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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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Cap. 113.

An Act for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and for making a more adequate Provision for the Rector of the Parish of *Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and for more effectually lighting, watching, cleansing, and improving the Streets and other public Places of and within the said Parish. [3d *June* 1813.]

WHEREAS the Parish of *Saint Matthew Bethnal Green*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was formerly one of the Hamlets of the Parish of *Saint Dunstan, Stepney*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and was separated therefrom, and became a distinct Parish, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to make the Hamlet of* Bethnal Green, *in the Parish of* Saint Dunstan, Stepney, *in the County of* Middlesex, *a separate and distinct Parish, and for erecting a Parish Church therein*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for cleansing and enlightening the open Places, Streets, and other Passages, and regulating the nightly Watch and Beadles, in the Parish of* Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, *in the County of* Middlesex: And whereas another Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King

16 G. 2. c. 28.

24 G. 2. c. 26.

3 G. 3. c. 41. *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of* Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, *in the County of* Middlesex: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George*
13 G. 3. c. 53. the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of* Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, *in the County of* Middlesex, *to pay Debts already contracted in finishing and furnishing their Workhouse, and on account of the Poor of the said Parish, and for their further Relief:* And whereas the Provisions of the said Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, as to making the said Parish of *Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green,* a distinct Parish, and for erecting a Parish Church therein, in manner therein mentioned, have long since been carried into Execution: And whereas, since the passing of the said Acts, the Number of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and the Amount of the Sums collected for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof, and for the lighting and watching of the same, have greatly increased; and the Provisions of the said recited Acts are inadequate to the carrying into Execution the Purposes thereof, and it is necessary that the same should be altered, amended, and enlarged: And whereas it is (amongst other Things) enacted, in and by the said recited Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say, "That the Church-"wardens of the said new intended Church for the Time being shall, "out of the Garden Pennies, Small Tithes, *Easter* Offerings, and other "Dues (except Surplice Fees as aforesaid), and also out of the said Rates "arising and payable upon and for the tolling of Bells, and for the "Use of Palls, Grave Stones, Vaults, and Monuments, pay unto the "Rector of the said new intended Church, and his Successors for ever, "preferable to all other Payments and Charges whatsoever, the yearly "Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds, upon the Four most usual "Feast Days or Times of Payment aforesaid, by even and equal Por-"tions, without any Deduction for any Rates or Taxes imposed or to "be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or for any other Matter or "Thing whatsoever; and that the same shall not be subject to any such "Rates or Taxes whatsoever; the first Payment thereof to be made at "such of the said Feast Days or Days of Payment as shall first happen "after the End of Two Calendar Months next after the Consecration of "the said Church, and the Monies so paid shall be allowed to such "Churchwardens in his or their Accounts, out of the Monies by him "or them to be received in pursuance of this Act; and in case such "Monies shall happen to be deficient for that Purpose, then out of any "other public Money in his or their Hands belonging to the said new "intended Parish (not arising by any Poor's Rate), as the major Part of "the Vestrymen assembled shall direct or appoint, and which other "Money shall be replaced or made good out of the Monies hereby "appointed for the Payment; which yearly Sum of One hundred and "thirty Pounds shall be deemed a full Equivalent and Satisfaction "for all Small Tithes, *Easter* Offerings, and other Dues (except Sur-"plice Fees as aforesaid) arising within the Limits of the said new "intended Parish:" And whereas it is expedient that more adequate Provision should be made for the Maintenance and Support of the Rector of the said Parish: May it therefore please Your Majesty that

it may be enacted; and be it 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 so much of the said recited Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second as is herein-before set forth shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being shall, out of the Garden Pennies, Small Tithes, *Easter* Offerings, and other Dues (except Surplice Fees as aforesaid), and also out of the Rates arising and payable upon and for the tolling of Bells, and for the Use of Palls, Grave Stones, Vaults, and Monuments, pay unto the Rector of the said Parish, and his Successors for ever, preferable to all other Payments and Charges whatsoever, the yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds, upon the Four usual Feast Days in every Year, that is to say, *Lady Day*, *Midsummer Day*, *Michaelmas Day*, and *Christmas Day*, by even and equal Portions, without any Deduction for any Parochial Rates or Taxes, and that the same shall not be subject to any such Rates or Taxes whatsoever; the first Payment thereof to be made at such of the said Feast Days as shall first happen after the passing of this Act; and the Monies so paid shall be allowed to such Churchwarden or Churchwardens in his or their Accounts, out of any Monies received or receivable by him or them; and in case such Monies shall happen to be deficient for that Purpose, then out of any other public Money in his or their Hands belonging to the said Parish (not arising by any Poor's Rate), as the major Part of the Vestrymen assembled shall direct or appoint, and which other Money shall be replaced and made good out of the Monies by the said recited Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second appointed for the Payment thereof; which yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds shall be deemed a full Equivalent and Satisfaction for all Small Tithes, *Easter* Offerings, and other Dues (except Surplice Fees as aforesaid) arising within the Limits of the said Parish; and that all Provisions, Powers, and Remedies contained in the said recited Act of the Sixteenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and thereby conferred upon the Rector of the said Parish, for enabling him, or any other Person or Persons, to obtain, receive, enforce, sue for, levy, and recover the yearly Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds thereby directed to be paid to him, shall and may henceforth be possessed and enjoyed, and shall and may be exercised by him, or such other Person or Persons, for the better demanding, receiving, suing for, levying, recovering, and obtaining the due and punctual Payment of the said yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds herein-before directed to be hereafter paid to him, and of every Part thereof; any thing in the said recited Acts or this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Part of Act 16 G. 2. c. 28. repealed and amended.

Churchwardens to pay Rector Four hundred Pounds per Annum.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Rector and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green*, and *Edward Allport*, *George Bishop*, *Samuel Burman*, *William Bragg*, *George Cadogan*, *Edward Clark*, *John Dodd*, *Daniel Dupuy*, *Ralph Foster*, *John Foster*, *Titus Farmer*, *Robert Ganiman*, *Charles Gold*, *John Grove* the elder, *Thomas Howard*, *Thomas Hindman*, *George Seaman Inman*, *James Jennery*, *Daniel Levesque*, *Joseph Merceron*,

Appointment of Trustees.

*Mercer*on, *William Miller*, Reverend *William Francis Platt* Clerk, *George Potter*, *Peter Renvoize*, *David Smith*, *Sanderson Turner Sturtevant*, *John Sowerby*, *David Thomas*, *William Timmins*, *John Toms*, *Robert Wrightson*, and *John Walker* of *Hackney Road*, being Thirty-two Vestrymen, Inhabitant Householders within the said Parish, and their Successors, to be nominated and appointed in manner directed by the said recited Acts of the Third and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be the Governors and Directors of the Poor for carrying into Execution the several Purposes of the said last-mentioned Acts, and of the Provisions herein-after contained, relating to the Affairs of the Poor of the said Parish.

Collectors may be appointed and allowed a Compensation.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Persons respectively authorized by the said recited Acts and by this Act, or any or either of them, to make or levy any Rates for the Purposes of the said Acts, to nominate and appoint, if they shall deem it fit and necessary, proper Persons, being Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Collectors of the Rates made or to be made in pursuance of the said recited Acts and of this Act, and from Time to Time remove such Collectors or any of them, and appoint others in the Room of such as shall be so removed, or as shall die, and make such Allowance by way of Poundage to the said Collectors respectively, not exceeding One Shilling in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the said Rates; and the Persons who shall respectively appoint such Collectors shall take such Security from every such Collector, either annually or otherwise, for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, as shall appear proper and sufficient; and it shall be lawful for the Collector or Collectors (who shall be so appointed) to demand, collect, receive, and take all or any Part or Parts of the said Rates or Assessments, and such Demands shall be deemed and considered as legal Demands for the same; and that all and every the Collectors so appointed as aforesaid, if such Persons shall be so appointed, and each and every of them, shall make up and render full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of all Monies, from Month to Month and from Time to Time, so collected and received by them and each of them respectively, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper and legal Receipts and Vouchers for such Payments; and the said Collectors of the said Rates and Assessments, if such Persons be so appointed, shall weekly and every Week pay to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Parish for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as the Persons respectively appointing such Collectors shall appoint, all Sum and Sums of Money by each of them respectively collected and received during the preceding Week, or oftener if required; and the said Collector or Collectors, if appointed as aforesaid, and each and every of them, shall upon Oath, if thereunto required, (which Oath any Justice of the Peace of the County of *Middlesex* is hereby authorized to administer), verify their said Accounts; and if any Collector or Collectors shall not make and render such Accounts when thereunto required, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver within Three Days after being thereunto required, by any Notice in Writing given to or left

left at the last or usual Place of Abode of any such Collector or Collectors, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of Office and Duty as such Collectors, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as, upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts, shall appear to be in his or their Hands, then, and in either or any of the Cases aforesaid, an Action or Actions may be brought in the Name of the Clerk of the Vestry of the said Parish for the Time being, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Collector or Collectors so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, for the Recovery of the Monies which shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors respectively, with Costs of Suits, for the Use of the Parish or Trustees having the Disposition and Application of the Money so collected and recovered, and no such Action shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk; or if, Complaint shall be made by the Person or Persons authorized to require such Account or the Payment of such Money, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any One or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, such Justice or Justices may, and he or they is or are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause the Collector or Collectors so refusing or neglecting to be brought before them, and upon his or their appearing or not being found (Oath being made thereof), to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if, upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses, upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Money that shall have been so collected and raised shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors against whom such Complaint shall so have been made, such Justice or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized, on Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be raised by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Collectors offending in the Premises respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Collector or Collectors can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and Charges of distraining and selling the same, or in case it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Collector or Collectors, and he or they shall refuse to deliver the same as aforesaid, then and in either or any of the said Cases such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, and until he or they shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees.

Collectors not to retain Monies in their Hands.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in case any such Collector or Collectors as aforesaid shall at any Time retain and have in his or their Hands any Sum or Sums of Money above the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to

to be collected by virtue of the several herein-before recited Acts or of this Act, for the Space of Seven Days, without paying over the same to the Person or Persons appointed to receive the same, every such Collector or Collectors shall for every such Retention or Offence forfeit the Sum of Thirty Pounds, to be recovered by Action in Manner directed by this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in the Name of the Clerk of the Vestry for the Time being, in which Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed, or in such other Manner as any Fines and Penalties may by this Act be levied and recovered.

Officers acting under the former Acts to account.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Treasurer or Treasurers, Overseers of the Poor, Collectors, Surveyors, Clerks, and all and every other Person and Persons appointed by virtue of, or acting or who have acted in Execution of the said several recited Acts, or either of them, who shall have in his, her, or their Custody or Power any Monies collected by virtue of, or any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the said several recited Acts, or either of them, or any other Property and Effects in his, her, or their Custody or Power, belonging to the Trustees or to the Vestrymen of the said Parish, under the said several recited Acts, shall, when thereunto required by Notice in Writing, signed by the Clerk of the Vestry of the said Parish, given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their then or last or usual Place or Places of Abode, within Seven Days after the Service of such Notice, deliver up to the said Vestrymen or Trustees, or to any Person or Persons appointed by them for that Purpose, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, all the Monies received by him, her, or them, by virtue of the said several recited Acts, or either of them, and all the Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution thereof, and all the Accounts of the several Monies received or disbursed by him, her, or them, together with the Vouchers relating thereto; and if any such Treasurer, Surveyor, Collector, or Clerk, or any other Person, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make and render any such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating thereto, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver up in Manner aforesaid all Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution of the said several recited Acts or either of them, or to give Satisfaction to the said Trustees in respect of the same, then and in every such Case all and every such Treasurer, Surveyor, Collector, or Clerk, and other Person, shall be liable to such Proceedings, and upon Conviction shall be liable to such Penalties and Punishments as are by this Act imposed or intended to be imposed on Collectors neglecting or refusing to account at the Times and in the Manner directed by this Act.

No Prosecution of any Officer to discharge his Securities, &c.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Prosecution or Commitment of any Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Beadle, or other Officer as aforesaid, shall acquit or discharge any Surety or Security that shall or may have been taken by or given for the due and faithful Execution of the Office of Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Beadle, or other Officer, for the due and punctual Payment and Application of the Monies to be received by him or them as aforesaid.

VII. Provided

No Person to remain in Prison longer than Three Calendar Months, &c.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person committed under this Act, or on account of his having no Goods or Chattels, shall be detained in Prison longer than Three Calendar Months, unless it shall appear by sufficient Evidence to the Justice or Justices so committing, that the Person committed had, at the Time of the Commitment, any Book or Books, Paper or Papers, Writing or Writings belonging to or relating to the Execution of the said recited Acts and this Act, in which Case the Person so committed shall remain in Prison until he or they shall deliver up, upon Oath, all and every such Books, Papers, and Writings, unless it shall satisfactorily appear that such Books, Papers, or Writings have been since destroyed by accidental Fire or other inevitable Accident.

Officers taking any Fee or Reward besides the Salary, subject to Punishment.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be employed as a Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, or any other Officer or Servant under the said recited Acts or this Act, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as shall be appointed and allowed for or on account of any thing done or to be done by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or on any account whatsoever, relative to putting the said recited Acts or this Act in Execution, or shall any ways be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract made or to be made for the Purpose of putting the said recited Acts or this Act in Execution, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of ever serving or being employed under the said recited Acts or this Act, and shall over and above forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Twelve Calendar Months after the Offence committed, in which said Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and which said Penalty may also be recovered in the same Manner as any other Penalties imposed by virtue of this Act.

Vestrymen to meet Four Times in each Year to ascertain Rates.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Vestrymen of the said Parish shall, Four Times in every Year, on the *Wednesday* next after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, and the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in every Year, meet together in the Vestry Room, or in the Church of the said Parish, of which Meeting Notice shall be given on the preceding *Sunday*; and the major Part of the Vestry so assembled, upon the Examination of the Books and Accounts, and Receipts, Expenditure, and Claims and Demands upon the said Parish, and Money due to the said Parish on any Rates not collected, shall settle and ascertain the respective Sums of Money necessary to be raised, by a just and equal Pound Rate, for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and for the Payment of any Interest or of any Annuities chargeable on the Rates of the said Parish, or for the Repayment of any Principal Monies which shall be due from the said Parish, and for the Discharge of all Expences of relieving the Poor of the said Parish for the current Quarter of a Year, as to the said Vestrymen shall seem reasonable and proper.

X. And

Rates to be made.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Vestrymen of the said Parish shall assemble and meet together within Thirty-one Days next after the several Sums of Money necessary to be raised shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid, and the said Vestrymen, or any Nine or more of them so assembled, shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to make and sign a Rate or Assessment, which shall be laid upon all and every Person and Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, and occupy any Messuages, Tenements, Lands, Grounds, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings or Hereditaments within the said Parish, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and for the Payment and Discharge of all other Expences of the said Parish, as far as may relate to the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof for the current Quarter; and which Rate made by virtue of this Act shall be a just and equal Pound Rate, and shall be laid according to the annual Rents or Value of such Messuages, Tenements, Lands, Ground, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings and Hereditaments respectively.

Rates to be allowed by Justices;

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment so to be made and signed in Manner aforesaid, under and by virtue of this Act, shall be valid, unless allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Middlesex*; and Notice of the Time when, and the Persons to whom, or the Public Police Office at which Application shall be made for the Allowance of such Rates, shall be given in the said Parish Church on the *Sunday* next before such Allowance shall be applied for, in the same Manner as herein directed for Notices of Meetings of the Vestrymen of the said Parish.

and being so allowed, to be deemed valid.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Rates or Assessments so made and signed and allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace aforesaid, after such Notice as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be good, valid, and effectual, and shall and may be received, collected, and levied in Manner herein provided.

Trustees may rectify Omissions in the Rates.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the major Part of the Vestrymen of the said Parish assembled at any Public Meeting of the Vestry of the said Parish, at any Time after any Rate or Assessment shall be made, or after the same shall be allowed under the Authority of this Act, that the Names of any Persons liable to be included in such Rate or Assessment have been omitted therein, it shall be lawful for the said Vestrymen, or the major Part of them present, not being less than Nine, to add or cause to be added to any such Rate or Assessment the Names of the Persons so omitted, together with the Sums for which they ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment, the Names of the Persons so omitted, together with the Sums for which they ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment in respect thereof, and otherwise to alter and amend the said Rates; and every such Addition and Alteration made to or in any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been so inserted in the Rate at the Time when the same was first made, signed, or allowed.

Rates may be levied.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Landlord or Occupier, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees

Lessees of any Land, Ground, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement or Hereditament within the said Parish, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, it shall be lawful for any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and directed, on Complaint made by the Churchwardens, Overseers, or Trustees of the said Parish, or any Three or more of them, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to direct the Beadles, Constables, and Headboroughs of the said Parish, or the Persons from Time to Time appointed to collect such Rates or Assessments, or some one or more of them, to summon all and every the Person and Persons who shall have refused or neglected as aforesaid, (upon Oath being made before such Justice or Justices by the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, or by One of the Beadles of the said Parish, or by any Person appointed to collect and receive such Rates and Assessments, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last or usual Place of Abode of all and every the Person and Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or who are or shall be liable to the Payment of the said Rate or Rates, and having demanded the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons to pay the said Rate or Rates), to appear before such Justice or Justices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and the said Beadles, Constables, Headboroughs, and Persons appointed to collect such Rates or Assessments of the said Parish, or such of them as may be directed by the said Justice or Justices, are and each and every of them is hereby required to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at or on the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, mentioned in such Summons, shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if he, she, or they shall attend, and shall not shew good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices, that he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates in respect of which such Summons was issued, and the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices who shall have directed such Summons and Summonses to be issued as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Person who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, authorizing and directing the said Overseer or Overseers, Beadle or Beadles, or Persons appointed as aforesaid, or any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish, to collect or levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment

ment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and all the Costs and Charges of the Summons, (if the same shall not have been paid before,) and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Warrant, and of executing the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with all the reasonable Charges of the said Summons or Summonses, Warrant or Warrants, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Overseer or Overseers, Beadle or Beadles, or Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, shall cause the said Goods to be appraised by one or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and to be sold, or such Part or Parts thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Summons, Warrant, Distress, Removal or keeping Possession of such Goods and Chattels so distrained, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

Form of Warrant of Distress.

XV. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for Nonpayment of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

'Middlesex } TO the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or
'to wit. } Collectors of the Poor's Rate, or of the Rates for
'lighting, watching, and cleansing, or of the Rate for repairing
'the Highways of and within the Parish of *Saint Matthew*
'*Bethnal Green*, in the County of *Middlesex*, [*as the Case may*
'*be*,] and to all Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Peace
'Officers for the same Parish.

'WHEREAS the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitant Householders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of some Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish of *Saint Matthew Bethnal Green*, were and are rated and assessed, or liable to the Rate or Rates duly made for the Relief of the Poor, or to the Rate or Rates for lighting, watching, and cleansing, or to the Rate or Rates for repairing the Highways of and within the said Parish [*as the Case may be*], under and by virtue of a certain Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*]: And whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums of Money at and against their Names herein-after respectively set down, for Money due from them, for or towards the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, and the said several Sum and Sums are still remaining due, in arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to of His Majesty's Justices of the
'Peace for the said County; and the said several Persons having been
'summoned

'summoned to appear before
'to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to
'[me *or* us] the said Justice [*or* Justices] upon Oath; and no sufficient
'Cause having been shewn by them or either of them why such Sum or
'Sums of Money should not be paid; These are therefore, in His Majesty's
'Name, to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to levy the
'said several Sums due from the said Persons, and hereunder joined to
'or set against their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale of their
'respective Goods and Chattels, (such Goods and Chattels being kept
'for the Space of Five Days before the same are sold), rendering to
'them respectively the Overplus (if any), the reasonable Charges of such
'Summons, of this Warrant, and the Distress, Removal, Keeping, and
'Sale, being first deducted; and if no sufficient Distress can be had or
'taken, that then you certify the same to [me *or* us], to the end such fur-
'ther Proceedings may be had therein as to the Law doth appertain; and
'I [*or* we] do hereby strictly charge and command all and singular the
'Constables, Headboroughs, and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for
'the said County, to be aiding and assisting in all things relating to the
'Premises. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals] this
'Day of in the Year of our Lord

	£	s.	d.
'A. B.			
'C. D.			
'E. F. the Landlord for divided Premises			
'G. H.			

Trustees may remit Rates on account of Poverty, &c.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Vestrymen or Governors of the Poor, or Trustees, or any Nine of them respectively, and they are hereby empowered, upon the Complaint or Request of any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, who shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved thereby, or incompetent to pay the same, to mitigate, reduce, or lessen the same, as they in their Discretion shall think just and reasonable, and also to remit or excuse the Payment thereof on account of the Poverty or Indigence of any Person or Persons liable to pay the same, so complaining or requesting the Remission or Reduction of such Rates or Assessments.

For better Recovery of Rates on Houses let at small Rents, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That when the yearly Rent or Value of any House, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish, shall not exceed Fourteen Pounds, or where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament (whatsoever the yearly Rent or Value may be) shall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, the Rent whereof shall become payable at any shorter Period than quarterly, or shall be let out either in the whole or in part in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees of the said Parish (if they shall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments in the said Parish, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor and all the other Parochial Rates of the said Parish,

Parish, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall think reasonable; so that no such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, be rated at less than One Half, or more than Three Fourths of the Annual Value of the said Premises; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is and are hereby required to enter into such Composition with the said Vestrymen, Governors, and Trustees respectively; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall refuse to enter into such Composition, he, she, or they shall from henceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated to, and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid the said respective Rates and Assessments charged upon his and their respective Premises for the Relief of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the said Parish, according to a fair and equal Assessment by the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees respectively, or the major Part of them, to be made upon and in respect of the same; and upon Non-payment thereof, the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, or any of them, is and are hereby authorized to levy such respective Rates by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, wheresoever the same may be found respectively: Provided always, that no such Landlord or Owner shall be charged with or liable to pay for any increased Rent reserved or made payable to him for or on account of such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the Rates heretofore charged upon the several Occupiers of such Premises; and provided also, that the Goods and Chattels of all and every Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments whereof the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is and are hereby made subject and liable to as aforesaid, shall be liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof, as became due upon the said Premises during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only; but no such Occupier or Occupiers shall at any Time be required to pay or be subject or liable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, and Arrears thereof, than the Amount of the Rent actually due by such Occupier or Occupiers to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of the Premises so occupied by him, her, or them: Provided also, that each and every Occupier who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any Arrears thereof, or upon whom the same shall be levied, shall and may from Time to Time deduct the same from the Rent then or at any Time thereafter due from him, her, or them, to the respective Landlords or Owners of the Premises, and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a good and sufficient Discharge to such Occupier or Occupiers, to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay in the Manner directed by this Act.

Landlords not to be rated for reserved Rents.

Persons receiving Rents to be deemed Owners.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Person or Persons receiving or claiming to be entitled to the Rents of every such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditaments or Premises, immediately payable by the Tenants or Occupiers thereof respectively, shall be deemed and taken to be the Landlord or Owner, Landlords or Owners

Owners of the same for the Purposes of this Act, and shall continue to be rated to and liable to the Payment of all and every such Rates as aforesaid, until some other Person or Persons shall be rated to or pay the same, unless the real Landlord or Owner shall voluntarily compound for the same with the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, according to the Provisions herein-before contained.

Compositions to remain in force until altered by Trustees.

XIX. And be it enacted, That from and after any Composition shall be made with the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, as herein-before mentioned, the House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments therein comprized, shall be rated and assessed according to the same reduced Rental in every future Parish Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act, until the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees making such Composition, shall think proper otherwise to rate and assess the said Premises, or the Tenants, Occupiers, Landlords, or Owners in respect thereof.

Arrears of Rates to remain charged upon the Premises,

and may be sued for in any of the Courts at Westminster.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in default or failure of Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or of the Arrears so remaining due or unpaid, in respect of any such Composition, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, the same shall be and remain charged upon the Premises in respect whereof the same shall be so rated and assessed, and shall or may, after Ten Days Notice left upon the Premises, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, or of any Person or Persons inhabiting or occupying the same or any Part thereof; and may also be sued for and recovered of and from such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords respectively, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to be commenced and prosecuted in the Name of the Clerk to the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees for the Time being; in which Action no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and if the Plaintiff shall recover in any such Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgments are now by Law levied and recovered; and in case any such Rates or Assessments, or any Arrears thereof, shall be under the Sum of Forty Shillings, that then it shall be lawful to sue for and recover the same in the Name of such Clerk in the Court of Requests for the Tower Hamlets, or in any other Court of Requests where such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords shall then live or reside respectively.

For apportioning Rates.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons now or hereafter renting or occupying any Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or other Hereditament within the said Parish, shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament within the said Parish, before any Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act shall be paid and discharged; or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed, before such Rate or Assessment shall have been paid and discharged, or which, at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoc-

unoccupied, then and in every such Case the Person so removing out of, and the Person entering into the Possession or Occupation of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of every such Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person so removing or quitting as aforesaid had remained in the Possession or Occupation of such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Person so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed in such Rate or Assessment; which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, at their respective Meetings, as the Case may be.

Recovery of Rates from Persons removing.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons, who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit his, her, or their Messuages, Tenements, Lands, Grounds, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings or Hereditaments, before he, she, or they shall have paid such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same, when demanded by the Persons authorized and appointed to collect and receive the same, as herein mentioned, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, (Oath being made by him or them, that he or they hath or have Cause to suspect that such Person or Persons hath or have removed his, her, or their Goods and Chattels), by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and empowered to grant); and in case such Person or Persons shall have removed into any other County, City, or Place, such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty to which such Persons shall have removed (which Warrant every such Magistrate is hereby empowered to back or countersign), to distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates or Assessments or any of them, in any County, City, or Place to which such Persons shall have removed, in the same Manner as if the same had continued in the said Parish of *Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if any), after having deducted the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Warrant, Proceedings, Distress, and Sale, upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively.

Agreements between Lessors and Lessees not to be impeached.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed, deemed, or taken to impeach, alter, or make void any Agreement made between Landlord and Tenant in any Lease now granted or hereafter to be granted pursuant to any Contract or Agreement now existing; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Penalty on Victuallers harbouring Watchmen while on Duty.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of any Public House, Wine Vaults, or Liquor Shop, shall knowingly harbour or entertain, or suffer to remain in his or her House, or in any Premises thereto belonging, any Patrole, Inspector, or Watchman, em-

ployed for the said Parish, during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty, every such Victualler or Keeper shall, on Conviction of such Offence before any One or more Justice of the Peace for the said County, forfeit and pay for the First Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and for the Second, and every other Offence of the same Kind, a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Trustees may contribute towards the Apprehension and Prosecution of Offenders.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That for the better Protection of the Lives, Habitations, and Property of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, by and out of the Rates or Assessments to be made for lighting, watching, and cleansing the said Parish, to offer and pay to any Person or Persons any Sum or Sums of Money which they may think proper, and under such Regulations and Restrictions as they shall from Time to Time deem expedient, as Rewards for the Discovery and Apprehension of any Person or Persons who may at any Time or Times hereafter commit any Murders, Burglaries, Highway Robberies, Felonies, or indictable Misdemeanors, or set up any common or public Nuisances within the said Parish, over and above any Rewards directed to be paid by any Act or Acts of Parliament, and also to pay any Sum or Sums of Money they may think proper to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for and towards the Expences of prosecuting any such Person or Persons who shall at any Time or Times hereafter commit, or shall or may be suspected (on such Evidence as the said Trustees, or any Nine of them, at any Meeting as aforesaid, shall think reasonable and sufficient) to have committed any such Offence or Offences, or to have or set up any such common or public Nuisances as aforesaid within the said Parish.

Contractors only to remove Dust.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for cleansing the Streets, Squares, and Places within the said Parish, or those employed by and under such Person or Persons, shall on any Pretence whatsoever go about to collect or gather, or shall ask for, receive, or carry away any Dust, Cinders, or Ashes within the said Parish, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, or for any Person or Persons who shall see any such Offence committed to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender or Offenders, or the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made use of for receiving and carrying away any Dust, Cinders, or Ashes, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey such Offender or Offenders before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County; and such Justice or Justices shall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to examine, upon Oath, the Person or Persons apprehending such Offender or Offenders, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties shall be convicted of going about to collect or gather, or asking for, receiving, or carrying away Dust, Cinders, or Ashes from any House or other Premises within the said Parish, not being the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting

tracting with the said Trustees, or acting with or under his or their Authority, he, she, or they shall respectively, for the First Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; for the Second Offence any Sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds; and for the Third and every other subsequent Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; One Half of which respective Penalties shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, or to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Half shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if such Offender or Offenders shall not, on Conviction, pay the said Penalty or Penalties, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to direct such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which shall have been so seized, to be appraised or sold, and after deducting out of the Monies to arise by such Sale the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reasonable Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, the Overplus thereof shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Horses and other Things shall be appraised and sold; and in case there shall have been no such Seizure as aforesaid, or if the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, or other Things which shall be appraised and sold, shall not produce a sufficient Sum of Money to pay the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges and Expences, then if such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon the Conviction, pay the said Penalty or Penalties, or such Part or Parts of the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges and Expences which shall remain over and above the Produce of the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, and other Things so seized and sold, then such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, unless such Penalty or Penalties shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and in case when any such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements shall have been so seized, and the Offender or Offenders shall escape or shall not be apprehended as aforesaid, then the Person seizing the same shall forthwith apply to One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, and he or they is or are hereby required, after due Proof that such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, or other Things had been used for receiving and carrying away Dust, Cinders, or Ashes as aforesaid, to direct such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, or other Things to be appraised or sold, and that the Monies arising from such Sale shall be divided in equal Moieties, One Half thereof being paid to the Person or Persons who shall seize such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, or other Things, and the other Half to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees, under the said recited Act of the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, to be applied for the Purposes of the said last-mentioned Act.

If Contractor neglect to take away Dust, &c. for Fourteen Days, any other Person may take it.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case such Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid, shall neglect for the Space of Fourteen Days to bring or cause to be brought Carts or proper Carriages into all the Streets, Squares, and other Places as aforesaid, where such Carriages can pass, and to give Notice in manner aforesaid to the Inhabitants of their coming for the Purposes of taking away such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders,

and

and Ashes, and to give the like Notice in every Court, Alley, or Place into which the said Carts and Carriages cannot pass, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of such of the said Streets, Squares, and other Places (after Complaint made to the Trustees), to give away or sell their Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and that such Person or Persons who shall take and carry away the said Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, shall not be subject or liable to any Penalty or Penalties for so doing until some other Person shall be appointed to collect such Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, or until a new Contract shall be entered into for that Purpose; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Houses to be numbered.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may order and direct the Houses within the Highways, Squares, Streets, and public Places, or any of them, within the said Parish, to be numbered with Figures placed or painted over the Doors thereof, or such other Part of the said Houses respectively, as they the said Trustees, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, shall think proper; and may also order and direct to be engraved, painted, or otherwise described, on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Buildings, at or near the End or Corner of each Highway, Square, Street, Row, Lane, Alley, Yard, Terrace, and Place, the Name by which such Highway, Square, Street, Row, Lane, Alley, Yard, Terrace, and Place is usually or properly called or known; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully destroy, injure, obliterate, or deface any such Number, Figure, Name, or Description, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, and shall be convicted thereof by his or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to administer, every such Person so offending for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Owners not restoring Numbers.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That when any Number or Numbers, Figure, Name, or Description shall be engraven, painted, or otherwise described, placed, or affixed as aforesaid on any House or Building within the said Parish, shall be destroyed, injured, obliterated, or defaced, the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, of any such House or Building where the Number, Figure, Name, or other Description shall have been so destroyed, injured, obliterated, or defaced, shall, upon Notice given to him, her, or them, from the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, or by such other Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall appoint, cause the same Number, Figure, Name, or Description, to be in the same or like Manner engraven, painted, or described, placed or affixed on such House or Building within Seven Days after such Notice; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to comply with such Order, such Owner or Occupier shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Trustees may compound with Persons for Breach of Contract.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons, on account of any Breach or Nonperformance of any Contract or Contracts,

tracts, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, so as the Sum so compounded and agreed for be not, in the Estimation of the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Nonperformance of such Contract or Contracts, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

Power for the Governors to borrow Money on Annuities.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Governors and Directors, or to their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as they may appoint, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the full Term of the natural Life of such Person or Persons, being of the Age of Thirty Years or upwards, as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such respective Contributors at the Time of Payment of their respective Purchase Monies; all which Annuities so to be purchased shall be payable and paid by the said Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, out of the Monies to arise by or from the said Rates and Assessments made for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, by Half-yearly Payments; the first Payments to be made to the respective Purchasers or their Assigns at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Payment of their respective Purchase Monies, the Rate whereof shall be settled and adjusted by a public Sale of the said Annuities by the said Governors and Directors to the best Bidder for the same, or shall be such as the said Governors and Directors shall think reasonable, and at any Monthly or General Meeting shall approve; provided that the total Sums to be obtained by Sale of Annuities as aforesaid, and to be charged on the Rates for the Relief of the Poor, shall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds.

Annuities chargeable on Rates.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased under or by virtue of this Act shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by such of the last-mentioned Rates and Assessments, to the Objects of which the Monies to be raised by the Grant of such Annuities respectively shall be intended to be and shall be applied; and all and every the Purchaser and Purchasers duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, out of the said Rates or Assessments, during the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each of such Purchasers as before mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estates and Interests in the Annuity or Annuities so by him, her, or them respectively to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

Form of Grant of Annuities.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity and Annuities to be granted and secured under and by virtue of this

Act shall be so granted by a Writing on Parchment, and shall be signed by Nine of the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'WE whose Names are hereunder written, being of the Governors and Directors appointed by or in pursuance of an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of paid by to the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said an Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid out of the Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of the said Act for the Relief of the Poor; which Annuity or yearly Sum of shall be paid to the said or his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the Term of his or her natural Life [*or as the Case may be*], to the said his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, upon the Day of and the Day of in every Year, by equal Half-yearly Payments, and up to the Day of the Death of the said [*or as the Case may be*], subject to the Provisions of the said Act. In witness whereof we the said Governors and Directors have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .'

Form of Assignment.

And also, that all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Annuity or Annuities shall be so granted and secured as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Indorsement on his, her, or their respective Securities, assign or transfer his, her, or their Right and Interest to and in the Annuities thereby respectively secured, in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'I Do hereby assign and transfer the within-written Security, and the Annuities (or Annuity) thereby granted or secured, unto Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, [*as the Case may be*]. Witness my Hand and Seal this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .'

Annuities to be granted only after public Notice.

Which Transfer shall, within Ten Days after the Date thereof, be produced and notified to the Clerk to the said Vestrymen for the Time being, who shall enter the same in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, as herein-after mentioned; and after such Entry made, but not until that Time, every such Assignment shall entitle any such Assignee or Assignees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof, and to Payment thereon: Provided always, that no Monies shall be obtained by the Sale of Annuities, unless at or until after a public Meeting of the said Governors and Directors to be held for that Purpose, whereof Seven Days Notice shall be given in some public Newspaper printed and published within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*.

XXXIV. And

No Annuity to be paid or recoverable unless a proper Certificate produced.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Annuity or Annuities to be granted and secured under this Act shall be paid and recoverable, unless, upon the Demand of each Half-yearly Payment thereof, the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives the same shall have been so granted and secured shall personally appear before the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Vestrymen, to whom the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity or Annuities shall then produce or cause to be produced the original Security or Securities for the same; or in case of his or her Non-appearance, the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, shall produce such Security or Securities, and a Certificate to the said Treasurer or Clerk of the Life or Lives of such Cestuique Vie, signed by the officiating Minister of the Parish wherein he, she, or they shall be residing upon the Day when such Annuity became due, or such other Evidence as shall be satisfactory to the said Treasurer or Treasurers or Clerk, if such Cestuique Vie shall be then in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and in case such Cestuique Vie shall not be within the said United Kingdom, then such other good and sufficient Proof of his, her, or their living upon the Day when each Half-yearly Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities shall respectively become due, shall be produced to the said Treasurer or Clerk, as shall be satisfactory to him or them; and it shall not be necessary, in order to render valid the Grant of any such Annuity or Annuities, to enrol or register a Memorial thereof, pursuant to the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's
17 G. 3. c. 26. Reign, intituled *An Act for registering the Grants of Life Annuities, and for the better Protection of Infants against such Grants.*

If Annuitants die other Annuities may be granted.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees, to whom and for whose Life or Lives any Annuity or Annuities may be granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall die, it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors to permit any Person or Persons to purchase of them the said Governors and Directors, One or more Annuity or Annuities in the Room of such Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees so dying, upon the Life of such other Person or Persons, upon such Terms and Conditions, and payable in such Manner as above mentioned; so that the Sum or Sums to be contributed for the Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities granted by virtue of this Act, chargeable as aforesaid, shall not at any one Time exceed the Sums herein-before limited to be raised and charged upon such Rates as aforesaid.

Annuities to be deemed Personal Estate; and that Vestrymen shall not be personally liable.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it hereby further enacted, That all Monies advanced and paid, and all Annuities granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and be deemed Personal Estate and Effects; and also that the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, signing or executing such Grants of Annuities, or their Estates or Effects, shall in no wise be charged with nor responsible, either at Law or in Equity, for the Payment of any of the Monies or Annuities thereby granted or secured, or intended so to be.

Money to be raised by Bond.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, and they are hereby authorized and required,

required, to raise, by way of Loan, upon Bonds to be entered into or given by or by the Order and Direction of the said Governors and Directors, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds; and the Interest of the Money so to be borrowed on Bond as aforesaid shall be paid and payable by the said Governors and Directors, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, at or in the same Place or Places, unto the Persons advancing the same, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by equal Half-yearly Portions or Payments, until the Principal of the Money so borrowed shall be repaid from or out of the respective Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor as aforesaid, on the Credit of which such Money may be borrowed.

Manner of paying off Bonds.

XXXVII. And in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Persons who may advance or lend any Money by Bond upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessment, be it enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall cause the Number of all the Bonds in force (of which one or more shall be intended to be paid off) to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers shall be rolled up in such Manner, as nearly as may be, and put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the said Bonds shall be drawn separately out of such Box or Wheel by the Clerk to the Vestrymen for the Time being, in the Presence of the said Governors and Directors, at some or one of their Meetings, and such Bonds shall be paid off and discharged according to the Rotation in which the Numbers thereof shall be drawn at every such Ballot, beginning with the First, and proceeding progressively to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and every other Number drawn, as far as the Monies then in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Vestrymen will extend to pay; and after every such Ballot, the said Governors and Directors shall cause Notice, signed by their Clerk or Clerks, to be given or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off pursuant to such Ballot, signifying to such Creditor or Creditors that, at the End of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving or leaving such Notice, the said Governors and Directors intend to pay such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be expressed in such Notice, and the Interest due thereon, at a Place therein also to be mentioned; and the Interest of the Principal Money so to be paid off shall, from and after the End of the said Six Calendar Months, cease and be no longer payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice, and not paid; but the Principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest due at the Expiration of such Notice, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand; and also that all and every the Sum or Sums of Money to be advanced, lent, and paid to or to the Order of the said Governors and Directors, upon the Credit of this Act, on Bond Security, shall be secured by a Bond, written on Parchment or Vellum, under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk to the said Vestrymen; and every such Bond shall be signed by Nine or more of the said Governors and Directors, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Bond.

'KNOW all Men, by these Presents, that the Governors and 'Directors appointed by and acting under an Act passed in 'the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, 'intituled

'intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], and their Succes-
'sors, are held and firmly bound to in the Sum of
' to be paid to him [*or* her] the said
'or to his [*or* her] certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators,
'or Assigns. In witness whereof the Clerk of the
'Vestrymen of the said Parish, hath hereunto set his Hand and
'Seal this Day of in the Year of
'our Lord
'Executed in the Presence of and signed by the Order of us the
'undersigned Governors and Directors.

'The Condition of the above-written Obligation is such, that if the
'above-named his [*or* her] Executors, Administrators,
'or Assigns, shall, under and according to the true Intent and Meaning
'of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament, be well and truly paid the
'full and just Sum of this Day advanced and
'lent by him [*or* her] the said upon the Credit of the
'said Act, together with Interest for such Sum of whilst
'the same shall remain unpaid, after the Rate of *per Centum*
'*per Annum*, by equal Half-yearly Portions or Payments, then this Obli-
'gation to be void. Signed and sealed in the Presence of .'

All which Grants or Securities shall be and are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual, according to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning thereof respectively; and all and every the Annuities and Annuity so to be purchased and secured under and by virtue of this Act as aforesaid, and all and every the Sum and Sums of Money to be borrowed and taken up on Bond upon the Credit of this Act, and the Interest thereof, shall be and the same are and is hereby charged upon and made payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by or from the Rates or Assessments made for the Relief of the Poor; and all and every the Contributor or Contributors, or Lender or Lenders of any Money upon the Credit of the said Act, duly lending any Money as aforesaid, or such Person as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have, receive, take, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, take, and enjoy, the Principal and Interest of the Monies so to be advanced and secured as aforesaid, out of the said Rates or Assessments by this Act appropriated or appointed for the Payment thereof; and all and every Person or Persons so advancing Money as aforesaid, and his and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have a good, sure, perfect, absolute, and indefeasible Estate, Right, and Interest in and to the said Monies so to be advanced as aforesaid, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and the Lender or Lenders of such other Monies as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Assignment under their respective Hands and Seals, attested as aforesaid, and to be indorsed on their respective Bonds, also assign and transfer any of such Bonds, and the Monies thereby respectively secured, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in the Words or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

Form of Transfer of Bond.

'I DO hereby transfer the within Bond, with all my Right and Title
'to the Principal and Interest thereby secured, unto
'Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand and Seal,
'this Day of in the Year of our Lord .'

All which Assignments or Transfers respectively shall be produced and notified to the Clerk to the said Vestrymen within Six Calendar Months after the Date thereof, who shall cause an Entry of such Transfers or Assignments to be made in the Book or Books herein-before directed to be kept for entering the said Annuities or Securities, containing the Dates, Names of Parties, and the Sums of Money therein mentioned to be assigned and transferred, for which the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more; and after such Entry shall be made, every such Assignment and Transfer shall be deemed to pass the legal Property of and in such Security as shall be thereby assigned, and entitle such Assignee, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the full Benefit thereof, and such Assignee may in like Manner assign and transfer again, and so *toties quoties*.

Securities to be entered in a Book,

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk to the said Vestrymen for the Time being shall enter in a Book or Books, to be for that Purpose provided and kept, a Copy or Copies, or an Extract or Extracts of or from the Grants of all Annuities granted by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and of all Persons who have lent Money on such Bonds as aforesaid, and also of all Assignments of the Grants of such Annuities, and of the Transfer of such Bonds as aforesaid, expressing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Annuities, and also the Name, Surname, Addition, Place of Abode, and other Description of every Person for whose Life any Annuity or Annuities have been or shall be granted, and the Days whereon the said Annuities shall be payable, and of all Persons who have lent any Money on such Bonds as aforesaid; to which Book and Books the Person and Persons entitled to and possessed of such Annuities, and Persons lending Money on such Bonds as aforesaid, or any of them, shall at all seasonable Times have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same, or to take Extracts or Copies thereof or therefrom, without Fee or Reward.

Vestrymen, &c. to sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Vestrymen, Governors, and Trustees shall and may sue and be sued, and take all Bonds and Securities in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought by or against the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, or any of them, in relation to the said recited Acts or this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk, or by the Act of him, without the Consent of the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees (as the Case may be); but the Clerk for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in every Action or Suit, as the Case may be: Provided always, that such Clerk shall be reimbursed, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, all such Costs, Damages, and reasonable Expences as he shall be put unto or become charged or chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant as aforesaid.

Orders to be entered in Books, good Evidence.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Vestrymen, Governors, and Trustees at their Meetings, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk for that Purpose, and signed by the Clerk for the Time being, at or before their

their next Meeting; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, so entered and signed, shall be deemed and taken to be original Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, and such Books shall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, of all such Acts, Orders, and Proceedings.

Entries of Proceedings under former Acts good Evidence.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings of any of the Vestrymen, Governors, or Directors of the Poor, or Trustees acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Acts, doth or do appear recorded, such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of the said Acts, shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Paupers may be removed by Beadles instead of Overseers.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any poor Person or Persons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered or removed from the said Parish of *Saint Matthew Bethnal Green* to the Parish or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, if they shall think fit, to cause such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, to be respectively removed, in the usual Manner of removing Paupers or Vagrants, by a Beadle, or some Person or Persons to be appointed by Three of the said Governors and Directors for that Purpose, by Writing under their Hands; and every Overseer and other proper Officer of the Parish or Place to which such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered to be removed as aforesaid, is hereby required to receive every such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he or they would have been bound to do if such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, had been delivered to him, her, or them by one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Matthew Bethnal Green;* any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants not deemed incompetent Witnesses.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall, in any Action, Prosecution, Information, Cause, Hearing, Examination, Appeal, or Proceeding whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of the said recited Acts or this Act, or concerning the said Parish, be deemed an incompetent Witness on account of his or her being charged with or liable to pay any Rate or Assessment to be raised, levied, and collected within the said Parish.

How Justices to proceed on Complaint of Trustees.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are or may be empowered by Law to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish or Parishes, or on the Complaint of the said Governors and Directors or Trustees, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of the said Governors and Directors or Trustees, or of any Person or Persons whom they shall appoint for that Purpose, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by such Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them.

XLV. And

Justices may act notwithstanding they are Trustees.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That any Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex* shall and may do any Act or Deed relative to the Office of a Justice of the Peace, hereby directed, or otherwise, notwithstanding he shall or may at the same Time be a Governor and Director or Trustee as aforesaid, and shall and may act in the Execution of the said recited Acts and of this Act, notwithstanding he shall be an Inhabitant of the said Parish, or shall pay the Rates to be made by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices may make Allowance to Informers.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be convicted of any Offence against the said recited Acts or this Act, or against any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance hereof, if he or they shall think fit, to allow and pay any Part of the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture which shall be imposed upon and received of any such Offender convicted before him or them of any such Offence as aforesaid (unless herein otherwise directed), not exceeding One Half Part thereof to the Informer or Informers against such Offender, in such Shares and Proportions as to such Justice or Justices shall seem meet.

Power to administer Oaths.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the said Governors or Directors or Trustees, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace, is or are by the said recited Acts or this Act, or shall or may be by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order to be made in pursuance thereof, authorized or required to examine any Person or Persons on Oath or Affirmation, and if any Person or Persons shall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the said Governors and Directors or Trustees, or Justice or Justices respectively, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is or are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

The Attendances of Witnesses may be compelled.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices, who is and are made competent, empowered, or required to hear and determine any Complaint under or by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, to issue a Summons under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to attend as a Witness or Witnesses, and to give Evidence upon Oath or solemn Affirmation before any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter or Fact contained in any Information or Complaint, for any Offence against the said recited Acts or this Act, or against any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance thereof, whether on the Part of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons complained of, and which Summons such Justice or Justices as aforesaid are hereby required to issue if thereunto required; and if such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid, upon being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his or their Costs and Charges, Trouble and Attendance, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his, her, or their Refusal

or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath (or solemn Affirmation) and give Evidence before such Justice or Justices, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Notices may be served personally or by leaving the same.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all Notices and Summonses which are directed and required to be given by the said recited Acts or this Act, or which are or may be directed or required to be given by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order to be made in pursuance thereof, or which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers thereof, or any or either of such Bye Laws, Rules, or Orders, of which the Manner of serving the same is not particularly directed by the said recited Acts or this Act, shall be printed or written, and shall or may be served either by delivering the same personally to the Person or Persons to whom such Notices respectively are to be given, or by leaving the same at his, her, or their usual or last known Place or Places of Abode; and being so given or left shall be deemed to be given according to the Meaning of this Act.

Fines and Penalties how to be levied and recovered.

L. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by the said recited Acts or this Act inflicted or imposed or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise directed), shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, either by Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Information of One or more Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward), be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant; and the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any there be), upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold (the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making such Distress, and the keeping and selling thereof, being first deducted), shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being to the said Vestrymen or Trustees, and applied towards the Purposes of the said recited Acts or this Act, and in aid of such of the Rates to be made in pursuance thereof as the said Vestrymen or Trustees shall from Time to Time direct; but nevertheless, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen or Trustees, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of the said recited Acts or this Act, to order their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, in any Case in which no Reward has been awarded by any Justice to an Informer, to pay such Part of the said Penalties to the Informer, as they shall judge reasonable, not exceeding One Half thereof; and in every such Case where Distress is directed to be made, levied, or taken by the said recited Acts or this Act, and sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice

or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his and their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to order such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days for the First Offence, and for the Second and every other Offence of the same Kind, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reasonable Charges and Expences attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Form of Conviction.

LI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Justice and Justices of the Peace, before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against the said recited Acts or this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or any other Form of Words to the same Effect; (that is to say,)

'BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of our Lord is duly convicted before of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, of having [*here state the Offence against the Act or Acts, as the Case may be*] contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And I [*or* we, *as the Case may be*] do declare and adjudge that the said hath forfeited for his [*or* her, *as the Case may be*] said Offence, the Sum of . Given under my Hand [and Seal] [*or* our Hands and Seals, *as the Case may be*] the Day and Year first above written.'

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form.

LII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage incurred by an Action on the Case.

Plaintiff not to recover after Tender of Amends.

LIII. Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of the said recited Acts or this Act, unless Notice in Writing of such intended Action shall have been given to the Clerk of the said Vestrymen or Trustees, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, Fourteen Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney for the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause or Causes of such Action; nor shall any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action for Satisfaction for special Damage or otherwise, or for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceeding, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, before such Action shall be brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant

or

or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall be brought, at any Time before Issue be joined in such Action, to pay into such Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and Judgment, shall be had, made, or given, in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Persons aggrieved may appeal.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance of the said recited Acts or this Act, such Person or Persons may, and he, she, or they is or are hereby authorized and required to give to the Clerk of the Vestry of the said Parish a Statement in Writing, by leaving the same at his usual Place of Abode, of such his, her, or their Cause or Causes of Complaint, within Thirty Days next after Demand made of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or next after any such Matter or Thing done and committed by or by an Order of the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, by which such Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved; and if the Person or Persons so complaining shall not, within Fifteen Days next after such Statement or Statements being made as aforesaid, receive such Relief as to him, her, or them shall be satisfactory, then he, she, or they may, within Three Months next after such last-mentioned Statement of his, her, or their Cause or Causes of Complaint being given as aforesaid, appeal to a Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Middlesex*, as the Case may be, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Seven Days Notice at least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk of the said Vestrymen, Governors, or Trustees, or leaving such Notice for him at his last or usual Place or Places of Abode, and within Three Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties, to try such Appeal and to abide the Order of, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices of such Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace of the said County; who, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to or against the Parties appealing, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices, at their Quarter or General Sessions, shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

Justices to deliver Recognizances to the Clerk.

LV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Recognizance and Recognizances entered into by any Person or Persons on any Appeal as aforesaid, shall be delivered, on Demand, without Fee or Reward, to the Clerk to the said Vestrymen or Trustees, by the Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same; and that the said Vestrymen or Trustees shall and may sue for, recover, receive, and apply the Penalty and Penalties in any such Recognizance or Recognizances mentioned, in such and the same Manner as any Rate, Penalty, or Fine may be sued for and recovered by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act.

LVI. And

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form;

LVI. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, nor any Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against the said recited Acts or this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of the same, or in pursuance or by virtue thereof, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, or be removed or removable by Certiorari, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

nor removable by Certiorari.

Limitation of Actions.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of the said recited Acts or this Act, until after Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing shall be thereof given to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Vestrymen or Trustees, or after sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered; or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and all such Actions or Suits shall be laid and tried in the County of *Middlesex* or City of *London*, and not in any other County, City, or Place; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions, Suit and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give the said recited Acts or this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for or on which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority thereof; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice was given as before directed, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered, or paid into Court as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County, City, or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, or if upon a Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy and Remedies for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants may have for the Recovery of his, her, or their Costs in other Cases by Law.

How the Expences of this Act shall be paid.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to or attending the obtaining thereof, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies to be levied, collected, and received by virtue of this Act, or out of any Monies at the Time of passing this Act in the Hands of any Treasurers, Collectors, or other Persons, raised, collected, or received by virtue of the said recited Acts, or any of them, in such Proportions respectively as the said Vestrymen and Trustees shall, at their first Meeting held by virtue of this Act, direct and appoint.

Public Act.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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