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CAP. LXIII.

An Act to render valid Indentures of Apprenticeship allowed only by Two Justices acting for the County in which the Parish from which such Apprentices shall be bound, and for the County in which the Parish into which such Apprentices shall be bound, shall be situated; and also for remedying defective Executions of Indentures by Corporations. [28th *August* 1833.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices*, 56 G.3.c.139. it is amongst other things enacted, that in all Cases where the Residence or Establishment of Business of the Person or Persons to whom any Child shall be bound shall be within a different County or Jurisdiction of the Peace from that within which the Place by the Officers whereof such Child shall be bound shall be situated, and in all other Cases where the Justices of the Peace for the District or Place within which the Place by the Officers whereof such Child shall be bound shall be situated, and who shall sign the Allowance of the Indenture by which such Child shall be bound, shall not have Jurisdiction, every Indenture by which such Child shall be bound, at any Time after the First Day of *October* therein mentioned, shall be allowed, as well by Two Justices of the Peace for the County or District within which the Place by the Officers of

which such Child shall be bound shall be situated, as by Two Justices of the Peace for the County or District within which the Place shall be situated wherein such Child shall be intended to serve; provided always, that no Indenture shall be allowed by any Justice of the Peace for the County into which such Child shall be bound, who shall be engaged in the same Business, Employment, or Manufacture in which the Person to whom such Child shall be bound is engaged; and Notice shall be given to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Place in which such Child shall be intended to serve an Apprenticeship, before any Justice of the Peace for the County or District within such Parish or Place shall be shall allow such Indenture, and such Notice shall be proved before such Justice shall sign such Indenture, unless one of such Overseers shall attend such Justice and admit such Notice: And whereas, in many Instances, Petty Sessions are held weekly in Market Towns near adjoining the Borders of the County in which such Market Towns are situate, and the Justices holding such Petty Sessions act as well for the County adjoining as for the County where such Petty Sessions are held, and transact the Business for large Districts in both Counties at such weekly Petty Sessions on Market Days, to the great Advantage, Convenience, and Saving of Expence to the several Parishes and Villages whose Officers have to attend such Petty Sessions: And whereas since the passing of the said Act of the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third numerous Indentures of Apprenticeship have been allowed by Two Justices attending and acting at such Petty Sessions for the County within which the Place by the Officers whereof such Child shall be bound is situated, and by the same Two Justices acting also as Justices for the County within which the Place is situated wherein such Child shall be intended to serve, such Justices conceiving that, as they were acting Justices for both Counties, they were entitled to allow such Indenture accordingly: And whereas Doubts have lately arisen whether the Allowances of such Two Justices, although they act as Justices for both Counties, are valid and effectual, or whether it is not necessary that such Indenture should be allowed by Four Justices, Two acting for one County, and Two for the other only; and the Settlement of the numerous Persons who have already served and are now serving under Indentures allowed by Two Justices acting for both Counties in manner aforesaid will be set aside, to their manifest Injury: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 from and after the passing of this Act all Indentures for the binding of Parish Apprentices which have been previous to the passing of this Act allowed, and shall hereafter be allowed, by Two Justices of the Peace acting as well for the County or District within which the Place by the Officers of which such Child shall be bound shall be situated, as for the County or District within which the Place shall be situated wherein such Child shall be intended to serve, shall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been allowed by Two Justices of the Peace acting

Indentures allowed by Justices acting for Two Counties to be as valid as if granted by Justices acting for different Counties.

acting only for the County or District in which the Place from which such Child shall be bound is situated, and also by Two other Justices of the Peace acting only for the County or District within which the Place shall be situated in which such Child shall be intended to serve.

Indentures with Seal of Corporations annexed to be valid.

II. And whereas, by divers Acts of Parliament heretofore made and passed, the Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, or other Officers of incorporated Hundreds, Parishes, and other Districts are by the said Acts of Parliament respectively authorized to bind poor Children Apprentices in the Manner by the said Acts of Parliament respectively prescribed and directed: And whereas the said Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, and other Officers have bound out poor Children Apprentices by Indentures, to which the said Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, and other Officers have been, by their Description as Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, or other Officers of such incorporated Hundreds, Parishes, and other Districts respectively, made Parties of the one Part, or to which they have, by their said Descriptions respectively, been binding Parties, and which Indentures have been executed by the said Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, and other Officers by affixing thereto the Seal of the Corporation of which they are Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, and Officers respectively, and in no other Manner by them: And whereas Doubts have been entertained as to the Effect and Validity of Indentures so executed; and it is desirable to remove such Doubts; be it declared and enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act in all Cases where any Indentures for the binding out poor Children Apprentices have been heretofore or shall be hereafter executed by any Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, or other Officers of any Hundreds, Parishes, or other Districts now incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated under and by virtue of any Act of Parliament, by affixing thereto the Seal of the Corporation of which they are or shall be Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, or other Officers respectively, such Execution of the said Indentures respectively shall be deemed and taken to be a good, valid, and effectual Execution of the said Indentures respectively by the said Directors, Guardians, Acting Guardians, or other Officers of such incorporated Hundred, Parishes, or other Districts respectively.

Indentures to be allowed by Two Justices, one of them acting for the County and one for the City, &c.

III. And whereas it is expedient that Justices of the Peace in every City, Borough, or Town Corporate should have concurrent Jurisdiction with County Magistrates in apprenticing any Child or Children within the Limits of such City, Borough, or Town Corporate; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act every Indenture for the binding of Parish Apprentices within any City, Borough, or Town Corporate, shall be allowed by Two Justices of the Peace, one of such Justices acting for and on behalf of the County, and the other of such Justices acting for and on behalf of the City, Borough, or Town Corporate within the Limits of which such Child shall be bound.

IV. Pro-

This Act not to set aside Decisions already come to.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect or set aside any Decision or Judgment made or given in any Court of Judicature respecting any such Indentures.

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