

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 said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and 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 and 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. W. 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every such offender for every such offence, either by ordering his or her usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, and kept to hard labour for any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustee shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive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 said 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 thirty dollars.

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-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 forty dollars.

Sheriffs &c.
to aid trust-
ees, &c.

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, 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 la-
sue pleada-
ble, &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