

pose 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 10l. current money.—*ibid.* § 21.

21. All and every the pains, penalties and forfeitures, hereinbefore directed and inflicted, shall be recovered in any court of record within this province, by action of debt, founded on this act, or indictment, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, or more than one imparlance, shall be allowed; one moiety to the informer, the other to the use of the alms and work-house where such recoveries shall be had; in which actions of debt, it shall be sufficient for the plaintiff to alledge, that the defendant is 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. *ibid.* § 22.

22. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, and all other officers and ministers of justice, shall be aiding and assisting to the said trustees, and to all such officers as shall be employed by them, as by this act is directed, in the execution of the said service.—*ibid.* § 23.

23. If any person or persons, shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing by him or them done in pursuance of this act, such person or persons shall plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence; 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, &c. shall recover treble costs against such plaintiff or plaintiffs; and if the plaintiff, &c. is or are unable to satisfy the same, then it shall be satisfied by the attorney who brought such suit, unless the plaintiff, &c. shall give security for the costs.—*ibid.* § 24.

24. At the meeting of the said trustees, in the 1 week of May yearly, the said trustees, &c. in the counties aforesaid, respectively, shall elect and choose one of the best inhabitants to be a trustee, in the stead of the first named or eldest of the said trustees, who shall be thencefrom discharged.—*ibid.* § 25.

25. Upon complaint of the overseer of the work-house of St. Mary's county, or of any other work house in this province, to any trustee for the poor of such work-house, that any rogue, &c. thereto committed, hath behaved in a disorderly manner, or hath neglected and refused to perform his or her daily labour, or hath neglected or refused to observe, any of the ordinances, rules and bye-laws; the said trustee shall order and direct moderate correction, not exceeding 39 lashes, for any one offence, to be given to such offender. Nov. 1773, c. 18, § 25.

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