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XXIX.

A single magistrate may, by warrant, remove poor persons to their last place of settlement, &c.

XVIII. **And**, to restrain poor people from going or removing from one county to another, **Be it further enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace, by warrant under his hand and seal, to remove and convey such person to such county where he or she was last legally settled, either as a native, householder, apprentice or servant, unless he or she shall find sufficient security, to be allowed by the said justice, for good behaviour, and discharge of the said county; and if any person be removed by virtue of this act, from one county to another, under the hand and seal of any one justice of the peace, the trustees for the poor of the said county, to which the said person shall be so removed, if any alms or work-house shall be in such county, are hereby required to receive the said person removed into such alms or work-house, if it shall appear to such trustees that such person's last legal settlement was in that county.

What shall be deemed a legal settlement in any county for the poor.

XIX. **And**, to prevent any disputes which may arise about what shall be deemed a settlement within the intention of this act, **Be it further enacted**, That all poor who shall receive allowances, or be entered as pensioners, by any county court of this province, or who shall be householders or natives within any county, shall be deemed and taken to have a legal settlement in such county; and if any person shall execute any public annual office or charge in any county, during one whole year, or shall be charged with and pay his public or county levy, such person shall be adjudged and deemed to have a legal settlement in the same county; and if any unmarried person shall be hired in any county for one year, such service, during the space of one year, shall be adjudged and deemed a good settlement; and if any person shall be bound an apprentice by indenture, or by any county court of this province, and inhabit any county, such binding and inhabitation shall be adjudged a good settlement.

Persons received into any alms or work-house to wear a badge, &c.

XX. **And be it further enacted**, That every person who shall be received into any alms or 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 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 the county whereof such poor is an inhabitant, cut either in red or blue cloth, as by the overseer of the poor it shall be directed and appointed; and if any 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, where any such offence shall be committed, to punish every such offender for every such offence, either by ordering of 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, in his discretion, it shall most seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into any 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 witnesses or witnesses, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money.

Persons selling strong liquors to the poor, on the land purchased for an alms and work-house, forfeit 10l.

XXI. **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 in any of the counties aforesaid for the use of an 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 such alms and work-house, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money.

Penalties and forfeitures recoverable in any court of record, &c.

XXII. **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 any court of record within this province, 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 where such recoveries shall