

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 such badge or mark as is herein after mentioned and expressed; that is to say, a large Roman P. together with the first letter of the name of Saint Mary's county, cut either 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 badge or mark as aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the trustees aforesaid, to punish every such offender for every such offence, either by ordering his or her relief or usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise by ordering such offender to be whipt, not exceeding twenty lashes, and kept to hard labour for any number of days not exceeding twenty-one, as to the said trustee shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into the said alms and work-house, or shall relieve 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, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money.

wear a badge, &c.

SEC. 19. *And be it further 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 or 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 any poor, or other person entertained in 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. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every the pains, penalties and forfeitures, herein before by this act directed and inflicted, shall and may be recovered in the county court of said county, by action of debt, founded on this act, or indictment, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, or more than one imparlance, shall be allowed, any thing in this act herein before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, one moiety to the informer, the other moiety to the use of the alms and work-house of said county; in which actions of debt it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to allege, that the defendant or defendants are indebted to the plaintiff the sums of money or tobacco by this act directed and 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.

Penalties, &c. how to be recovered, &c.