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for every such Offence either by ordering of his or her relief or usual Allowance to be abridged suspended or withdrawn or otherwise by ordering such Offender to be whipt not exceeding twenty Lashes and kept to hard Labour for any Number of Days not exceeding twenty one as to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 shall seem most meet And if any Overseer of the Poor shall receive into any Alms & Work House or shall relieve 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

[Persons selling strong Liquors to the Poor, on the Land purchased for an Alms, and Work-House, forfeit 10 l.]

And be it further Enacted That whosoever shall presume either to set up a Booth Stall or other Conveniency for the selling of Strong Liquors on the Land purchased in any of the Counties aforesaid for the Use of an Alms and 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

[Penalties and Forfeitures, recoverable in any Court of Record; one Moiety to the Informer, the other to the Use of the Alms, and Work-House, &c.]

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 any Court of Record within this Province by Action of Debt founded on this Act or Indictment wherein no Essoyn protection Wager of Law or more than one Imparlance 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 where such recoveries shall be had and Obtained in which Actions of Debt it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to alledge that the Defendant or Defendants are Indebted to the Plaintiff the sums of Money or Tobacco by this Act directed and Inflicted whereby the Plaintiffs Action accrued to him according to the fform 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

[Officers to be aiding, and assist the Trustees in the Execution of their Office]

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 each of the said Counties 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

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[Persons sued for putting this Act in execution may plead the General Issue, &c.]

And be it further Enacted that if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times be 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