

C H A P. XXX, XXXI. such Officers as shall be employed by them, as by this Act is directed, in the Execution and Performance of the said Service.

Persons sued in Pursuance of this Act may plead the general Issue, &c.

XXV. 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 County Court.

The first named Trustee to be discharged yearly, and another to be chosen in his Stead.

XXVI. 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 said County, shall and may elect and choose one of the best Inhabitants of the same County, to be a Trustee for the Poor of the said County, in the Stead of the first named, or eldest Trustee, which said first named, or eldest Trustee, shall be and is, by virtue hereof, thencefrom discharged from his Office.

Persons committed to the Work-House misbehaving, to be corrected.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases, upon Complaint of the Overseer of said Work-House 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 Thirty-nine Lashes for any one Offence, to be given to any such Offender, as the Nature of the Case shall require.

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An ACT for the further Continuance of an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, &c. further continued.

**B**E it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Act, entitled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, passed at this present Session of Assembly, for and during Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which should happen thereafter, be hereby continued for and during Twelve Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen thereafter.