

the said County; who follow no Labour, Trade, Occupation, or Business, and have no visible Means of Subsistence, whereby to acquire an honest Livelihood, there to be kept at hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Three Months: And the Overseer of such Alms and Work-House is hereby required to receive any Poor, appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any Rogue, Vagrant, Vagabond, Beggar, and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly Persons, so as aforesaid committed, and employ them according to the Tenor of such Commitment.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be received into the 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, the Letters P. B. in large Roman Characters, 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, to punish every such Offender, for every such Offence, either by ordering his or her Relief or usual Allowance to be abridged, suspended, or withdrawn, or otherwise, by ordering such Offender to be whipped, not exceeding Twenty Lashes, and kept to hard Labour for any Number of Days not exceeding Twenty-one,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 the Alms and Work-House, or shall relieve any such Person, not having or 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.

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

XXII. 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 the County 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.

Penalty on Persons selling strong Liquors, &c. to the Poor.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the 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 Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance 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; in which Action 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 or 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 inflicted by this Act, how to be recovered and applied.

XXIV. 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

Sheriffs and other Officers to aid the Trustees.