

**C H A P. XVI.** self in a disorderly Manner, or hath refused or neglected to do and perform his or her daily Labour and Task, or hath refused or neglected to obey, keep, and observe, any of the Ordinances, Rules, and Bye-Laws, of the said Corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper Correction, not exceeding Thirty-nine Lashes for any one Offender, to be given to such Offender, as the Nature of the Case may require.

**XVIII.** And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the said Trustees, to direct and appoint under their Hand in Writing, what Poor shall be received into such Alms and Work-House; and it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace for the said County, and for any Person authorized and appointed by such Justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, and committed to the said Work-House, any Rogues, Vagrants, Vagabonds, Beggars, and other idle, dissolute, and disorderly Persons, found loitering or residing in 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 into the said Alms and Work-House, 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.

**XIX.** And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be received into the said 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, with the Letter P. together with the First Letter of the Name of Talbot County, cut either in red or blue Cloth, as by the Overseer of the Poor shall be directed and appointed; and if 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Offender for every such Offence, either by ordering his or her Relief or usual Allowance to be abridged, suspended, or withdrawn, or otherwise by ordering such Offender to be whipt, not exceeding Ten Lashes, and kept to hard Labour for any Number of Days not exceeding Twenty, as to the said Trustee shall seem meet: And if any Overseer of the Poor shall receive into the said Alms and Work-House, or shall support 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.

**XX.** 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 for the Use of the said Alms or Work-House, or shall commit any Kind of Trespass thereon, or shall sell or dispose of any strong Liquors, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to any Poor or other Person entertained in said Alms and Work-House, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money.

**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

Trustees to direct what Poor shall be received.

Justices to commit Rogues, &c. to hard Labour.

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

Punishment on Neglect or Refusal.

Penalty on the Overseer receiving or relieving Persons without such Badge.

Penalty on Persons selling strong Liquors, &c. to the Poor or others entertained in the Alms or Work-House.

Penalties inflicted by this Act, how to be recovered.