

for any time not exceeding three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house is hereby required to receive into the said alms and work-house, any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

SEC. 17. *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-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, or purchase any matter or thing whatsoever from, any poor, or other person entertained in the said 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. 18. *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 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.

Sheriffs, &c. to aid trustees, &c.

SEC. 19. *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 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-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 pleadable, &c.

SEC. 20. Merged in 1830, ch. 151.

SEC. 21. Authorized the renting of a temporary alms-house.

AN ACT to enlarge the Powers of the Trustees of the Poor in the several Counties therein designated.—1799, ch. 65.

Merged in 1835, ch. 307, ante page 1859.