

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 9, sec. 21.

21. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for anything done in pursuance and execution of this sub-title of this article, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if verdict shall be found for the defendant, or if the plaintiff be nonsuited or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs; and if the plaintiff is unable to satisfy them, the attorney who brought or prosecuted the suit shall pay them, unless the plaintiff shall give security therefor, to be approved by the court.

Ibid. sec. 22.

22. Said trustees shall receive and reject or grant, in their discretion, applications from indigent and distressed persons for out-pensions.

Ibid. sec. 23.

23. The allowance to any one person by said trustees shall in no case exceed the sum of thirty dollars per annum, and the gross amount of such allowances, together with the allowance for the support of the inmates of the almshouse, including all incidental expenses, shall not in any one year exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Ibid. sec. 24.

24. The trustees shall annually, on or before the third Monday in June, report to the county commissioners the probable amount in their judgment necessary for the relief and support of the poor, both in and out of the almshouse, together with a statement in writing, exhibiting each general item of expenditure and the amount thereof; a list of the names of the several out-pensioners, with the allowance to each; the number and names of the inmates of the almshouse at the date of their report; as also such as may have been in and left subsequent to their previous report, and also an account showing the gross amount received and expended within the same period.

Ibid. sec. 25

25. The county commissioners, at their annual session for making the county levy, shall, upon the receipt of the report of the trustees of the poor, levy the amount estimated by the trustees