

R O B E R T E D E N, Esq; GOVERNOR. 1774.

Action of Debt, founded on this Act, or Indictment, wherein no Effoin, 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 of said County; 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 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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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 & 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 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 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 *January* 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.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT confirming the Title of *Lazarus Pumbrey* to the Land therein mentioned. (*A private Act.*)