

shall be had and obtained ; 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.

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XXIII. 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 each of 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.

Officers to be
aiding and as-
sisting to the
trustees, &c.

XXIV. 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.

Persons sued
may plead the
general issue,
&c.

XXV. And, to prevent individuals being unreasonably burthened with the execution of this act, as trustees for the poor, Be it enacted, That at the time of the meeting of the said trustees for the poor, in the first week of May yearly, the said trustees, or the major part of them, in the counties aforesaid, respectively, shall and may elect and choose one of the best inhabitants of the same county to be a trustee for the poor of that county, in the stead of the first named or eldest of the said trustees of the same county, which said first named or eldest trustee, shall be and is, by virtue hereof, thencefrom discharged from his office.

A trustee to
be elected
yearly, &c.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Friday the seventeenth day of November, in the 19th year of the dominion of the Right Honourable FREDERICK, absolute lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, lord baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the twentieth day of December, *anno domini* 1769 : The following laws were enacted.

ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the naturalization of Peter Haldimand. PR.

C H A P. II.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act for repairing the public roads in this province, and the supplementary act thereto.

C H A P. III.

An ACT continuing an act, entitled, An act to ease the inhabitants of this province, and to empower the justices of the several counties to bind out persons therein mentioned apprentices.

C H A P.