

XXI. 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 the County Court of said County, 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 of said County; 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 Sum 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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Penalties inflicted by this Act to be recovered in the County Court, &c.

XXII. 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 the said County; 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.

Sheriffs, &c. to aid and assist the Trustees, &c.

XXIII. 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 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 prosecuted in pursuance of this Act may plead the general Issue, &c.

XXIV. 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 County aforesaid, 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.

Trustees to choose a new one yearly instead of the first named Trustee.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases, upon Complaint of the Overseer of said Workhouse, or of any other Workhouse in this Province, to any Trustee for the Poor of such Work-House, that any Rogue, Vagrant, Vagabond, or other idle, dissolute and disorderly Person thereto committed, and therein remaining, hath behaved and demeaned himself in a disorderly Manner, or hath neglected and refused to do and perform his or her daily Labour and Task, or hath neglected or refused to obey, keep, and observe, any of the Ordinances, Rules, and Bye-Laws, of the said Corporation, it shall and may be lawful for such Trustee to order and direct such moderate and proper Correction, not exceeding

Rogues; &c. committed to the Work-House, behaving in a disorderly Manner, to be corrected.