

Sheriffs,
&c. to aid
trustees.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted,* That all sheriffs, bailiffs, 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.

General
issue plead-
able.

SEC. 22. *And be it further 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 nonsuited, 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 of by the court in which such suit is brought.

SEC. 23. Merged in 1837, ch. 32.

Trustee
may order
correction.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases, upon complaint of the overseer of said work-house, or of any other work-house in this province, to any trustee for the poor of such work-house, that any rogue, vagrant, vagabond, or other idle, dissolute and disorderly person thereto committed, and therein remaining, hath behaved and demeaned himself in a disorderly manner, or hath neglected and refused to do and perform his or her daily labour and task, or hath neglected or refused to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws of the said corporation, it shall and may be lawful for such trustee to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case shall require.

AN ACT to enlarge the Powers of the Trustees of the Poor of Saint Mary's County.—1821. ch. 96.

Out-pen-
sioners.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor in Saint Mary's county, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to keep any number of out-pensioners not exceeding ten, in addition to the number already provided for by law, upon the same circumstances as are already prescribed by law.