

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for every such Offence, either by ordering of his, or her Relief, or usual Allowance, to be abridged, suspended, or withdrawn; or otherwise, by ordering such Offender to be whipt, not exceeding Twenty Lashes, and kept to hard Labour for any Number of Days, not exceeding Twenty-one, as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 Witness, or Witnesses, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money.

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XXIX.
Persons received into any Alms, or Work-House, to wear a Badge, &c.

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.

Persons selling strong Liquors to the Poor, on the Land purchased for an Alms, and Work-House, forfeit 10 l.

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 Effoin, 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 any wise, notwithstanding; one Moiety to the Informer, the other Moiety to the Use of the Alms, and Work-House, where such Recoveries 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.

Penalties and Forfeitures, recoverable in any Court of Record; one Moiety to the Informer, the other to the Use of the Alms, and Work-House, &c.

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 assist the Trustees in the Execution of their Office.

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 non-suited, or discontinue his, or their Suit, then, such Defendant,

Persons sued for putting this Act in Execution, may plead the General Issue, &c.