such Tenement for his own Use, or receiving the same for the Use of any Corporation aggregate, or of any public Company, or of any Landlord or Lessor who shall be a Minor, under Coverture, or insane, or for the Use of any Person who shall not be usually resident within Twenty Miles from the Parish in which such Tenement shall be situated; the Word "Person" shall be construed to include any Corporation or public Company as well as any Individual; the Word "Parish" shall be construed to include any Parish, Township, Vill, or Place maintaining its own Poor separately; the Word "Vestry" shall be construed to include any Meeting of the Inhabitants of any such Parish, Township, Vill, or Place, to be held after due Notice for carrying into execution the Laws for the Relief of the Poor; and wherever in this Act, in describing any Person, Matter, or Thing, the Word importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender only is used, the same shall be understood to include and be applied to several Persons as well as one Person, and Females as well as Males, and several Matters or Things as well as one Matter or Thing respectively; unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend only to *England* and *Wales*, and shall not apply to any Place where Owners are made liable to be rated to the Relief of the Poor under the Provisions of any local Act. Extension of Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament. Act may be amended, &c.

CAP. C.

An Act for Inspection of Coal Mines in *Great Britain*. [14th *August* 1850.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Inspection of Coal Mines in *Great Britain:* Be it enacted, therefore, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State from Time to Time to appoint any fit Person or Persons to be an Inspector or Inspectors of Coal Mines, and from Time to Time to remove any such Inspector or Inspectors; and Notice of the Appointment of every such Inspector shall be published in the *London Gazette*. Secretary of State may appoint Inspectors of Mines.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any such Inspector as aforesaid to enter, inspect, and examine any Coal Mine or Colliery, and the Works and Machinery belonging thereto, at all reasonable Times and Seasons, by Day or Night, but so as not to impede or obstruct the working of the said Coal Mine or Colliery, and to make Inquiry into and touching the State and Condition of such Coal Mine or Colliery, Works and Machinery, and the Ventilation of such Coal Mine or Colliery, and the Mode of lighting or using Lights in the same, and into all Matters and Things connected with or relating to the Safety of the Persons employed in or about the same; and the Owner or Agent of such Coal Mine or Colliery is hereby required to furnish the Means necessary for such Entry, Inspection, Examination, and Inquiry; and if such Inspector find any Part of such Coal Mine or Colliery, Works or Machinery, or any Aircourses, Airdoors, Waterways, Drains, Pits, Levels, Shafts, or other Matter or Thing in or connected with such Coal Mine or Colliery, or the Mode of lighting or using Lights in the same, to be dangerous or defective, so as in his Opinion to threaten or tend to the bodily Injury of any Person employed in or about such Coal Mine or Colliery, such Inspector shall thereupon summon before him the Manager or principal Colliery Viewer or Agent having charge of the said Coal Mine or Colliery, in order to his being heard upon the Matter giving rise to such finding as aforesaid; and if such Manager or principal Colliery Viewer or Agent shall not attend after reasonable Notice, or having attended shall fail to satisfy such Inspector, then such Inspector shall serve Notice in Writing of the particular Grounds on which he shall be of opinion that the said Powers and Duties of Inspectors.

said Colliery or Coal Mine is dangerous or defective, on the Owner or Agent of such Mine, and shall also report the same to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Owner to produce Map or Plan of Mine to Inspector.

Inspector may require Map, &c. to be made.

III. And be it enacted, That the Owner or Agent of every Coal Mine or Colliery shall, on the Occasion and for the Purpose of the Inspection and Examination thereof, produce and submit for Examination to any such Inspector as aforesaid a Map or Plan of the Workings of such Coal Mine or Colliery, upon which Map or Plan shall be delineated the several Parts, Aircourses, Airdoors, Waterways, Drains, Pits, Levels, and Shafts in and connected with such Coal Mine or Colliery; and if such Owner or Agent do not produce and submit for Examination as aforesaid such a Map or Plan as aforesaid, or if any such Inspector as aforesaid find that any Portion of any Map or Plan is withheld, or any Part of the Workings of any such Mine or Colliery is concealed from his Inspection, or if he find, on examining and verifying any Map or Plan, that the same is imperfect or inaccurate, he is hereby empowered to require that an accurate Map or Plan of the actual Workings of such Coal Mine or Colliery, and the Works thereto belonging, clearly delineating such Matters and Things as aforesaid, be made within a reasonable Time, by and at the Expense of the Owner of such Mine, on a Scale of not less than Two Chains to One Inch, such other Scale as the Plan then used in the Colliery is constructed on; and every such Map or Plan as aforesaid shall show the Workings of the Mine up to within Six Months of the Time of Inspection; and the Owner or Agent of the Coal Mine or Colliery shall, if required so to do by any such Inspector as aforesaid, mark or cause to be marked on such Map or Plan the Progress of the Workings of the Coal Mine or Colliery up to the Time of his Inspection thereof: Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize any Inspector to make a Copy of the whole or any Part of a Map or Plan which shall be produced or made.

No Land Agent or Manager, &c. of Coal Mine to act as Inspector.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Person who shall act or practise as a Land Agent, or as a Manager, Viewer, or Agent of, or be otherwise employed in, any Coal Mine or Colliery, shall act as an Inspector under this Act.

Notice of Accidents in Mines to be given to Secretary of State.

V. And be it enacted, That if and when Loss of Life to any Person employed in or about any Coal Mine or Colliery shall occur by reason of any Accident within such Coal Mine or Colliery, or any Pits or Shafts thereof, or any Works or Machinery connected with such Pits or Shafts, the Owner or Agent of such Coal Mine or Colliery shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Loss of Life, send Notice of such Accident, under the Hand of such Owner or Agent, to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in *Scotland* to the Lord Advocate, and shall specify in such Notice the probable Cause of such Accident, and such Notice may be sent through the Post Office, by Letter addressed to such Secretary of State or Lord Advocate; and such Owner or Agent shall furnish such Information to such Secretary of State or to the Lord Advocate in relation to such Accident as such Secretary of State or Lord Advocate may require; and every Owner or Agent who shall neglect to send or cause to be sent such Notice as aforesaid within the Time aforesaid shall for such Offence be liable to a Penalty of not less than Ten Pounds and not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Provision for giving Notice to Secretary of State of holding Inquests on Deaths from Accidents in Coal Mines.

VI. And be it enacted, That every Coroner holding an Inquest upon the Body of any Person whose Death may have been caused by any such Accident as aforesaid shall (unless some Person be present on behalf of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to watch the Proceedings at such Inquest, or Notice of such Accident shall have been sent, Two Days at the least previously thereto, through the Post Office, by Letter addressed to One of such Secretaries of State, and the sending of the same be proved to the Satisfaction of the Coroner,) adjourn such Inquest, and by Letter sent Two Days at the least before holding such adjourned Inquest, through the Post Office, addressed to One of such Secretaries of State, give Notice to such Secretary of State of the Time and Place of holding the same.

Penalty for obstructing Inspectors.

VII. And be it enacted, That every Owner or Agent of any Coal Mine or Colliery who shall refuse or neglect to furnish to any Inspector appointed under this Act the Means necessary for making any Entry, Inspection, Examination, or Inquiry under this Act, and every Person who shall wilfully obstruct any such Inspector in the Execution of this Act, shall

shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty of not less than Five Pounds and not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalties how recoverable.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all Penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered in a summary Manner before Two Justices of the Peace, or in *Scotland* before the Sheriff, having Jurisdiction in the County or Place where the Offence is committed, in the Manner prescribed by the Law in that Behalf; and it shall be lawful for One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to direct that any Penalty imposed for neglecting to send or cause to be sent Notice of any Accident as required by this Act shall be paid to or among any of the Family or Relatives of any Person or Persons killed by such Accident as he may think fit; and, save as aforesaid, all Penalties imposed by this Act shall, when recovered in *England*, be paid to the Treasurer of the County, Riding, Division, or Place for which the Justices before whom the Penalty is recovered shall have acted, and where recovered in *Scotland* be paid to the Treasurer or Collector of the Funds for the Poor of the Parish in which the Offence has been committed, for the Benefit of the Poor of such Parish.

Interpretation of Terms.

IX. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act, unless such Construction be repugnant to or inconsistent with the Context, Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number, and Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females; and the Term "Owner" of a Coal Mine or Colliery shall mean the immediate Proprietor, Lessee, or Occupier thereof; and the Term "Agent" of a Mine shall mean any Person having on behalf of the Owner of any Mine the Care or Direction thereof.

Act not to extend to Ireland.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not extend to *Ireland*.

Act may be amended, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed in this present Session of Parliament.

Continuance of this Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue until the Expiration of Five Years after the passing of this Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

CAP. CI.

An Act to continue Two Acts passed in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, for charging the Maintenance of certain poor Persons in Unions in *England* and *Wales* upon the Common Fund; and to make certain Amendments in the Laws for the Relief of the Poor.

[14th *August* 1850.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter the Provisions relating to the Charges for the Relief of the Poor in Unions*, certain Provisions were made whereby the Costs of the Relief and the Expenses of the Burial of certain poor Persons therein described were made chargeable upon the Common Fund of the Union until the Thirtieth Day of *September* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine: And whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament such Provisions were continued in full Force until the Thirtieth Day of *September* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and by the said last-mentioned Act other Provisions for charging upon the Common Fund of the Union the Cost of removing and maintaining certain lunatic Paupers were made to continue in force for the like Period; and it is expedient that all the several Provisions aforesaid should be continued for a limited Time:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the said several temporary Provisions in

11 & 12 Vict. c. 110.

12 & 13 Vict. c. 103.