



# Vagrancy Act 1824

## CHAPTER 83

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- Provisions heretofore made relative to Vagrants shall be repealed, except as to Offences committed before the passing of the Act.
- II Provisions of recited Act as a give power of passing convicts on Discharge from Prison repealed
  - III Persons committing certain Offences how to be punished.
  - IV Persons committing certain Offences to be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds.
  - V Who shall be deemed incorrigible Rogues.
  - VI Any Person may apprehend Offenders. Penalty on Constables, &c. neglecting their Duty.
  - VII Justices to examine Persons apprehended, and if Matter be proved, to commit them.
  - VIII Vagrants to be searched, and Trunks, Bundles, &c. to be inspected. Effects found upon Vagrants to be sold, and applied towards the Expenses of maintaining such Offenders.
  - IX Justices may bind Persons by Recognizance to prosecute Vagrants at Sessions. Power of Sessions to order Payment of Expenses to Prosecutors and Witnesses.
  - X Power of Sessions to detain and keep to hard Labour, and punish by Whipping, Rogues and Vagabonds and incorrigible Rogues.
  - XI Penalty on Officers neglecting their Duties, &c.
  - XII On Conviction of Officers, &c, Justices to make Order for Payment of Expenses of Prosecution.
  - XIII Lodging Houses, &c. suspected to conceal Vagrants may be searched, and suspected Persons brought before a Justice.
  - XIV Persons aggrieved may appeal to the next Sessions.
  - XV Visiting Justices of Gaols, &c. empowered to grant Certificates for enabling Persons discharged from Prison to receive Alms in their Route.

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- XVI Justices not to grant Certificates enabling Persons to ask Relief on Route, except to Soldiers and Sailors. Other Persons asking Alms to be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds.
- XVII Form of Conviction under this Act. Conviction to be transmitted to the Sessions, and a Copy thereof to be Evidence.
- XVIII Justices, &c, to have Treble Costs if Judgment be in their Favour.
- XIX Limitation of Actions. General Issue.
- XX Persons convicted under this Act to be chargeable to the Parish in which they shall reside.
- XXI Persons committing Offences under former Acts to be punished under this Act.
- XXII Not to extend to repeal any Act in force in Scotland or Ireland relative to the Removal of Poor, &c.