered and directed to levy annually, in the usual manner, in their respective county, exclusive of the money to be levied for the building and providing for the poor-houses, such sums of money as shall, to the trustees of the poor in said counties respectively, appear proper and necessary for the subsistence and accommodation of their poor, not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence in the hundred pounds; which said sums, when collected, shall be paid by the collectors to the order of such trustees, or the major part of them, under their common seal, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and apply the same to the use and purposes as is directed to be done in the ninth clause of the above recited act.

Justices to
levy money,
&c.

AN ACT to enlarge further the Powers of the Trustees of the Poor in the several Counties therein mentioned.—1804, ch. 69.

See 'Anne Arundel County,' title 'Poor,' ante page 1382.

1809, ch. 37, authorizes the sale of land connected with the poor-house.