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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 38.

An Act to repeal an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty, for paving, lighting, and cleansing the Town of *Brighthelmstone*, in the County of *Sussex*, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein; for regulating the Market; for building and repairing Groyns, to render the Coast safe and commodious for landing Coal and Culm, and laying a Duty thereon, and for making other Provisions in lieu thereof; and for regulating Weights and Measures, and building a Town Hall. [18th *April* 1810.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for paving, lighting, and cleansing the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Town of* Brighthelmstone, *in the County of* Sussex; *for removing Nuisances and Annoyances, and preventing the like for the future; for holding and regulating a Market within the said Town; for building and repairing Groyns, in order to render the Coast safe and commodious for Ships or Vessels to unload and land Sea Coal, Culm, and other Coal for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said Town; and for laying a Duty thereon, and for other Purposes*; certain Powers were given and granted to certain Persons, therein named Commissioners for the several Purposes contained in the said recited Act: And whereas 13 G. 3. c. 34.

whereas the Commiſſioners nominated and appointed under and by virtue of the ſaid Act, have from Time to Time, in the due Execution of the ſame, found the Powers therein granted very deficient, and inadequate to anſwer the Purpoſes required, ariſing from the rapid Extent and great Increaſe of the Population of the ſaid Town, and from the conſequent Increaſe of the Poor, which have become exceedingly numerous; wherefore it becomes neceſſary that a larger Workhouſe or Infirmary be provided, or the preſent one enlarged, for the Reception of the Poor of the Town and Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, wherein the Poor thereof might be kept and employed: And whereas the Rates for their Relief would be rendered much leſs burthenſome to the Pariſh, and the Poor be better maintained and provided for, and properly employed, if Power were granted to the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of this Act, to nominate and appoint yearly a certain Number of the ſaid Commiſſioners or Inhabitants to act as Guardians over the Poor, with a fit and proper Perſon as Overſeer, in addition to thoſe annually choſen: And whereas if the ſaid recited Act was repealed, and other Powers, Regulations, and Proviſions were granted in lieu thereof, it would contribute very eſſentially to the Benefit and Comfort of the Inhabitants and Viſitors of the ſaid Town: 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 from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid recited Act, and all Matters and Things therein contained, except as herein-after excepted, ſo far as relates to the ſaid Market, ſhall be, and the ſame is and are hereby repealed.

Repeal of the former Act.

The Limits of the Town for the Purpoſes of this Act to be co-extenſive with the Pariſh.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpoſes of this Act the ſaid Town of *Brighthelmſton* ſhall be deemed and taken to be co-extenſive with the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, in the County of *Suſſex* aforeſaid.

Appointment of Commiſſioners.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Lords of the Manors of *Brighthelmſton*, the Lord of the Manor of *Atlingworth*, the Lord of the Manor of *Brighthelmſton Michelham*, the Lord of the Manor of *Old Shoreham*, the Members of Parliament for the County of *Suſſex*, and for the Boroughs ſituate within the ſaid County, the High Conſtable and Vicar of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton* for the Time being, and all and every the Perſons who now are Commiſſioners of the ſaid recited Act, and Sir *Robert Burnett*, *Thomas Read Kemp*, *Robert Crew*, *Henry Rycroft*, *Robert Parker*, *Matthew Martin*, *Matthew Tierney* M.D. *James Browne*, *Robert Mott*, *John Slee*, *William Williams*, *Edward Martin*, *John Chatfield*, *Thomas Vine* Senior, *William Radley Mott*, *John Bethune*, *Thomas Weſt*, *John Portis* Clerk, *James White*, *James Ireland*, *William Lane*, *John Burfield*, *John Gregory*, *John Donaldſon*, *John Kirby*, *Leonard Shuckard*, *John Williams*, *Robert Hankey*, *Thomas Ellman*, *John Bull*, *John Hankin*, *William Allen*, *Matthew Phillips*, *Frederick Hamilton* Clerk, *Richard Newnham*, *John Perkins*, *Thomas Mittin*, *James Iriſh*, *George Mott*, *Richard Maddocks*, *John Styles* Clerk, *Ollnay*, and *John Farncombe*, ſhall be and they are hereby conſtituted and appointed Commiſſioners for putting this Act into Execution, whether they or either of them ſhall or ſhall not be poſſeſſed of the Qualification herein-after mentioned.

Commissioners to take an Oath.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act (except the Members in Parliament as aforesaid, the Lords of the Manors aforesaid for the Time being, the High Constable and the Vicar of the Parish of *Brighthelmston* for the Time being, the before mentioned Commissioners of the said recited Act, and Persons herein-before named), unless he shall at a previous Meeting of the said Commissioners have taken the Oath, or Affirmation (if One of the People commonly called *Quakers*) next following, before any Thirteen or more of the said Commissioners, who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same, before he takes upon himself to act in the Trusts and Authorities by this Act granted, which Oath or Affirmation shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say,

'I *A.B.* do swear [*or*, affirm, *as the Case may be*], That I am a House-keeper, paying Scot and Lot within the Parish of *Brighthelmston*, in the County of *Sussex*, and am truly and *bonâ fide* in the Occupation of a Messuage or Tenement with its Appurtenances, of the annual Rent or Value of Fifty Pounds; and that I am also in my own Right, or in Right of my Wife, in the actual Possession and Enjoyment or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Tenements or Hereditaments, situated within the said Parish of *Brighthelmston*, of the annual Rent or Value of Fifty Pounds, above Reprises; and that I will truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute and perform the several Powers and Authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*Here insert the Title of this Act*].

'So help me GOD.'

Oath for other Commissioners.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That, before the Lords of the Manors, the Members in Parliament as aforesaid for the Time being, the High Constable and Vicar of the said Parish, and the several Commissioners herein-before mentioned, shall be capable of acting as Commissioner or Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, he or they shall take the Oath (or Affirmation, if One of the People called *Quakers*) following, before any Thirteen or more of the said Commissioners, who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same to each other:

'I *A.B.* do swear [*or*, affirm, *as the Case may be*], that I will truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute and perform the several Powers and Authorities reposed in me as a Commissioner, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*Here insert the Title of this Act*].

'So help me GOD.'

Penalty on acting if not qualified.

And if any Person or Persons not being so qualified (except the Lords of the said Manors and Members in Parliament for the Time being, the High Constable and Vicar of the Parish of *Brighthelmston* for the Time being, and the several Commissioners herein-before mentioned), shall nevertheless presume to act in the Execution hereof, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one

one Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and every Perſon ſo ſued or proſecuted (except as aforeſaid) ſhall prove that he is qualified as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the ſaid Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence being given on the Part of the Plaintiff or Proſecutor, than that ſuch Perſon hath acted as a Commiſſioner in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheleſs, that all Acts and Proceedings of any Perſon or Perſons acting as a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforeſaid previous to his or their being convicted of the ſaid Offence, ſhall notwithſtanding ſuch Conviction be as good, valid, and effectual, as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons had been duly qualified to act as a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners according to the Directions of this Act: Provided always nevertheleſs, that it ſhall be lawful for ſuch of the ſaid Commiſſioners who are or ſhall be in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, to act as Juſtices of the Peace in or relating to the Execution of this Act, notwithſtanding their being Commiſſioners under this Act.

All Acts of Commiſſioners, though not duly qualified, to be valid until after Conviction.

Commiſſioners being Juſtices of the Peace may act as ſuch in the Execution of this Act.

Election of Commiſſioners.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe of the Death of any of the ſaid Commiſſioners (except thoſe who are hereby declared to be Commiſſioners by virtue of their Situation, Appointment, or Office as aforeſaid), or their Removal out of the ſaid Pariſh, or the Refuſal of any or either of them to act as Commiſſioners under this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſurviving or remaining Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required from Time to Time, within Twelve Months next after ſuch Death, Removal, or Refuſal to act, to cauſe Notice to be given upon ſome *Sunday*, immediately after Divine Service, in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh, (which Notice, and alſo all other Notices hereby ſo directed to be given, the Clerk officiating in ſuch Church is hereby required to read or cauſe to be read immediately after Morning Service and before the Sermon), and alſo by Writing to be affixed on the principal Door of the ſaid Church, of the Time of a Meeting to be held in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh, or ſome other convenient Place within the ſaid Town, for the Purpoſe of electing and appointing a new Commiſſioner in the Room of every Commiſſioner ſo dying, removing, or refuſing to act; and ſuch Meeting ſhall be appointed to be held within the Space of Seven Days from the Time of giving ſuch Notice; and the Majority of Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh who ſhall occupy Houſes reſpectively aſſeſſed to the King's Taxes at the Rent or Value of Twenty Pounds a Year or upwards, paying Scot and Lot, ſhall and may elect and appoint one other fit Perſon, being an Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh, and occupying a Meſſuage or Tenement with its Appurtenances, of the annual Rent or Value of Fifty Pounds, and being alſo in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife in the actual Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of any Meſſuages, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſituated within the ſaid Pariſh, of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds above Repriſes, to be a Commiſſioner in the Room of every Commiſſioner ſo dying, or removing, or refuſing to act; and every Commiſſioner ſo from Time to Time to be elected and appointed ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority to act in the Execution of this Act, as the Commiſſioner in whoſe Room or Stead he ſhall be ſo elected and appointed.

First Meeting.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them, ſhall on the *Wedneſday* Fortnight next after the paſſing of this Act, meet together between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock of the Forenoon of that Day, at the Houſe commonly

commonly called or known by the Name of *The Old Ship Tavern* within the ſaid Town, when if Thirteen or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be there aſſembled (but not otherwiſe) it ſhall and may be lawful for them, and they are hereby required to proceed in the Execution of this Act; and that afterwards a General Meeting of the Commiſſioners ſhall be held for the ſame Purpoſe on the Firſt *Wedneſday* in every Month between the Hours and at the Place aforeſaid, unleſs ſome other Time or Place within the ſaid Town ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners or any Thirteen or more of them, and if at the Time when any ſuch Meeting ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, there ſhall not be Thirteen or more Commiſſioners then and there preſent, then each and every ſuch Meeting ſhall ſtand and be adjourned to the Firſt *Wedneſday* in the following Month on which a Meeting in purſuance of this Act would otherwiſe have been held; and at all ſuch Meetings the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall vote by Ballot, in caſe the ſame is deſired by any Seven or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners then preſent.

Chairman to be appointed at every Meeting.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of this Act, and they are hereby required at each and every ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper Perſon being a Commiſſioner under this Act, to preſide and act as Chairman at ſuch and during the Time of ſuch Meeting: Provided nevertheleſs, that if ſuch Chairman ſo appointed ſhall leave or quit ſuch Meeting held in purſuance of this Act before the Adjournment of the ſame, then and in ſuch Caſe the remaining Commiſſioners preſent at ſuch Meeting, provided there ſhall not be a leſs Number preſent than is required by this Act, ſhall and may and they are hereby required to nominate and appoint another Chairman being a Commiſſioner preſent at ſuch Meeting by virtue of this Act, to replace and preſide at ſuch Meeting inſtead of the former Chairman ſo quitting or leaving ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid, during the Remainder of the Time of ſuch Meeting, till the ſame ſhall be adjourned; but no Chairman appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be eligible to ſit as Chairman at any ſubſequent Meeting held in purſuance of this Act, except he ſhall be re-elected at ſuch ſubſequent Meeting; and when it ſhall happen that there are an equal Number of Votes on each Side (including the Chairman's Vote) on any Queſtion, Matter, or Thing, in Debate before the ſaid Commiſſioners at any Meeting held in purſuance of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Chairman preſiding at ſuch Meeting ſhall give the caſting Vote; any Thing contained to the contrary in this Act notwithſtanding; and at every ſuch Meeting the Commiſſioners ſhall pay and defray their own Expences.

Chairman of any Meeting authoriſed to adminiſter Oaths.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Chairman of and at the firſt and ſubſequent Meeting or Meetings of the Commiſſioners, or any other held in purſuance of this Act, and he is hereby required to adminiſter ſuch Oaths or Affirmations as by this Act are required to be taken before the ſaid Commiſſioners; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the ſaid Commiſſioners, as aforeſaid, wilfully, corruptly, and knowingly give falſe Evidence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be and is and are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being, Perſons convicted of corrupt Perjury are ſubject and

liable to: Provided always, that all such Oaths so taken as aforesaid, shall be duly entered among the Proceedings of and in the Book or Books of the said Commissioners, and be signed by the Person or Persons making such Oath.

Special Meeting to be called by the Clerk at the Request of Five Commissioners.

X. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time hereafter it shall or may be necessary to hold a Special Meeting before the Time at which a General Meeting is herein-before appointed and required to be held as aforesaid, that then and in any such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Clerk to the said Commissioners at the Request of any Five or more of them, to direct such Special Meeting to be held, giving at least Twenty-four Hours Notice by the Town Cryer, proclaiming the same through the Town, and affixing a Notice in Writing on the Door of the Town Hall and Market of the Time, Place, and Purport thereof.

Commissioner misbehaving to be suspended.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act any Commissioner then present shall in the Opinion of the Chairman at such Meeting obstruct the Proceedings at such Meeting, or use improper Language, or break any or either of the Bye Laws herein-after directed to be made for the better regulating the Meetings of the said Commissioners and other Purposes, the Chairman at such Meeting shall and he is hereby required forthwith to call such Commissioner to order, and if such Commissioner shall in the Opinion of such Chairman continue to misbehave himself, or obstruct the Proceedings at such Meeting, such Chairman shall and he is hereby required to admonish such Commissioner, and if after having been so admonished by the said Chairman, such Commissioner shall, in the Opinion of such Chairman, or any Two or more of the Commissioners then present, still continue to misbehave himself, or obstruct the Proceedings of such Meeting, such Chairman shall and he is hereby required to put it to the Vote of the Commissioners then present, whether or not such Commissioner should be disqualified from attending any Meeting of the Commissioners for not more than Six successive Months then next ensuing; and if such Commissioner so suspended from acting as Commissioner under this Act, shall at the End of such Suspension at any future Meeting of the said Commissioners held in pursuance of this Act again obstruct the Proceedings of such Meeting, or misbehave himself, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Majority of the Commissioners at any Meeting to expel and render such Commissioner for ever after incapable of acting as a Commissioner under this Act.

Commissioner again misbehaving may be expelled.

No Act valid unless Thirteen Commissioners present at a Meeting.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the said Commissioners shall be legal or valid, unless the same be done at some General or Special Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, and unless at every such Meeting there shall be at least Thirteen Commissioners present, (except as herein-after mentioned); and all Acts, Orders, and Directions of the major Part of such Commissioners present at such Meetings as aforesaid, shall have the same Force, Power, and Effect, as if the same were made or done by all the Commissioners for the Time being: Provided always, that the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, assembled at any General or Special Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, may, if necessary, adjourn such Meeting from Time to Time to the same or any other Place within the said Town, which they shall think convenient, and afterwards meet thereat to put this Act in Execution.

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Commissioners to be disqualified during such Time as they are concerned in Contracts, &c.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person appointed a Commissioner by virtue of this Act, shall be qualified to act or be capable of acting as a Commissioner, or of attending any Meeting to be held in pursuance and in Execution of this Act, during such Time as he shall hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit under the same, or shall be directly or indirectly in any Manner whatsoever concerned, or shall in anywise be personally or beneficially interested in any Contract made, done, or executed under or by virtue of this Act, in any Manner whatsoever, (other than as a Creditor on the Rates or Assessments as herein-after mentioned), but every such Commissioner shall, in any or either of such Cases, be disqualified to act as a Commissioner, or to attend any Meeting until he shall have relinquished such Office or Place of Profit, or completed such Contract or Work, and until the next General Meeting after his Account for the same shall have been examined and allowed at a General Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, upon Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied, in the Manner herein-after directed, for the Recovery and Application of Penalties under this Act, above the Sum of Ten Pounds: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the Attendance of any Officer of the said Commissioners at any such Meeting, if required so to do by the said Commissioners.

No Resolutions of a former Meeting to be rescinded unless at a Special Meeting.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Rule, Resolution, Regulation, Act, or Proceeding made, done, allowed, or carried into Effect at any Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, shall be altered or suspended, revoked, rescinded, disannulled, or disallowed in any Manner whatsoever, unless at some subsequent Meeting of the said Commissioners, to be specially called for and held for that particular Purpose by any Thirteen or more of the said Commissioners, and of which Ten Days previous Notice in Writing of the Time, Place, and Purport of such Special Meeting shall have been given by the Clerk of the said Commissioners, in Manner aforesaid, and unless a greater Number of the said Commissioners by Thirteen at least than were present at the Meeting at which such Order, Rule, Resolution, Regulation, Act or Proceeding so proposed to be altered or suspended, revoked, rescinded, disannulled, or disallowed, shall have been made, shall be present, and the Majority of the Commissioners present at such Special Meeting concur therein.

Appointment of Treasurer, Collector, and other Officers.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required by Writing under their Hands, to elect and appoint a Treasurer and Clerk, and also a Collector or Collectors of the Rates or Assessments to be raised and levied, and the several Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, and a Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officer or Officers for the necessary Execution of this Act, as they shall from Time to Time think proper; and shall and may from Time to Time remove, suspend, or displace all or any of such Officers as they shall see Occasion, and appoint others in the Room or Place of such of them as shall be so removed, suspended, or displaced, or shall die or resign their Offices; and shall also from Time to Time, by and out of the Monies to be raised or received under or by virtue of this Act, pay such Salaries and make such Allowances to such Officers, and to all other Persons by them the said Commissioners employed in the Execution of this Act, as they shall think reasonable or proper;

proper; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, and are hereby required to take ſuch Security from every ſuch Officer ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid for the due Execution of his Office or Duty under this Act, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper; and every Perſon who is hereby made liable to pay the ſeveral Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed and required to be levied and raiſed, or to pay any Sum of Money which, under this Act is and ought to be applied for the Purpoſes thereof, ſhall, and they are hereby required to pay the ſame to ſuch Collector or other Perſons as ſhall or may be ſo appointed to collect and receive the ſame in purſuance of this Act; and ſuch Collector or other Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid ſhall, under his Hand, upon Demand at ſuch Time and Times, and in ſuch Manner as the Commiſſioners ſhall direct, deliver to ſuch Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall or may nominate and appoint for that Purpoſe, true and correct Accounts in Writing of all Monies, Matters, and Things received and committed to his or their Charge, by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act; and how much of ſuch Monies hath been juſtly paid and diſburſed, and for what Purpoſes, together with the proper Vouchers for ſuch Payments and Diſburſements; and ſhall pay all ſuch Monies as ſhall appear due upon Balance of his Accounts to the Treaſurer of and to the ſaid Commiſſioners under this Act, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, and every ſuch Officer and Perſon ſo accounting as aforeſaid ſhall, upon Oath (or Affirmation being a *Quaker*) verify the ſaid Accounts; and in Default of any or either of the Matters aforeſaid, for the Space of Ten Days after being thereunto required as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cauſe to be brought, an Action or Actions in either of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* in the Name of their Treaſurer as ſuch for the Time being, againſt the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Default as aforeſaid for the Recovery of the Monies which ſhall or may be in his or their Hands as aforeſaid, and ſhall and may thereby recover the ſame, together with full Coſts of the ſaid Action or Suit, but in caſe ſuch Balance ſhall not amount to more than the Sum of Ten Pounds, and Complaint ſhall be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners or any one of them, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall or may appoint to make Complaint of any ſuch Default as aforeſaid, to any Juſtice of the Peace for the County or Place wherein the Party making Default ſhall be or reſide, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Juſtice may, and he is hereby authorized and required to ſummon the ſaid Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Default as aforeſaid, to appear before him, and upon his or their appearing or not appearing, to hear and determine the Matter of Complaint in a ſummary Way, and if upon Confeſſion of the Party, or by the Teſtimony of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath (or Affirmation if a *Quaker*), and which Oath or Affirmation ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to adminiſter, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that any of the Monies that ſhall have been collected or raiſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons, or unaccounted for not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, then ſuch Juſtice may, and is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal to order the Payment thereof, and upon Non-payment thereof to cauſe ſuch Money to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons reſpectively offending or making Default as aforeſaid; and if no Goods or Chattels

Chattels can be found ſufficient to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money, together with the Charges of diſtraining and ſelling the ſame, and the other Expences neceſſarily attending the requiring or compelling of ſuch Payment as aforeſaid, or in caſe of Refuſal to account as aforeſaid, or that it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice by the Confeſſion of the Party ſo offending or making Default as aforeſaid, or by the Teſtimony of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath, or Affirmation as aforeſaid, that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act, or to the Proceedings to be had under the ſame, ſhall be in the Cuſtody or Power, or Poſſeſſion of any ſuch Officer or Perſon, and he ſhall refuſe to deliver up the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in any of the ſaid Caſes ſuch Juſtice ſhall commit every ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of the County or Place where ſuch Offender ſhall be and reſide, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he ſhall have compounded with the Commiſſioners, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint, or until ſuch Perſon ſhall have delivered up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings as aforeſaid, or given Satisfaction in reſpect thereof: Provided always, that no Perſon who ſhall be committed for want of ſuch ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall be committed for any longer Time than Two Months.

Penalty on Officers taking Fees, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be retained or employed by the ſaid Commiſſioners as Treaſurer, Clerk, Collector, or Surveyor, or in any other Manner under or in the Execution of this Act, ſhall exact, take, or receive directly or indirectly by himſelf or any other Perſon to his Uſe, any Fee, Profit, or Reward whatſoever, or any Promiſe or Security whatſoever, by himſelf or any other Perſon for his Uſe, other than ſuch Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards, as ſhall or may be allowed as aforeſaid for or on account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of or under this Act, or ſhall at any Time directly or indirectly by himſelf or others, to his own Uſe, or in Truſt for him, be concerned or in any Manner intereſted in any Sale, Purchaſe, Bargain, Contract or Benefit, made or to be made (other than as aforeſaid) under or by virtue of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall not only forthwith be removed from his Office, Place, or Employment under this Act, and be incapable of holding any Office or Place, or be employed in any Manner whatſoever in future under this Act, but ſhall alſo forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered as herein mentioned.

Commiſſioners to ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Treaſurer.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all Actions or Suits which the ſaid Commiſſioners may find neceſſary to commence or proſecute for the Recovery of any Damage or Sum of Money due to them under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall and may be brought and proſecuted in the Name of their Treaſurer for the Time being, and that all Actions and Suits which it may be neceſſary for any other Perſon or Perſons to commence or proſecute for or on account of any Contract made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them as ſuch, or by any other Perſon on their Behalf, under and by virtue and in purſuance of this Act for the Non-performance of ſuch Contract, or for any other Act or Thing done by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any or either of them, or any other Perſon by their Order in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced and proſecuted againſt the ſaid Treaſurer for the Time being; and that

no ſuch Action or Suit ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death, Suſpenſion, or Removal of ſuch Treaſurer, or by any Act or Default of his done or ſuffered without the Conſent or Direction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them; but the Treaſurer to the Commiſſioners for the Time being ſhall always for all legal Ends and Purpoſes whatſoever be and continue Plaintiff or Defendant in every ſuch Action or Suit, as the Caſe may be, but the ſaid Treaſurer notwithſtanding his being Plaintiff or Defendant in ſuch Actions as aforeſaid, ſhall be competent to give Evidence in the ſame, and ſhall if neceſſary and required be admitted and received as a Witneſs for that Purpoſe: Provided always, that every ſuch Treaſurer in whoſe Name any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, proſecuted, or defended as aforeſaid, ſhall out of the Monies to be raiſed under or by virtue of this Act, be paid and reimburſed all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences as he ſhall pay or be liable to pay on account thereof, and ſhall not be perſonally anſwerable or liable for the Payment of the ſame, or any Part thereof, unleſs ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have ariſen in conſequence of his own wilful Neglect or Default, or have been commenced or defended without or contrary to the Order or Direction of the ſaid Commiſſioners in that Behalf as aforeſaid.

Books to be kept of Proceedings.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe proper Books to be provided and kept, in which they ſhall either by themſelves or by their Clerk for the Time being, or by ſome other Perſon or Perſons, cauſe true, correct, fair, and regular Entries and Accounts to be made, written, and entered, of the ſeveral Meetings held in purſuance of this Act, and of the Commiſſioners preſent thereat reſpectively, and of the Nomination of all Officers and Perſons to act in the Execution thereof, and of all Acts, Orders, Rules, Directions, Reſolutions, Proceedings, Matters, and Things whatſoever relative to or in any Manner concerning the Execution of this Act; and alſo an Account of all Monies which ſhall or may be aſſeſſed or raiſed and be received or payable by virtue hereof, and of the Payment and Application thereof, and of all Contracts to be made, of what Nature or Kind ſoever, whether by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever under or by virtue or in purſuance of this Act; all which ſaid Accounts ſhall be examined, adjuſted, and ſettled by the Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them, aſſembled at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, when and as often as to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall ſeem neceſſary; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo examining, adjuſting, or ſettling ſuch Accounts, and alſo their Clerk for the Time being, ſhall ſubſcribe their Names to the ſame; and the Commiſſioners aſſembled at any Meeting under this Act, and their ſaid Clerk or the Perſon who may attend in his Room or in his Behalf, ſhall alſo ſubſcribe their Names at the End of their Proceedings at every ſuch Meeting, and all Entries in the ſaid Books of ſuch Proceedings, ſigned as aforeſaid, ſhall be admitted in Evidence if neceſſary in any Court whatſoever, in all Cauſes, Suits, or Actions, and upon all Accounts whatſoever, to which the ſame ſhall or may in anywiſe relate; and ſuch Books ſhall be kept by the ſaid Clerk for the Time being, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons and at ſuch Place as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, and the ſame ſhall at all convenient and ſeaſonable Times without Fee or Reward be open to the Inſpection of the ſaid Commiſſioners and of all other Perſons rated and aſſeſſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, or otherwiſe intereſted therein.

XIX. And

Persons who have acted under the present Act to account for Monies and deliver up Books.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons acting or who have acted under the said recited Act of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, who shall have in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, any Money collected by virtue of the said recited Act, or any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the said recited Act, shall forthwith pay and deliver up the same to the said Commissioners or to such other Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; and in case of Neglect or Refusal the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting shall not only forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to be recovered and distributed as herein mentioned, but be also liable to such Action or Actions as the Commissioners may legally commence for the Recovery of Money, Books, Papers, or Writings so refused or neglected to be paid or delivered up as aforesaid.

Property of Pavements, Lamps, &c. vested in Commissioners.

XX. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Property of and in all the present, and future Pavements in the Streets, Lanes, Highways, and other Ways and Places, within the said Town, and of all Lamps, and Lamp Irons, and Posts already erected and fixed by virtue of the said recited Act, or which shall or may be erected or fixed by virtue of this Act, and of and in all the Groyns and other Works already erected and built, or which shall or may at any Time hereafter be erected or built within the Limits of the said Town, for preventing the Encroachments of the Sea, in Manner herein-after directed; and of and in all Articles, Materials, Implements, and Things, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall be made use of, or which shall or may be purchased or intended to be used for the Purposes of this Act, shall belong to and the same shall be and are hereby vested in the said Commissioners, who are hereby authorized and empowered to commence any Action or Actions, in the Name of their said Treasurer for the Time being, or to prefer any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case shall or may require, against any Person or Persons who shall or may withhold, take or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy, or feloniously steal or carry away the same, or any Part or Parts thereof; and the said Commissioners shall and hereby have full Power and Authority to sell and dispose of all or any Part of the old or useless Materials, and the Money from the Sale thereof shall be applied to such and the same Purposes, as the Money to arise from the Rates and Assessments in and by this Act directed to be made.

New Pavements to be made at the Charges of Owners or Occupiers of Houses.

XXI. And be it hereby further enacted, That, from and immediately after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required at any General Meeting to be by them held under this Act, to cause all and every the Pavements now being in any of the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the said Town, as well Footways, as Horse or Carriage Ways, to be repaired, amended, raised, lowered, altered, or placed in such Manner with such Materials and with such Drains, Gutters, Sinks, or Watercourses, and with such Grate or Gratings, on, from or out of such Ways, over and into such Gutters, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourses, as the said Commissioners shall think proper to direct; and also to cause all other Streets, Lanes, and Places within the said Town, which are now built but not paved, and all such other Streets, Lanes, and Places within the said Town, which are now making or building, or may hereafter be made or built upon, to be paved in such Man-

ner, and with ſuch Gutters, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourſes, as to them the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall ſeem meet and neceſſary; and the Charges of repairing the preſent Pavement in the ſaid Town ſhall be defrayed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, out of the Money ariſing by virtue of this Act; but the Charges or Expences attending or in any Manner relating to ſuch new Pavements ſhall be paid and re-imburſed to the ſaid Commiſſioners by the Owners or Occupiers of the Houſes, Buildings, Ground or Land within the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or Places ſo to be new paved as aforeſaid; each ſuch Owner or Occupier paying an equal Share or Proportion thereof, according as ſuch new Pavement is or ſhall be, either before, behind, or at the Side of his, her, or their Houſe or Houſes, Buildings, Ground, or Land as aforeſaid, the ſaid Share to be aſcertained by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be appointed under and by virtue and in purſuance of this Act; and if any ſuch Owner or Occupier ſhall at any Time neglect or refuſe to pay ſuch Charges and Expences, the ſame ſhall and may be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Owner or Occupier, in like Manner as the Rates herein-after directed and required to be raiſed and levied are directed to be recovered, the Overplus (if any) of the Monies to ariſe thereby, after deducting ſuch Charges and Expences as aforeſaid, and the Coſts and Expences attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, being returned to ſuch Owner or Occupier.

Proviſion as to vacant Ground.

XXII. Provided always nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That, if the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall (as they are hereby authorized to do) cauſe any Street, Lane, or Place, within the ſaid Town, to be paved as aforeſaid, before the ſame is completely made or built upon, that then and in ſuch Caſe the Owner or Occupier of any Ground, abutting or adjoining to ſuch Street, Lane, or Place, not built upon nor attached to any Houſe or Building, ſhall not be liable to pay any Part of the Expences and Charges of ſuch Pavement, until ſuch Ground be built upon, or attached to ſome Houſe or Building, when and not before ſuch Owner or Occupier ſhall be liable to pay ſuch and the ſame Expences and Charges, and recoverable in the like Manner as he would have been ſubject to, if the ſaid Ground had been built upon, at the Time of making ſuch Pavement as aforeſaid: Provided alſo, that all future Charges which may neceſſarily be incurred in or about the repairing, altering, or amending the ſaid Pavements, ſhall be paid and borne by the ſaid Commiſſioners, by and out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be levied: Provided always, that if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Commiſſioners at any ſuch General Meeting, that any Perſon or Perſons who by virtue of this Act, ſhall at any Time become liable to pay any Part of the Charges or Expences for the making of any ſuch new Pavements as aforeſaid, is unable to pay the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Meeting, to excuſe ſuch Perſon from ſuch Payments or any Part thereof, and in that Caſe the ſame ſhall be paid by and out of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments.

Future Expence of Pavements to be paid out of Rates.

Commiſſioners may excuſe Perſons unable to pay.

No Alteration of the Pavements without the Conſent of the Commiſſioners.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no ſuch Owner or Occupier as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, ſhall at any Time make or cauſe or permit, or ſuffer to be made any Alteration whatſoever in the Pavement, or in the Foot, Horſe, or Carriage Ways, Gutters, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourſes within the ſaid Town, or in any or either of them for any Purpoſe whatſoever, without the Conſent in Writing of the ſaid Commiſſioners aſſembled at a General Meeting under this Act, under their

their Hands firſt had and obtained for that Purpoſe, and ſubject to ſuch Terms and Conditions as the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Meeting ſhall think proper to preſcribe, order, or direct concerning the ſame: Provided alſo, that where ſuch Alteration ſhall be made with ſuch Conſent as aforeſaid, ſuch Alteration, together with the Place or Thing ſo altered, ſhall be done, and ſhall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter be repaired at the Expence, Coſts, and Charges of the Perſon or Perſons requiring, and to whom ſuch Conſent ſhall be ſo given as aforeſaid; but in caſe any ſuch Owner or Occupier, or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall cauſe ſuch Alteration to be made without ſuch Conſent, or after obtaining ſuch Conſent ſhall cauſe ſuch Alteration to be made in any Manner contrary thereto, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized to abate, take away, or remove ſuch Alteration and reſtore the Pavement, Way, Gutter, Sink, Drain, or Watercourſe, to the State and Condition in which it was before ſuch Alteration was ſo made therein as aforeſaid, and the Charges and Expences attending the Reſtoration thereof, ſhall be paid by the Perſon or Perſons who ſo cauſed ſuch Alteration to be made as aforeſaid, and ſhall be recovered in the ſame Manner as herein-before preſcribed for the Recovery of the Charges and Expences of new paving the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the ſaid Town: Provided always, that nothing in this Act ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to alter or abridge, or in any Manner to interfere with or alter the Power and Authority by Law inveſted in the Surveyors of the Highways of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, unleſs in ſuch Caſe as may otherwiſe be ſpecially provided for by this Act.

Commiſſioners muſt advertize for Contracts for the Performance of Works to be done by virtue of this Act, of 50l. or upwards.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That before the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall make any Order, for the doing or performing of any Work or Buſineſs, the purchaſing any Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, where ſuch Work or ſuch Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, ſhall be reaſonably ſuppoſed to amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds, ſuch Work or Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize ſhall be advertiſed to be done, or furniſhed by Contract in the Manner herein-after mentioned; and it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to employ, order, or direct, or contract, or agree with any Perſon or Perſons to do ſuch Work or Buſineſs, or furniſh ſuch Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, until after the ſame ſhall have been ſo advertiſed, and no good and ſufficient Tender made for the ſame: Provided always, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at any ſuch General Meeting to contract and agree with any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever for the paving, amending, or keeping in Repair the Pavement of, and alſo for cleanſing and lighting the ſaid Town, or any Part or Parts thereof, and for the doing or performing any other neceſſary Work or Buſineſs, Matter or Thing whatſoever, or for the Purchaſe, Sale, or Delivery of any Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatſoever, by this Act authorized or required to be done or performed, purchaſed, ſold, or delivered by or to the ſaid Commiſſioners in purſuance of and in the Execution of this Act, which Contract or Contracts ſo to be made and entered into as aforeſaid, ſhall be reduced into Writing in One of the Books of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and be ſigned not only by the Commiſſioners preſent at ſuch Meeting, or by any Thirteen or more of them, but alſo by the Perſon or Perſons contracting with them as aforeſaid, or ſome other Perſon on his or their Behalf, and ſhall ſpecify the particular Work, Matters, or Things, meant to be contracted for, the Prices

to be paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when the ſame are to be paid, the Kinds or Sorts of Materials, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, and the Penalties to be incurred in caſe of any Breach or Non-performance of ſuch Contract: Provided alſo, that Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt previous to ſuch Meeting for making and entering into ſuch Contract or Contracts as aforeſaid, ſhall be publiſhed in One at leaſt of the *London* Papers, and in One of the Weekly Papers circulated in the County of *Suſſex*, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct or appoint, in which Notice ſhall be ſpecified the Subject or Matter to be contracted for at ſuch Meeting, that Perſons may tender Propoſals for the ſame: And provided alſo, that the Perſon or Perſons offering or tendering the loweſt Price or Prices for the ſame, and being of ſufficient Knowledge, Skill, and Integrity in the Judgment of the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Meeting, and giving ſufficient Security for the due and faithful Performance of ſuch Contract or Contracts, ſhall always be preferred and be entitled to have, do, perform, and execute ſuch Contract or Contracts; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby authorized and required, to take of and from every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo contracting ſufficient Sureties for the Performance thereof.

If Work be not done according to Contract, Actions may be commenced.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall not be performed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof by the Perſon or Perſons contracting with the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may in the Name of their ſaid Treaſurer commence an Action in either of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* againſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons for Breach or Non-performance of ſuch Contract or Contracts, and ſhould the Plaintiff recover therein, he ſhall in Addition to the Penalty or Damages which he may recover, be entitled to the full Coſts of ſuch Action.

Power to Commiſſioners to provide Lamps, &c. and Penalties for breaking or injuring them.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby directed and empowered from Time to Time as Occaſion may require, to provide Lamp Irons, or Lamp Poſts to be ſet up or affixed, into, upon, or againſt the Ground adjoining to, or the Walls, Paliſadoes, or Iron Rails, or any other Part of any of the Houſes, Tenements, or Buildings, already built or building, or which ſhall at any Time hereafter be built within the ſaid Town, or in ſuch other Manner, and at ſuch Diſtance as they ſhall think proper and convenient, and alſo to cauſe Lamps of ſuch Sizes and Sorts to be provided and affixed to, in, or upon ſuch Lamp Irons or Lamp Poſts, and to alter, take down, and remove any of the preſent or future Lamp Irons, Poſts, or Lamps, which ſhall or may be purchaſed, affixed, or provided, in virtue of or for the Purpoſes of this Act as aforeſaid, and to do all ſuch Matters and Things as they ſhall from Time to Time think proper, convenient, and neceſſary, for the well and effectually lighting of the ſaid Town; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully deface, break, throw down, diſplace, take away, damage, injure or ſpoil any of the Lamp Irons, Lamp Poſts, or Lamps within the ſaid Town, already put up, or which ſhall or may be put up by virtue of this Act, or by any Perſon or Perſons at his or their own Expence, or wilfully damage or injure, any of the Poſts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, or Materials belonging thereto, or extinguiſh the Lights of any ſuch Lamp or Lamps, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon whatſoever who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed to

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ſeize, as alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey him, her, or them, or to deliver him, her, or them to the Cuſtody of a Peace Officer in order to be ſecured and conveyed before ſome Juſtice of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, and ſuch Juſtice ſhall proceed to examine upon Oath any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear or be produced to give Information touching ſuch Offence (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter) and if the Party or Parties accuſed ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confeſſion or upon ſuch Oath as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they, ſo convicted, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for each ſuch Lamp ſo broken, or Lamp Iron, Lamp Poſt, or Furniture thereof, ſo broken, defaced, thrown down, diſplaced, taken away, or damaged, or for every Light ſo extinguiſhed as aforeſaid; and moreover ſhall make full Satisfaction to the Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame for the Damages ſo done by him, her, or them, as aforeſaid, and in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not on Conviction pay ſuch Forfeiture, and make ſuch Satisfaction as aforeſaid, ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to commit him, her, or them, to the Houſe of Correction of the ſaid County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding Thirty Days, and ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not be diſcharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be ſo committed, unleſs the Forfeiture and Satisfaction ſhall be ſooner paid and given; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall accidentally break, throw down, or otherwiſe injure or damage any of the ſaid Lamps, or the Irons, Poſts, or Furniture thereof, and ſhall not immediately upon Demand make Satisfaction to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to any other Owner or Owners thereof, as the Caſe may be, for the Damage done thereto, then, and in any of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, upon Proof thereof made by the Oath (or Affirmation, being a *Quaker*) of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, or by the Confeſſion of the Party, to award to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Owner or Owners (as the Caſe may be) ſuch Sum of Money as a Satisfaction for ſuch Damage, and alſo for all Expences which ſhall be incurred by the ſaid Commiſſioners or ſuch other Owner or Owners, as the Caſe may be, in obtaining ſuch Sum of Money as ſuch Satisfaction as aforeſaid, as ſuch Juſtice ſhall think reaſonable; and in caſe of Refuſal or Neglect of the Party or Parties to pay the Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded within Three Days next after Demand thereof, to cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, and the Surplus (if any) ariſing by ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale to be paid to him, her, or them.

Scavengers Duty.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Scavengers or Perſon or Perſons employed, or who ſhall contract to clean the Streets, Lanes, and Places of and within the ſaid Town, ſhall on the *Wedneſday* and *Saturday* of every Week, between the Hours of Seven and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon of thoſe Days reſpectively, and upon ſuch other Days and at ſuch other Hours as the Commiſſioners ſhall or may from Time to Time appoint, ſweep and collect together, and immediately as ſoon as poſſible afterwards take and carry away and remove all Dirt, Duſt, Filth, or Rubbiſh, in and from ſuch Streets, Lanes, and Places reſpectively, and from any Premiſes within the ſame;

if required ſo to do, and ſhall by Sound of Bell or otherwiſe, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, give Notice to the Houſekeepers and Inhabitants of the ſaid Town of his or their Approach and coming for the Purpoſe of taking away the Duſt, Dirt, Dung, and other Filth, (except the Soil of and from any Privy) from their reſpective Houſes and Premiſes, and there leave the ſame in ſome convenient Place near thereto, from whence the ſaid Scavenger or other Perſon or Perſons aforeſaid ſhall immediately take and remove the ſame, or from ſuch Houſes and Premiſes if required ſo to do as aforeſaid; all which Duſt, Dirt, Dung, Aſhes, and other Filth, (except as aforeſaid) as well as all ſuch that may be ſwept up and collected together as aforeſaid, the ſaid Scavenger or other Perſon or Perſons aforeſaid ſhall immediately, or as ſoon afterwards as may be, carry away or cauſe to be carried away to the Place or Places appointed or which ſhall be appointed for depoſiting the ſame by the ſaid Commiſſioners, upon Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds for every Neglect; and every Perſon acting as ſuch Scavenger for the Time being, ſhall cauſe the Words 'Scavenger's Cart,' to be painted in large Roman Letters on the Front or other conſpicuous Part of the Carts or Carriages which he or they ſhall uſe for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Neglect therein; and if any ſuch Scavenger or other Perſon acting or employed as ſuch as aforeſaid, ſhall wilfully ſweep, put, or throw Duſt, Dirt, Aſhes, or Filth, into the Sewers, Drains, Sinks, or Watercourſes within the ſaid Town, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay for each and every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

No Duſt, Dirt, &c. to be thrown into the Streets.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whomſoever ſhall leave, throw, caſt, place, depoſit, or lay, or cauſe to be left, thrown, caſt, placed, depoſited, or laid, any Oyſter Shells, broken Glaſs, China, or Earthenware, Duſt, Dirt, Dung, Soap Suds, Aſhes, Refuſe of Vegetables, Filth, or any unwholeſome or offenſive Materials whatſoever, in or into the Streets, Lanes, or Places already made or built or which ſhall or may at any Time be made or built within the ſaid Pariſh, or over the Cliff on to the Beach (except as herein-after mentioned, and except Aſhes in the Time of Froſt only to prevent Accidents) on Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor ſhall throw, ſweep, put, or caſt any ſuch offenſive Materials into any of the Sewers, Drains, Sinks, or Watercourſes within the ſame, upon Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch laſt mentioned Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Exception as to Building Rubbiſh.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be ſubject to the ſaid Penalty for or on account of any Rubbiſh or Dirt neceſſarily occaſioned by the building, pulling down, altering, or repairing of his or her Houſe or other Building, in caſe there be ſufficient Space left in or out of the Side of the Street, Lane, or Place where ſuch Rubbiſh or Dirt ſhall be or be placed, for Carriages to paſs and repaſs with Eaſe and Safety, and a ſufficient Way kept clean for Foot Paſſengers to paſs and repaſs at all Times, as well by Night as by Day, at their Will and Pleaſure, and ſo as a ſufficient Light be placed, kept, ſet, and maintained at the Place between the Hours of Sunſet and Sunriſe, and ſo as (if the Commiſſioners ſhall think proper and direct) the ſame be incloſed in ſuch Manner and within ſuch Time as they in their Diſcretion ſhall direct, or be removed

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within a Time to be expreſſed in a Notice to be given by the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Houſes building or repairing to be fenced in.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That every Houſe, Wall, or Building hereafter to be erected, or built, repaired, altered, or enlarged, within the ſaid Town, by Means whereof any or either of the public Ways ſhall be in any Manner obſtructed or rendered dangerous or unſafe, ſhall be well and ſufficiently fenced in and incloſed by and at the Expence of the Owner or Occupier thereof, before ſuch Houſe, Wall or Building ſhall be begun to be erected and built, altered, repaired, enlarged, or taken down, and ſhall ſo continue during ſuch Time as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Surveyor, under this Act, ſhall judge neceſſary, or ſhall order and direct; and if the Owner of ſuch Houſe, Wall, or Building ſhall refuſe or neglect ſo to fence in, and incloſe the ſame, or ſhall not ſo continue the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes, every ſuch Owner ſhall for every Day ſuch Offence ſhall be continued forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and moreover, in caſe of ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners immediately afterwards to cauſe ſuch Houſe, Wall, or Building, to be well and ſufficiently fenced in and incloſed, or continue the ſame ſo as aforeſaid; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting as aforeſaid, ſhall (over and above the ſaid Penalty of Forty Shillings) repay all the Charges and Expences thereof to the ſaid Commiſſioners upon Demand made by them, or their Clerk for the Time being, and upon Refuſal to pay or diſcharge the ſame, the ſaid Charges and Expences may together with the Coſts be recovered in ſuch Manner as is herein-after directed for the Recovery of Penalties.

For preventing People from going about to collect Aſhes.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, other than the Perſon or Perſons ſo employed by or contracting with the ſaid Commiſſioners for cleanſing the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the ſaid Town, or thoſe employed under ſuch Contractor or Contractors, ſhall on any Pretence whatſoever go about to collect or gather, or ſhall aſk for, receive, or carry away any Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes from any Houſe, or other Premiſes within the ſaid Town, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him or them made to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them ſuch Offender or Offenders, at the Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant ſhall be ſpecified; or for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed to ſeize, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing the Offender or Offenders, together with the Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, and other Carriages, or Implements made uſe of for carrying away the ſame, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant to convey him, her, or them before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, 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 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 any Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes from any Houſe or other Premiſes within the ſaid Town, not being the Perſon or Perſons ſo employed by, or contracting with the ſaid Commiſſioners, or acting under his or their Authority, he, ſhe, or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and One Moiety of every ſuch

Penalty ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, or to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety to the Purpoſes of this Act; and if ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not immediately 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 have been ſo ſeized to be appraiſed and ſold, and after deducting out of the Money to ariſe by ſuch Sale the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reaſonable Charges and Expences of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, the Overplus whereof ſhall be returned to the Party or Parties whoſe Horſes or 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, or other Things which ſhall be ſo 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 immediately upon Conviction pay the ſaid Penalty or Penalties, Charges and Expences, which ſhall remain over and above the Produce of the Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, and other Things ſo ſeized and ſold, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby required to commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, unleſs ſuch Penalty or Penalties be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Penalty on other Nuiſances.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That upon Complaint being made by any Inhabitant of the ſaid Town to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, at any General or Special Meeting, or at any other Time or Place of any public and common or private Nuiſance exiſting within the ſaid Town, to the Damage or Annoyance of any Inhabitant thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required to enquire into the ſame; and if upon view of the Premiſes or otherwiſe, they ſhall be ſatisfied of the Truth of ſuch Complaint, to order ſuch Nuiſance forthwith to be abated and removed; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be abated and removed within Twenty-four Hours after ſuch Order has been communicated, or left at the Place of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons who ought to remove the ſame, or the Occupier or Occupiers of the Premiſes complained of for the Time being, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Occupier or Occupiers ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Day that the ſaid Nuiſance ſhall be ſuffered and permitted to remain unmoved after the Expiration of the ſaid Twenty-four Hours; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo making or giving ſuch Order as aforeſaid, or any Five of the Commiſſioners appointed under this Act as aforeſaid, whether at a General or Special Meeting, or otherwiſe at any other Time or Place, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required immediately to abate and remove the ſame after the Expiration of the ſaid Twenty-four Hours; and the Charges and Expences thereof ſhall and may be recovered of and againſt the Perſon or Perſons who ought to have removed the ſame in Manner herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that nothing in this Clauſe mentioned or contained ſhall in any Manner interfere with, hinder, prevent, or bar any Indictment, Proſecution, or Action for ſuch Nuiſance.

Foot Pavements to be ſwept.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the reſpective Occupiers of Houſes, or other Buildings, Ground, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within

within the ſaid Town, ſhall, and they are hereby required, from and after the paſſing of this Act, to cauſe the Footways or Pavements, adjoining their reſpective Premiſes, to be well and ſufficiently ſwept and cleanſed every Morning in the Year, between the Hours of Seven and Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of every Day (*Sunday* excepted); and ſhall alſo cauſe the Dirt and Soil therefrom to be left clear of the outer Extremity of the Water Channel or otherwiſe, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, without neceſſarily obſtructing in any Manner the Way or Road, or cauſing or making any Nuiſance therein, upon Pain of forfeiting and paying for every Neglect therein, or Nuiſance occaſioned thereby, any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings: Provided always, that the Footways or Foot Pavements adjoining unoccupied Premiſes within the ſaid Town ſhall be ſwept and cleanſed by the Scavenger as aforeſaid, when and as often as he ſhall be employed as ſuch as aforeſaid, with the like Forfeiture for every Neglect therein, or Annoyance occaſioned thereby, as is herein-before mentioned.

Certain Acts not to be committed in the Streets.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall run, draw, drive, or carry any Truck, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Bier, Hand-barrow, or Carriage whatſoever, upon any of the Foot Pavements within the ſaid Town, or ſhall roll any Caſk in or upon the ſame or any Part thereof, (except for the loading or unloading the ſame, and that only on ſuch Part of the ſaid Pavement as it may be neceſſary and unavoidable to roll the ſame,) or leave or place any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, thereon for Sale or otherwiſe, or in any Manner obſtruct the Paſſage thereof, (other than and for the Time authorized by this Act as aforeſaid) or ſhall in any of the common and public Streets, Lanes, or Highways of and within the ſaid Town, burn, dreſs, or cleanſe any Caſk, or hoop, fire, cleanſe, waſh, or ſcald, or empty any Caſk, or any Part of what had been contained therein, or thereon hew, ſaw, or cut any Stone, Lead, Wood, or Timber, or bore any Timber, (except for the Purpoſe of rebuilding, altering, or repairing any Houſe or Building as herein-before mentioned, or for any of the Purpoſes by this Act required or authorized to be done,) or ſhall therein waſh or clean, make, or repair, any Carriage whatſoever, (Caſes of Accident only excepted) or ſhall ſhoe, bleed, dreſs, cleanſe, drive, or turn, or leave looſe any Horſe, Aſs, or Mule thereon; or cauſe, permit, or ſuffer the ſame to be done, or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, Sledge, or other Carriage, ſhall within any Part of the ſaid Town ride on the Shafts, or in or upon any Part of ſuch Carriage without Reins, or on any of the Horſes or Cattle drawing the ſame, or if any Perſon having the Care thereof, or driving the ſame, (not being a Cart or Carriage driven with Reins by a Perſon therein) ſhall ſuffer any Horſe, Aſs, or Cattle, drawing the ſame, to go any Pace other or faſter than a walking Pace; or if any Perſon ſhall drive any Cattle, or ride or drive any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, Aſs, or other Beaſt or Animal, or any Carriage whatſoever, within any Part of the ſaid Town, in a violent, furious, dangerous, or improper Manner, or ſhall in any of the ſaid common and public Streets, Ways, Lanes, or Places, of and within the ſaid Town, ſhew or expoſe to Sale, or otherwiſe, any Stallion, or expoſe to Sale any Horſe, Aſs, Cattle, or other Beaſt, or ride, drive or lead the ſame, in any Carriage or otherwiſe, by Way of Exerciſe or for the Purpoſe of breaking in the ſame, or permit or ſuffer any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Poney, Aſs, or Mule to ſtand or be expoſed for hire, in any Part of the ſaid Town, except

cept in ſuch Place or Places as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall from Time to Time direct and appoint, or ſhall play at the Game of Cricket, Trap Ball, Foot Ball or Fives, or any other Game, (except in ſuch Place or Places as the Commiſſioners ſhall from Time to Time appoint) or ſhall make any Bonfire, let off or fire any Crackers, Squibs, or other Fire-works or combuſtible Materials whatſoever, or ſhall ſuffer any Maſtiff or Bull Dog to go unmuzzled in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Places, in any of ſuch Caſes, forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, as to the Juſtice or Juſtices by and before whom ſuch Offence ſhall be heard and determined, ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; or if any Butcher, or other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, ſhall kill any Animal, or ſinge, ſcald, dreſs, or cut up any Carcaſe, either wholly or in Part, in any of ſuch Streets, Lanes, or Places within the ſaid Town, or cauſe or permit any Blood to run from or out of any Slaughter Houſe, Shop, or Shambles, or any Blood, Soap Suds, or any other unwholeſome, noxious, or offenſive Matter to flow, run, or be caſt, or thrown from or out of any Houſe, or other Place within the ſaid Town, into any of the Streets, Lanes, Ways, or Places aforeſaid, or ſhall hang out or expoſe, or cauſe to be hung out or expoſed, any Linen, Cloaths, or other Articles or Things whatſoever, to dry or air in any Part of the ſaid public Streets, Lanes, or Places, of and within the ſaid Town; (except the Beach and Sea Shore, of and belonging to and within the ſame); every Perſon ſo offending, ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings: Provided nevertheleſs, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent the Fiſhermen of the ſaid Town, from placing or hanging Twine Nets, or other Fiſhing Tackle on the Fences on the Cliff, for the Purpoſe of drying the ſame; nor to a Deprivation of any Right or Privilege now poſſeſſed by or appertaining to the Fiſhermen and Fiſhery of or belonging to the ſaid Town, by virtue of any Act, Charter, Power, or Award now in Exiſtence, entitling the ſaid Fiſhermen and Fiſhery to certain Rights, Privileges and Benefits, or to any other Rights, Privileges, and Benefits uſually enjoyed by the ſaid Fiſhermen and Fiſhery, under any ancient Cuſtom of the Manor of *Brighthelmſton*, or any other Manor, or by any other lawful Means whatſoever.

Proviſo as to Fiſhermen.

Penalty on leaving Cellar Windows open.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Cellar or Cellar Window or Trap Door projecting into the Street or on the Foot Pavement, or adjoining thereto, ſhall be left open after Sunſet without being ſufficiently lighted in order to prevent Accidents happening therefrom, the Occupier or Occupiers of ſuch Houſe or Cellar ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Beaſts wandering in the Streets to be impounded.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Horſe, Aſs, or any other Beaſt or Cattle whatſoever, ſhall at any Time hereafter be found looſe or wandering about in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Places aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Inhabitant of the ſaid Town to ſeize, take, and impound the ſame in any Pound within the ſaid Town or Pariſh, or in ſuch other Place as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, and the ſame there to detain until the Owner or Owners thereof ſhall for each Beaſt ſo impounded pay or cauſe to be paid any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings to the Treaſurer for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners for and towards the Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo the Sum

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of Two Shillings to the Perſon impounding the ſame, over and beſides the reaſonable Charges and Expences of impounding and keeping the ſame; and in caſe the ſaid Sums, Charges, and Expences ſhall not be paid within Twenty-four Hours next after ſuch impounding as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Pound Keeper or ſuch other Perſon as ſhall or may be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe (on giving Twelve Hours previous public Notice of the intended Sale by the public Cryer of the ſaid Town) to ſell or cauſe the ſame to be ſold, and the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale, after deducting the ſaid Sums and Expences, and alſo the Expences of ſuch Notice and Sale, ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer, to be by him paid to the Perſon whoſe Property the Beaſt ſo ſold ſhall appear to have been.

Carts, Carriages, &c. not to be left in the Streets.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Waggon, Cart, Sledge, or Dray, or any other ſuch Carriage ſhall at any Time be left or ſuffered to be or remain, ſtay, ſtand, or continue either with or without Horſes or other Cattle, in any of the Streets, Lanes, or public Places within the ſaid Town, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for the loading or unloading thereof, or ſhall be ſet, placed, or left, or ſtand or be upon any Part of the Foot Pavement or Croſſings of any ſuch Street, Lane, or Place, or ſhall ſtand, be ſet, or placed athwart or acroſs any Part of any ſuch Street, Lane, or Place, (although for the Purpoſe of loading or unloading the ſame) ſo that there ſhall not be ſufficient Room left for another Carriage to paſs; or if any Common Stage Waggon or Cart ſhall be left to ſtand or continue in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or Places, longer than ſhall be neceſſary for the Purpoſe of loading or unloading thereof, or if any Stage Coach, Poſt Chaiſe, or other Carriage let to Hire (except Hackney Coaches and other Carriages which may ply or ſtand for Hire under and by virtue of this Act) ſhall be ſuffered to ſtand in any ſuch Streets, Lanes, or Places for a longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for taking up and ſetting down Paſſengers or Travellers, or for Loading and Delivery of Luggage or Parcels; or if any Timber, Stone, or other weighty or heavy Article or Material whatſoever be drawn in any of ſuch Streets, Lanes, or Places without the ſame being placed upon a Sledge or Carriage proper for that Purpoſe; or if any Timber or Wood of the Length of Twenty Feet or more ſhall be carried upon any Carriage in or through the ſame, without being attended by one or more Perſon or Perſons (beſides the Carter) in order to prevent ſuch Timber or Load from doing any Injury either perſonally or otherwiſe to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; or if any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, Materials or Things of what Nature or Kind ſoever, ſhall be or remain in ſuch Street, Lane, or Place, for a greater Space of Time than ſhall be neceſſary for the houſing or removing thereof, (except in ſuch Caſes as are herein provided for) then and in every ſuch Caſe the Owner or Driver of every ſuch Carriage as aforeſaid, and the Owner of ſuch Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Materials or Things as aforeſaid, or the Perſon or Perſons cauſing ſuch Annoyance, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and any Inhabitant of the ſaid Town or any other Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may either in the Day or by Night ſeize or cauſe to be ſeized any ſuch Cart, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, Coach, Chaiſe, or other Carriage ſo ſuffered to be and remain, ſtay, ſtand, or continue as aforeſaid, together with the Horſe or Horſes or Cattle in or drawing the ſame, or the Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Materials, or other Things

aforesaid, and remove the same or cause the same to be removed to such common Pound or such other Place to be appointed as aforesaid, there to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof shall claim the same and pay to the Person or Persons in whose Custody the same shall then be, the Sum so forfeited, together with the Charges of removing and keeping the same; and in case the same shall not be claimed, and the said Forfeiture and Charges paid within the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after such Seizure, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to cause the same to be appraised and sold, and the Money arising therefrom to be applied as herein-before directed.

Power to appoint Watchmen, Beadles, and Constables.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may if at any Time they think fit, nominate, order, and appoint such and so many Watchmen and other Officers and Persons as they shall judge necessary or proper to be kept or employed in or about the guarding and watching and keeping and preserving the Peace of the said Town, and shall likewise direct and appoint how and where they shall be stationed, and in what Manner they shall be armed; how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue upon Duty, and what Wages shall be paid or allowed them for such Services; and shall and may also from Time to Time erect or provide for them convenient and proper Places, Boxes, or Watch-houses, and shall and may from Time to Time make all such Orders, Rules, and Regulations as the Nature of those Services shall to the said Commissioners, or to any Thirteen or more of them, appear to require and be necessary for preserving and maintaining Peace and good Order within the said Town; and it shall be lawful for such Watchmen and other Officers or Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized, commanded, and required vigilantly to keep Watch and Ward within the said Town, and to arrest, apprehend, and detain in some convenient Place of Security within the same Town, to be provided and appointed by the said Commissioners for that Purpose, all Felons, Malefactors, Disturbers of the public Peace, disorderly Persons, Rogues, Vagrants, Beggars, and all such other Persons as shall be found misbehaving themselves, or who live idle and without Employment, and shall take them within Forty-eight Hours (or as soon as conveniently may be) before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Sussex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and in case any such Watchman or other Officer or Person so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall misbehave himself or neglect his Duty, the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners is hereby authorised to suspend such Watchman or Person from the Execution of his Office and appoint another Person to officiate therein until the next Meeting of the Commissioners under this Act, when the Clerk shall acquaint the Commissioners assembled at such Meeting with the Neglect or Misconduct of such Watchman or other Person in order that they may proceed to the Examination thereof, and in case the said Commissioners shall confirm such Suspension, such Watchman or other Person shall moreover be subject and liable to such Penalty for Misbehaviour as is herein-after expressed.

Penalty on Watchmen, &c. misbehaving.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any such Watchman or other Officer shall not faithfully observe, perform, and keep the Orders, Rules, or Regulations which shall be made by the Commissioners for the Purposes aforesaid, or shall in any Manner neglect his Duty, or misbehave

miſbehave himſelf in the Execution of the ſaid Office, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and if the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them, ſhall think proper, ſhall alſo be immediately diſcharged from his Office or Employment under this Act.

Penalty on Publicans receiving Watchmen in the Night.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, Publican, or other Perſon ſelling ſpirituous or other Liquors, ſhall knowingly entertain or harbour any ſuch Watchman or other Officer or Perſon to be appointed as aforeſaid, during the Time he ought to be on Duty by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Victualler, Publican, or other Perſon ſelling ſuch Liquors as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Water to be conveyed from the Top of the Houſes.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the Water from the Roof or from any other Part of the Houſes and other Buildings now erected and built, erecting or building, or which ſhall or may at any Time hereafter be erected or built within the ſaid Town, which would otherwiſe come or drop on any Foot Pavement or Carriage Way within the ſaid Town, ſhall be conveyed from the Tops or Sides of ſuch Houſes or other Buildings in ſuch Manner and by ſuch Means as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall by Notice in Writing to the Owners or Occupiers of ſuch Houſes or Buildings direct; and that all ſuch Parts of any Houſe or Building now erected or built, erecting or building, or which ſhall at any Time hereafter be erected or built within the ſaid Town, and which do or ſhall project into or upon any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or Places within the ſaid Town or the Foot or Carriage Ways thereof, of what Nature or Kind ſoever, and which in the Judgment of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall in any Manner obſtruct the ſaid Ways, and all Signs, Sign Poſts, Show or other Boards, Materials, or Things ſtanding or being in or upon the ſame, and all Spouts or Water Pipes hanging or projecting over the ſaid Ways ſhall within Fourteen Days after Notice has for that Purpoſe been left at or upon the Premiſes by the Clerk of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, be taken down, filled up, removed, or altered, by and at the Expence of the Owner thereof, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall from Time to Time order or direct, and in caſe the Owner thereof ſhall refuſe or neglect to obey, obſerve, and perform the Orders and Directions of the ſaid Commiſſioners in that Behalf, or wilfully act contrary thereto, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to take down, fill up, remove, or alter the ſame, as to them ſhall ſeem proper, neceſſary, or convenient, and the Charges and Expences attending the ſame ſhall and may be recovered by the ſaid Commiſſioners of and from the Owner thereof in the ſame Manner as the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act under Ten Pounds, are hereby directed to be recovered on Non-payment thereof: Provided that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to any Bow Windows, Balconies, or Verandas, ſuch Verandas being open at the Sides and not projecting beyond the Balconies or Verandas of the adjoining Houſes, and ſo as ſuch Bow Windows, Balconies, or Verandas do not project beyond the Areas of the reſpective Houſes to which they may reſpectively belong.

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Tenants paying the Expences of Alterations, may retain the same out of their Rent.

XLII. Provided also, and it is hereby further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Tenant or Occupier of the Premises to pay all such Penalties, Costs, and Expences so incurred by the Owner or Owners thereof as aforesaid, and to retain or deduct the same out of the Rent which shall or may be due from such Tenant or Occupier to such Owner or Landlord.

Penalty on Workmen and Owners for Encroachments beyond the Foundations of Old Buildings, &c.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That in the rebuilding or New Fronting of any Old Building within the said Town, the new Foundation shall not be laid, made, or brought forward beyond the Old Foundations or the ancient Story Posts supporting the Fronts thereof, so as to incroach in any Way on any of the Public Highways or Foot Paths, or so as to extend beyond the Line in Front of the adjoining Houses or Buildings, upon Pain that the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to order the same to be taken down, altered or regulated accordingly, at the Charges and Expences of the Owner thereof, to be recovered in such Manner as herein is mentioned.

Regulations as to New Buildings.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all Houses and Buildings hereinafter to be built or new fronted in the said Streets, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and Places shall be made to rise perpendicularly from the Foundation thereof, (except Shop Windows, which shall be allowed to project to any Distance not exceeding Ten Inches, provided the same be properly supported by Brackets); and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time build or new front any House or other Building within the said Town, or cause the same to be done otherwise than rising perpendicularly from the Foundations, except Shop Windows as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any Five of the said Commissioners, by Writing under their Hands, to cause the same to be pulled down and removed by such Person or Persons as they shall direct or appoint, and the Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid and reimbursed to the said Commissioners or their Order, by the Owner or Owners of such Houses or Buildings, and in Default of Payment thereof on Demand, the same may be recovered in like Manner as any Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act authorized to be recovered: Provided always, that in such Regulations of the Fronts of new Buildings to be made as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners when any such new Buildings shall be made as aforesaid to admit at their Discretion the said new Buildings to be advanced in the Front thereof, so as to be on a Line with other adjoining Buildings.

New Houses to have Party Walls.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and ten, no House or other Building shall be erected in the said Town, unless the same shall have on each End thereof adjoining any other House or Building, a Party Wall Nine Inches thick, made substantially of Brick or Stone, with no other Timber in it than what shall be necessary for binding the same; and every Person acting contrary hereto shall for such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Week such Offence shall be continued.

Penalty for Annoyances by making Vaults or Drains.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Owner

Owner or Occupier of any Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within any of the aforeſaid Streets, Paſſages, or Places, to make any Vault or Drain either in the Front or at the End of ſuch Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament after the ſame ſhall be paved, but they ſhall have the like Power and Authority to make ſuch Vault or Drain as before the paſſing of this Act, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding: Provided always, that no Perſon ſhall make ſuch Vault or Drain without Leave of the ſaid Commiſſioners as to the Time of the Year when the ſame ſhall be done, and ſo as the ſame ſhall be ſubſtantially built to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners or their Surveyor, nor ſhall make ſuch Vault or Drain ſo as to interfere with any Common Sewer or Drain that now is or ſhall at any Time hereafter be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Ways within the ſaid Town, or ſhall dig out Earth, or leave any Hole in any Street or Place before any Houſe or Tenement built or building within the ſaid Town, for the Purpoſe of making any ſuch Vault or Drain, or any other Purpoſe whatſoever, and ſhall not incloſe the ſame in a good and ſufficient Manner, to be approved of by the Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſhall keep up ſuch Incloſure longer than is abſolutely neceſſary, every Perſon or Perſons guilty of any of the Offences aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and the like Sum for every Day that ſuch Annoyance ſhall be continued; and in caſe of any Refuſal or Neglect to incloſe any ſuch Opening, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to cauſe the ſame to be done, and the Perſon or Perſons refuſing or neglecting ſhall (over and above the ſaid Penalty) repay all the Charges thereof to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Clerk for the Time being; and upon Refuſal to pay and diſcharge the ſame, ſuch Charges may together with the Coſts be recovered in Manner herein-after directed for the Recovery of Penalties.

Commiſſioners are to direct where Gratings over Openings in the Pavements are to be made.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That where any Opening is now or ſhall be made in the Paving or Flagging of any of the Streets, Lanes, or Public Places, for the Purpoſe of conveying Coals or other Things into any Vault or Cellar under the ſame, or for the Purpoſe of admitting Light into any Room or Cellar, the Covering or Grating to ſuch Opening ſhall be made at the Expence of the Perſon or Perſons requiring the ſame, and ſhall be made of Iron or ſuch other Materials, of ſuch Dimenſions, and in ſuch Manner and Form, as the ſaid Commiſſioners at a Meeting as aforeſaid ſhall direct and approve of, and ſuch Grating and Covering ſhall from Time to Time be repaired, varied, and altered at the like Expence of the Perſon or Perſons for whoſe Uſe and Benefit the ſame ſhall be poſſeſſed or enjoyed, and in ſuch Manner and Form as the ſaid Commiſſioners at a Meeting as aforeſaid ſhall direct or appoint; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall cauſe any ſuch Grating or Covering to be made, repaired, varied, or altered, or ſhall neglect or refuſe to make, repair, vary, or alter ſuch Grating or Covering contrary to ſuch Direction or Appointment as aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every Week the ſaid Offence ſhall be continued.

No Buildings in future to be covered with Thatch.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Houſe, Outhouſe, or other Building which, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be built, erected, rebuilt, or new covered within the Limits of the ſaid Town, ſhall be covered with Thatch;

Thatch; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, at any Time or Times after the paſſing of this Act, cover or cauſe to be covered any Houſe, Outhouſe, Building, or Erection, or any Part thereof within the Limits of the ſaid Town with Thatch, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and any further Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Day ſuch Offence ſhall continue; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to order the ſame to be taken down, and removed in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem meet; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo ordered by the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may take down and remove the ſame accordingly, upon giving Notice or Warning to the Owner or Occupier of ſuch Houſe, Outhouſe, or other Building or Erection, to take down the ſame; and One Moiety of the ſaid reſpective Penalties ſhall be paid to the Informer: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend to any Barns, Stables, or Out Buildings, uſed with any Farm in the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, and which at the Time of the paſſing of this Act ſhall be covered with Thatch.

Notices to expreſs the Alterations required to be made by the Commiſſioners.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all Notices hereby directed to be given to the Owners or Occupiers of Premiſes reſpecting any Matter or Thing to be done under this Act, at the Expence of ſuch Owner or Owners, ſhall expreſs the Alterations or Matters required to be done, and where ſuch Notice ſhall be given to the Occupier or Occupiers, it ſhall require him or them to give immediate Notice thereof to the Owners, and if ſuch Occupier or Occupiers ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to do, then he, ſhe, or they ſhall be ſubject to and liable to pay all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by Reaſon or Means of the Non-obſervance or Non-performance of the Matters and Things required to be done by ſuch Notice as aforeſaid.

Directions for emptying Privies.

L. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time and as often as ſhall be neceſſary to fix and appoint ſuch Time and Times for the emptying of any Privy, or the taking away of any Night Soil, Offal, Muck, Entrails of Fiſh, or other noiſome or offenſive Materials (except Horſe and Cow Dung) from any Houſe, Building, or Place within the ſaid Town, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think fit and ſeaſonable, proper or convenient; and if any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever ſhall begin or attempt to empty or take away any ſuch noiſome or offenſive Materials from any Houſe, Building, or Place within the ſaid Town, at any other Time than ſuch as ſhall be fixed and appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings: Provided always, that the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and they are hereby required, immediately after Requeſt made to appoint a Time for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Penalty on Perſons throwing Night Soil in the Streets, or pouring it into the Sewers.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time hereafter throw or caſt any Night Soil, Offal, Muck, Entrails of Fiſh, or other noiſome or offenſive Materials in or near any of the Streets, Lanes, or Places within the ſaid Town, or ſhall pour or put any Night Soil, or noiſome or offenſive Materials into the Sewers, Channels, or Drains of the ſaid Town, or leave or cauſe the ſame to be left above High-

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water Mark, or in any other Place within the ſaid Town, ſo that the ſame ſhall become offenſive to any of the Inhabitants thereof, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every ſuch Offence, over and above the Expence that ſhall or may be incurred by the ſaid Commiſſioners in removing the ſame.

Commiſſioners may number and name Streets.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may and they are hereby required to cauſe to be fixed, placed, marked, or painted on ſome conſpicuous Part of ſome Houſe, Wall, or Building, at or adjoining the Ends, Corners, or Entries of the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, and Places already made or built, or which ſhall be made or built within the ſaid Town, the Name by which every ſuch Street, Lane, or Place, is or ſhall be called or known, and alſo ſhall and may cauſe any and every Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Building, or Habitation within the ſaid Town, to be marked and numbered in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper for diſtinguiſhing the ſame; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly deſtroy, pull down, injure, obliterate, or deface any ſuch Name, Mark, or any Part thereof, or either of them, or cauſe or procure the ſame to be done, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, and if the Occupier of any ſuch Premiſes ſhall not reſtore the ſame within Three Days after Notice for that Purpoſe given by the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners, every ſuch Occupier ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Commiſſioners may widen and improve Streets.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall at any General or Special Meeting to be held under and in purſuance of this Act, determine that any Houſes, Outhouſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Cellars, Walls, or other Buildings, Yards, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, obſtruct any of the public Streets, Lanes, or Places of and within the ſaid Town, and that it is neceſſary to take down and remove the ſame, or any Part thereof, in order to widen, enlarge, and improve the ſaid Streets, Lanes, and Places, for the Convenience and Accommodation of the Public; or that it ſhall be neceſſary to widen, enlarge, or improve the Roads in Front of the ſaid Town, on the Cliff, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to treat and agree with the ſeveral Owners or Occupiers, and all other Perſons whomſoever intereſted in the ſeveral Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments particularly mentioned and deſcribed in the Schedule hereunto annexed, for the Purchaſe of, and to purchaſe ſuch of the ſaid Premiſes as ſhall or may be deemed neceſſary for any or either of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and to pay for the ſame ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be agreed upon by the ſaid Commiſſioners and the Perſons intereſted therein as aforeſaid, out of the Money to ariſe by the Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be levied, and to take down and remove ſuch Premiſes, ſuch Houſes or Buildings, and lay the Sites thereof as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think fit, into the Streets, Lanes, or Places, in order to widen, enlarge, and improve the ſame: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend to authorize the ſaid Commiſſioners to take down or remove ſuch Premiſes, unleſs the Commiſſioners or any Thirteen or more of them ſhall, at the immediate preceding General Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners, have given Notice of ſuch their Intention, and cauſe the ſame to be duly and regularly entered among their Proceedings of ſuch Meetings; and unleſs they ſhall have alſo left or cauſed to be left at or upon the ſaid Premiſes within Fourteen

Fourteen Days afterwards, due Notice in Writing, of ſuch their Notice and Intention to the ſaid Owners and Occupiers, and Perſons intereſted as aforeſaid.

Miſnomers or wrong Deſcriptions in the Schedule, not to prevent the Execution of the Act.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments mentioned and deſcribed in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or any of the Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion or Occupation the ſame, or any Part thereof, are or is ſtated or deſcribed to be, ſhall happen to be miſnamed or inaccurately deſcribed, then and in ſuch Caſe, on the ſame being certified by any Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, ſuch Miſnomer or inaccurate Deſcription ſhall not prevent or retard the Execution of this Act, but the ſame Premiſes, and every Part thereof, ſhall and may be purchaſed, ſold, aſſeſſed, and valued in Manner as in this Act mentioned, and afterwards conveyed, diſpoſed of, and applied for and to the Purpoſes of this and the ſaid recited Act, as fully and effectually as if the ſame was or were properly named or deſcribed in this Act, or in the ſaid Schedule hereto annexed.

Bodies Politic may ſell to Commiſſioners.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committee for Lunaticks and Idiots, and other Truſtees whomſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, and all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, who are or ſhall be ſeized, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in any ſuch Houſes, Outhouſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Cellars, Walls, or other Buildings, Yards, Gardens, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which the ſaid Commiſſioners are by this Act enabled to purchaſe for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, to treat, contract, and agree with the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to ſell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt whatſoever of and in the ſame, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſons and their Heirs for ever as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, in Truſt for them the ſaid Commiſſioners, for the Purpoſes of this Act as aforeſaid; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which ſhall be ſo made by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Aſſurances in the Law whatſoever, be good, valid, and effectual to and for ſuch Ends, Intents, and Purpoſes, not only to convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of the Perſon and Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, of their ſaid ſeveral and reſpective *Ceſtuique* Truſts, and all claiming by, from, and under them, any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, Truſtees, and all other Perſons are and ſhall be hereby indemnified for what they ſhall ſo do by virtue and in purſuance of this Act as aforeſaid: Provided always, that in all Caſes where ſuch Premiſes, or any Part thereof, ſhall be Copyhold, then the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the Manor or Manors of which the ſame ſhall be held, ſhall and are hereby required, at the Ex-

pence, Coſts, and Charges of the ſaid Commiſſioners to free and enfranchize the ſame and every Part thereof, whether ſuch Lord or Lords of ſuch Manor ſhall be ſeized thereof, in Fee Simple, or in Fee Tail, or in Truſt or otherwiſe howſoever; and the Commiſſioners are hereby required to pay to ſuch Lord or Lady a fair and valuable Conſideration for every ſuch Enfranchiſement.

On Refuſal to ſell, the Value thereof to be ſettled by a Jury.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feme Covert, Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, or other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever herein-before empowered and qualified to treat, contract, or agree to ſell, convey, and diſpoſe of any of the Premiſes aforeſaid which the ſaid Commiſſioners may be enabled by this Act to treat for and purchaſe, or any Intereſt therein as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, ſhall refuſe to treat, contract, or agree as aforeſaid, or by reaſon of Abſence or otherwiſe ſhall be prevented from treating and agreeing, or ſhall decline or refuſe to ſell, convey, and diſpoſe of the Premiſes whereof or wherein or whereunto they reſpectively ſhall be ſo ſeiſed, poſſeſſed, intereſted or entitled as aforeſaid, or their reſpective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Intereſts into or upon the ſame or any Part thereof unto the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall nominate for the Purpoſes and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act; or in caſe the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of any Manor or Manors ſhall refuſe to enfranchiſe any ſuch Premiſes, being Copyhold as aforeſaid, or ſhall demand or require more for ſo doing than the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think juſt or reaſonable; or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo ſeiſed, poſſeſſed, intereſted or entitled of, in, or to ſuch Premiſes as aforeſaid, ſhall not produce or make out a clear, good, legal Title to the Premiſes they are in Poſſeſſion of, or to the Intereſt therein to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners; or if any Diſpute or Difference ſhall ariſe touching ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes, then and in any ſuch Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners before any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, or any Adjournment thereof, to give or cauſe to be given to the principal Officer or Officers of ſuch Bodies Politic, Corporate, Eccleſiaſtical or Civil, or to ſuch Feme Covert, Owner or Owners or other Perſon or Perſons, or to leave or cauſe to be left at the uſual Place of Abode of the Tenant in Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes intended to be ſo purchaſed Fourteen Days Notice in Writing, denoting and particularly deſcribing the ſame, and purporting that the Value of ſuch Premiſes will be adjuſted and ſettled by a Jury of the ſaid Seſſion, or the Adjournment thereof; and the ſaid Seſſion, or the Adjournment thereof, upon Proof to them made of ſuch Notices having been ſo given or left, are hereby authorized and required to cauſe a Jury to be impannelled and returned by the Sheriff of the ſaid County without Fee or Reward, conſiſting of Twelve honeſt, ſubſtantial, and diſintereſted Perſons duly qualified to ſerve on Juries upon Trials of Iſſues at Law, and cauſe them to be ſworn well and truly upon their Oaths to aſſeſs the Value of the Premiſes comprized in the ſaid Notice, and the Damage and Recompence to be paid for the ſame to the reſpective Owner or Owners and Occupier or Occupiers thereof, according to their reſpective Intereſts therein, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtices are hereby required to adminiſter to ſuch Jury) and to which ſaid Jury the ſaid Commiſſioners and all Parties intereſted in the ſaid Premiſes ſhall have their lawful Challenges, and the ſaid

Jury ſo ſworn and charged as aforeſaid, and after proper Evidence upon Oath to them given concerning the Nature, Quality, or Value of the ſaid Premiſes, ſhall by their Verdict aſſeſs the Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction to be paid for the ſame, and ſhall alſo aſcertain the proportionate Sum or Sums to be paid to every Perſon or Perſons according to their reſpective Intereſts therein, and alſo for the making of ſuch Enfranchiſements of ſuch Copyhold Premiſes as aforeſaid, which Verdict of the ſaid Jury and Judgment of the ſaid Juſtices upon the ſame ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive to the ſaid Commiſſioners and to all Perſons and Parties intereſted in the ſaid Premiſes; and ſuch Verdict and the Judgement of the Juſtices thereupon ſhall be fairly and legally ingroſſed, entered, and kept among the Records of the Quarter Seſſions for the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid County, and the ſame or true and verified Copies thereof ſhall be received as good and ſufficient Evidence and Proof in any Court of Law or Equity whatſoever upon any Queſtion reſpecting the ſame, and all Perſons ſhall and may have free Acceſs to the ſame, and may take Copies thereof on paying the uſual and accuſtomed Fee for the ſame.

Expences of the Jury, &c. by whom borne.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any ſuch Verdict ſhall be given for a greater Sum than ſhall have been offered by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Commiſſioners before the ſummoning of any ſuch Jury for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, that then all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of ſuch Jury, and the Witneſſes attending in conſequence thereof, and of taking ſuch Inqueſt, ſhall be paid by the Commiſſioners out of the Monies to ariſe by virtue of this Act; but if ſuch Verdict ſhall be given for no more or for a leſs Sùm than ſhall have been ſo previouſly offered by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Commiſſioners, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Expences, Coſts, and Charges, ſhall be paid by the Owners of or Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Premiſes in queſtion; all which ſaid Coſts, Charges, and Expences having been aſcertained, taxed, and allowed by one of the Prothonotaries of His Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas at *Weſtminſter*, (who is hereby required to examine, tax, and allow the ſame accordingly) ſhall and may be deducted out of the Money ſo aſſeſſed by ſuch Verdict, as ſo much Money advanced to and for the Uſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and the Tender or Payment of the Remainder of ſuch Monies ſhall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purpoſes to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums of Money ſo aſſeſſed as aforeſaid: Provided always, that when by reaſon of Abſence any Perſon ſhall be prevented from treating with the ſaid Commiſſioners, the Whole of ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences ſhall be borne and paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners: Provided always, that in caſe the Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed by ſuch Verdict, and ordered and adjudged by ſuch Juſtices to be paid, as a Satisfaction to the Owners, Occupiers, or others for their reſpective Intereſts in the ſaid Premiſes, ſhall not be paid or tendered according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, within Six Calendar Months next after the ſame ſhall have been ſo aſſeſſed, ordered, and adjudged, then and in ſuch Caſe, the Verdict of the ſaid Jury, and the Judgment of the ſaid Juſtices thereupon, ſhall not be binding upon the ſaid Parties; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

If Monies awarded by a Jury be not paid within Six Months, Verdict not to be binding.

Tenants of purchaſed Premiſes to have Six Months Notice to quit.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Perſons authorized by them, ſhall after ſuch Premiſes have been purchaſed by them in purſuance of this Act as aforeſaid, give Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing, to the Tenants or Occupiers reſpectively, of

any such Premises so purchased, to quit and deliver up such Premises, at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months, then every such Tenant or Occupier shall at the End of such Term, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the Premises, so by him or her respectively occupied, whether upon Lease or otherwise, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by the said Commissioners to take Possession thereof; and if any Person or Persons shall refuse to give or deliver up such Possession at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months after such Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, to issue a Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the said County, to cause Possession thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons, as shall be in such Precept or Precepts nominated to receive the same, and to direct the said Sheriff to levy such Costs as shall accrue by Means of the issuing and Execution of every such Precept, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons, who shall have refused to give or deliver up such Possession as aforesaid, and shall refuse or neglect to pay the same Costs, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Possession, and levy such Costs accordingly: Provided always, that the said Commissioners shall make such Recompence and Satisfaction to the said Tenants or Occupiers as the said Commissioners shall think just and reasonable; and in case of any Dispute concerning the same, such Recompence and Satisfaction shall be settled and ascertained in such and the like Manner as the Recompence and Satisfaction to be made by the said Commissioners for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purposes of this Act are herein directed to be ascertained and settled.

Owner of a House, &c. not to be compelled to sell Part of it.

LIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall be applied to by or on Behalf of the said Commissioners, to treat for, sell, dispose of, or convey for any of the Purposes aforesaid, any Part or Parts of any House, Out-house, Warehouse, Cellar, Wall, or other Building, Yard, Ground, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the actual Possession of One Tenant, or of several Tenants, and the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Corporate, or Collegiate, so applied to, shall by Notice in Writing, to be left at the Office of the Clerk to the said Commissioners, within Fourteen Days next after such Application, signify his, her, or their Inclination or Desire to treat for, sell, dispose of, and convey the Whole of such Premises, then and in every such Case, the Whole of such Premises shall be deemed, taken, and held to be necessary to be purchased for effecting the Purposes of this Act; and if it shall happen that the said Commissioners shall not think proper, or be willing to purchase the Whole of such Premises; then and in every such Case, nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to compel the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof, to treat for, sell, dispose of, or convey any Part of such Premises to the said Commissioners; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Power to purchase with Consent of Owners.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to project into or obstruct the Passage of the said Streets, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and Places, or that by taking down the same or any Part thereof, the Passage of the same may be widened, bettered or improved, and the Owner or Owners thereof shall be willing to sell the same, or

or ſo much of ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as ſhall be ſo adjudged to project into or obſtruct the Paſſage of the ſame, or that ſhall be neceſſary for the widening, bettering, or improving of the ſame; the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may and they are hereby empowered to purchaſe, and the Owner or Owners thereof to ſell the ſame for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and to pay for the ſame ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be agreed upon by the ſaid Commiſſioners, and the Owner or Owners thereof out of the Money to ariſe by virtue of this Act for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and to take down ſuch Houſes or Buildings, and lay the Scites thereof, or ſo much thereof as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper, into the ſaid Streets, Ways, Lanes, Paſſages, and Places.

Commiſſioners empowered to ſell Ground not wanted for the Purpoſes of this Act.

LXI. And whereas, by reaſon of the Purchaſes which the ſaid Commiſſioners are empowered and required to make by virtue of this Act, they may happen to be ſeized of ſome Piece or Pieces of Ground over and above what ſhall be neceſſary for effecting the Purpoſes of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to ſell and diſpoſe of ſuch Pieces or Parcels of Ground either together or in Parcels, as they ſhall find moſt convenient and advantageous, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be willing to contract for and purchaſe the ſame: Provided always, that the ſaid Commiſſioners before they ſhall ſell and diſpoſe of any Piece or Pieces of Ground as aforeſaid, ſhall offer the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons from whom they ſhall have been purchaſed; and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not then and thereupon agree (except with reſpect to and on account of the Price thereof as herein-after mentioned), or ſhall refuſe (except with reſpect to and on account of the Price thereof) to purchaſe or repurchaſe the ſame reſpectively, any Affidavit to be made and ſworn before a Maſter Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, (who are hereby reſpectively empowered to take the ſame) by ſome Perſon or Perſons no way intereſted in the ſaid Piece or Pieces of Ground, ſtating that ſuch Offer was made by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and that ſuch Offer was not then and thereupon agreed to, or was refuſed by the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame was ſo offered, ſhall in all Courts whatſoever be ſufficient Evidence and Proof that ſuch Offer was made and was not agreed to, or was refuſed by the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Offer was made (as the Caſe may be); and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be deſirous of purchaſing or repurchaſing the ſame, and he, ſhe, or they, and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall differ and not agree with reſpect to the Price thereof, in ſuch Caſe the Price or Prices thereof ſhall be aſcertained by a Jury in Manner herein-before directed with reſpect to diſputed Value of Premiſes to be purchaſed by the ſaid Commiſſioners in purſuance of this Act, and the Expence of hearing and determining ſuch Difference ſhall be borne and paid in like Manner as herein-before directed with reſpect to ſuch Purchaſes made by the ſaid Commiſſioners *mutatis mutandis*; and the Money to ariſe by the Sale or Sales which may be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act, but the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof ſhall not be anſwerable or accountable for any Miſapplication or Non-application of ſuch Money.

Perſons whoſe Lands adjoin to have the Preference.

Application of Compenſation Money, if amounting to 200 l.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken, or uſed by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic,

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or Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability or Incapacity, as in this Act particularly mentioned, ſuch Money ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Commiſſioners for executing this Act, to the Intent that ſuch Money ſhall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the ſaid Court, to be ſignified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a ſummary Way by the Perſon or Perſons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe or Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or other Incumbrance or Part thereof, as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſtanding ſettled therewith to the ſame or the like Uſes, Intents, or Purpoſes; or where ſuch Money ſhall not be ſo applied, then the ſame ſhall be laid out and inveſted, under the like Direction and Approbation of the ſaid Court, in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, and upon ſuch and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid, ſtood ſettled or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyance and Settlement ſhall be exiſting undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until ſuch Purchaſes ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall by Order of the ſaid Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be inveſted by the ſaid Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime and until the ſaid Bank Annuities ſhall be ordered by the ſaid Court to be ſold for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the ſaid Conſolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities ſhall, from Time to Time be paid by Order of the ſaid Court to the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo hereby directed to be purchaſed in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

Under 200*l.* and above 20*l.*

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken or uſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall, at the Option of the Perſon or Perſons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, to be ſignified in Writing under their reſpective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the ſaid Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforeſaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed; or otherwiſe, the ſame ſhall be paid at the like Option to Two Truſtees, to be nominated by the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Option, and approved of

by Thirteen or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act (ſuch Nomination and Approbation to be ſignified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that ſuch principal Money, and the Dividends ariſing thereon, may be applied in Manner hereinbefore directed, ſo far as the Caſe be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the ſaid Court of Chancery.

Application where leſs than 20l.

LXIV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where ſuch Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned, ſhall be leſs than Twenty Pounds, then, and in all ſuch Caſes, the ſame ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think fit; or in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively.

In caſe of not making out Titles,

or if Perſons cannot be found, Purchaſe Money to be paid into the Bank, ſubject to the Order of the Court of Chancery on Motion or Petition.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo ordered to be paid as aforeſaid, ſhall not be able to make a good Title to the Premiſes to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſhall refuſe to execute ſuch Conveyance or Conveyances, or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo ordered to be paid as aforeſaid, cannot be found; or if the Perſon or Perſons entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not known or diſcovered, then and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to order the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the ſaid Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (deſcribing them) ſubject to the Order, Controul, and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Court of Chancery; which ſaid Court, on the Application of any Perſon or Perſons making Claim to ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be and is hereby empowered in a ſummary Way of Proceeding or otherwiſe, as to the ſame Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order the ſame to be laid out and inveſted in the Public Funds, or to order Diſtribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereunto, and to make ſuch other Order in the Premiſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, who ſhall receive ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and ſpecifying for what and for whoſe Uſe the ſame is or are received, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

Reſpecting diſputed Titles.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in purſuance of this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Eſtate, Right,

or

or Intereſt in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed in purſuance thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with any ſuch Money, or to the Dividends or Intereſt of any ſuch Bank Annuities, the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, and all Perſons claiming under ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or under the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Poſſeſſion, until the contrary ſhall be ſhewn to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Intereſts of the Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with ſuch Money, and alſo the Capital of ſuch Bank Annuities ſhall be paid, applied, and diſpoſed of accordingly, unleſs it ſhall be made appear to the ſaid Court that ſuch Poſſeſſion was a wrongful Poſſeſſion, and that ſome other Perſon or Perſons was or were lawfully entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to ſome Eſtate or Intereſt therein.

The Court of Chancery may direct the Payment of Expences.

LXVII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where, by reaſon of any Diſability or Incapacity of the Perſon or Perſons, or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed under the Authority of this Act, the Purchaſe Money for the ſame ſhall be required to be paid into the ſaid Court, and to be applied in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be ſettled to the like Uſes in purſuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Expences of all Purchaſes from Time to Time to be made in purſuance of this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expences as the ſaid Court ſhall deem reaſonable, together with the neceſſary Coſts and Charges of obtaining ſuch Order, to be paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners, who ſhall from Time to Time pay ſuch Sums of Money for ſuch Purpoſes as the ſaid Court ſhall direct.

Commiſſioners may alter the Levels of the Streets, and the Courſe and Diſpoſition of the Sewers.

LXVIII. And whereas owing to the improper Formation, Foundation, or Levels of many of the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the ſaid Town, and to the improper Diſpoſition of ſeveral of the Common Sewers within the ſame, and alſo for want of Means to carry off the Water, which occaſionally runs and flows from the adjacent Country into the ſaid Town, not only ſuch Streets, Lanes, and Places are frequently obſtructed and rendered incommodious, to the Perſons neceſſarily paſſing and repaſſing in and through the ſame, but alſo ſeveral of the Cellars therein are frequently overflowed with Water to the great Injury of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at any Time or Times hereafter, when and as often as they ſhall find it neceſſary to alter or change, or cauſe to be altered or changed the Foundation or Level of any or either of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, and Places, and the Form and Diſpoſition of any or either of the ſaid Common Sewers, and the Courſe or Current of the ſaid Water therein, and to make new and other Sewers in lieu thereof in and through ſuch Parts of the ſaid Town, as to them ſhall ſeem proper, neceſſary, or expedient, and from Time to Time to repair, amend, alter, change, or remove the ſame, in ſuch Manner and to ſuch other Place or Places within the ſaid Town as they ſhall judge neceſſary; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and hereby have full Power and Authority to cauſe the Water to be carried and conveyed in ſuch Direction, and with ſuch Levels above or under ſuch public High-

ways, as they ſhall think neceſſary, into the Sea, and from Time to Time to repair, amend, cleanſe, or alter the ſame in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think fit.

Commiſſioners may alter or remove any Privy, &c. having Communication with Common Sewer.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby authorized to cauſe any Privy or Drain within the ſaid Town, communicating with any Common Sewer thereof, to be altered, ſtopped up, or removed, and to repay and defray the Expences attending the ſame, by and out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be levied; and if any Privy or Drain from any Privy or Water Cloſet ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be made to communicate with any Common Sewer of the ſaid Town, or the Soil from ſuch Privy or Water Cloſet ſhall be ſuffered to run on the Beach, or in any other Part of the ſaid Town, the Owner of the Houſe or Premiſes to which ſuch Privy or Water Cloſet ſhall belong, ſhall forfeit and pay for every Day the ſame ſhall continue, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Inſpectors of Weights and Meaſures to be appointed by the Commiſſioners.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required at any Meeting, within Three Months after the paſſing of this Act, and alſo on or before the Fifth Day of *April* in every ſucceeding Year, to make a Liſt in Writing of a ſufficient Number of Houſeholders reſiding within the ſaid Town, who they the Commiſſioners ſhall think fitly qualified for ſerving the Office of Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, and ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall direct and order the Clerk to iſſue Summonſes in Writing under his Hand, requiring ſuch Inhabitants being Houſeholders, to be and appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners at the Time and Place in ſuch Summons to be mentioned; and ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall and may nominate and appoint ſo many as they ſhall think proper, not exceeding the Number of Nine, and that the ſeveral Perſons ſo nominated and appointed, ſhall be called Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures within the ſaid Town and Pariſh, and ſhall take an Oath to the Effect following (which ſaid Oath the Chairman for the Time being, or any Juſtice or Juſtices for the ſaid County then preſent, is and are hereby empowered to adminiſter):

Inſpectors Oath.

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That during the Time of my Continuance in the Office whereunto I am now appointed, I will diligently from Time to Time inſpect the Balances, Weights, and Meaſures in the ſeveral Houſes, Shops, Brewhouſes, and Warehouſes in the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*; and that I will not preſent any Perſon or Thing through Hatred or Malice, or leave the ſame unpreſented through Favour, Affection, Reward, or Hope thereof. So help me GOD.'

Penalty on Perſons refuſing to ſerve as Inſpectors.

LXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in caſe any Perſon who ſhall be ſummoned as aforeſaid, to take upon him the ſaid Office of an Inſpector of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear according to the Directions of ſuch Summons, or appearing ſhall refuſe to take upon him the ſaid Office, (being thereunto appointed), every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Inſpectors to have Power to inſpect Weights, &c.

LXXII. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Inſpectors ſhall be and they are hereby authorized and required once in every Month at the leaſt, at ſeaſonable Hours in the Day-time, not leſs than Three in Number, to enter into all and

and every Shop, Brewhouſe, Warehouſe, Inn, or Victualling Houſe, or any other Houſe or Houſes within the ſaid Town, belonging to any Perſon or Perſons that deal by Weight or Meaſure; and if the ſaid Inſpectors ſhall find any Balances, Weights or Meaſures to be defective, or any Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin, belonging to any Brewer or Brewers, which ſhall not contain and hold ſuch Number of Gallons as the ſame ſhould and ought to contain and hold according to Law; or any other Caſk or Veſſel importing to be a Moiety, or any other certain Part of ſuch Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin, which ſhall not contain and hold as many Gallons, Quarts or Pints as the ſame ſhall import to contain and hold, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Inſpectors, and they are hereby directed and required to break and deſtroy ſuch Weights and Meaſures, Barrels, Kilderkins, Firkins, Caſks or Veſſels, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof reſpectively, in any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Offence; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required within Thirty Days next after ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any ſubſequent Offence, to cauſe his, her, or their Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode, and Addition or Additions, together with the Nature of his, her, or their Offence to be inſerted in any Newſpaper printed and circulated in the County of *Suſſex*; and the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer and Printers, or any other Perſon or Perſons concerned therein, are hereby authorized to print the ſame, within Fourteen Days next after ſhe or they ſhall be required ſo to do, by or by Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and he, ſhe, or they is and are hereby indemnified from any Proſecution or Proſecutions for inſerting or cauſing the ſame to be inſerted in ſuch Newſpapers by and from any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Caſks or Veſſels.

Penalty on Perſons uſing ſhort Weights and Meaſures.

Names of Perſons found guilty of ſubſequent Offence to be inſerted in the Newſpaper.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Perſon who ſhall be nominated and appointed, and ſhall ſerve the ſaid Office of an Inſpector within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be again ſummoned or appointed to ſerve the ſaid Office, in leſs than Five Years, after the End of ſuch former Service; and that no Perſon within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be liable or compelled to ſerve the ſaid Office of an Inſpector, who is of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Inſpector not to ſerve twice in Five Years.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be provided and kept at the Town Hall of the ſaid Town, a Balance, and Common Weights and Meaſures, ſealed according to the Standard of the Exchequer, not to be removed from the ſaid Town Hall, (unleſs ſome other Hall or Place ſhall be built by the ſaid Commiſſioners in purſuance of the Power herein-after given), and a Duplicate or Duplicates thereof to be uſed by the ſaid Inſpectors in the Execution of their Duty; which ſaid Balances, Weights, and Meaſures ſhall be paid for out of any of the Monies in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being.

Standards of Weights, &c. to be kept at the Town Hall.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Cmmiſſioners, at any Meeting or Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act from Time to Time, to appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons to attend at the ſaid Town Hall, to mark all Balances, Weights, and

Commiſſioners may appoint Perſons to mark Weights, Meaſures, &

and remove them and appoint others.

and Meaſures according to the Directions of this Act, of what Nature or Kind ſoever, in Manner herein-after directed; and to remove ſuch Perſon or Perſons, when and as often as they ſhall judge neceſſary, and appoint any other Perſon or Perſons in his or their Room or Stead.

Officers to attend at the Town Hall to mark Weights, &c.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Officer or Officers ſhall attend at the ſaid Town Hall on every *Monday* or oftener if needful, in each and every Week, to ſize, ſeal, mark, or ſtamp all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, that may be brought by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, according to the Directions of this Act.

Officers to mark Weights, &c.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Officer or Officers ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall and is hereby required, upon Application to him or them made, to ſize and ſeal, and alſo mark or ſtamp all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, which ſhall be brought to him or them for that Purpoſe, and which ſhall be agreeable to the Standard of the Exchequer as aforeſaid, and the ſaid Officer or Officers ſhall demand and receive for ſuch Balance, Weight, and Meaſure ſo by him or them ſealed and marked as aforeſaid, for his and their Pains and Trouble, the Fees following, and no more; that is to ſay,

Fees thereon.

For every Buſhel Meaſure, the Sum of Three-pence:
For every Half Buſhel, the Sum of Three Halfpence:
For every Peck, Half Peck, and Quarter Peck, the Sum of One Halfpenny:
For every Sack, the Sum of Two-pence:
For every Ale, Beer, and Milk Meaſure, the Sum of One Penny:
For every Hundred Weight, the Sum of Two-pence:
For every Half Hundred Weight, the Sum of One Penny:
For every Weight, from Half a Hundred to One Pound, the Sum of One Halfpenny:
For every Weight under One Pound, and every Balance, the Sum of One Farthing:

And all Balances, Weights and Meaſures belonging to Perſons dealing by Weight, within the ſaid Town, not marked or ſtamped in Manner before directed, ſhall, from and after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, be deemed unlawful.

Inſpectors may weigh Bread and inſpect the Quality.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Inſpectors, at ſeaſonable Times in the Day-time, to enter into any Houſe, Shop, Stall, Bakehouſe, or Outhouſe, or other Place of or belonging to any Baker or Seller of Bread within the ſaid Pariſh, and to ſearch, view, weigh, examine, and try all or any Bread which ſhall be there found; and alſo to view, weigh, and try, all Bread made for Sale, which at any Time ſhall be offered or expoſed to or for Sale, or found in any Perſon's Cuſtody for Sale, in anywiſe howſoever within the ſaid Pariſh; and if any Loaf or Loaves of Bread, on Examination thereof by ſuch Inſpectors ſhall be found to be deficient in the due Weight thereof, or not be marked according to any Act or Acts of Parliament, that now is, or that ſhall hereafter be made and in force, for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof, or to be deficient in the due Baking or Working thereof, or to be wanting in the Goodneſs of the Materials whereof or wherewith any ſuch Loaf ſhall have been made, or to have been

been made with any Mixture of Meal or Flour of any other Sort than of the Grain the ſame ſhall import to be made with, or to be made with any larger or other Proportion of any other or different Sorts of Grain, or the Meal or Flour thereof, than what ought to be put therein, or to be made with any Mixture or Ingredient contrary to or not allowed by ſuch Act or Acts, or to be made with any Thing as for and in lieu of Flour, which ſhall not really be the genuine Flour the ſame ſhall import to be or ought to be, or that any ſuch Bread ſhall be made with any Leaven not allowed by ſuch Act or Acts; then and in any or either of the ſaid Caſes, ſuch Inſpectors are hereby empowered and required by the Authority of this Act to ſeize every ſuch Loaf, and to carry and convey, or cauſe to be carried and conveyed the ſame, before ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, and every ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to proceed to make Enquiries touching rhe Matters complained of, and ſhall acquit or convict the Party or Parties accuſed, according to the Directions of ſuch Act or Acts, and ſhall upon Conviction adjudge and order to be levied upon ſuch Offender or Offenders, for every ſuch Offence, ſuch Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by ſuch Ways and Means, and to be applied in ſuch Manner, as the ſame are or ſhall be by ſuch Act or Acts directed to be levied and applied.

Application of Fees on ſtamping Weights, &c.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Officer or Officers ſo to be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, after all neceſſary Charges and Expences attending the ſizing, ſealing, marking, and ſtamping ſuch Balances, Weights and Meaſures as aforeſaid, ſhall have firſt been deducted, ſhall and he and they is and are hereby required and directed Half Yearly, within Thirty Days next after the Expiration of every Half Year, to pay or cauſe to be paid to the Treaſurer for the Time being to the Commiſſioners, One Moiety of the clear Money ariſing from or on Account of ſuch ſizing, ſealing, marking, or ſtamping, as aforeſaid, to be applied to and for the Purpoſe of carrying this Act into Execution.

Inſpectors may be fined, &c.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Inſpector ſhall in any Manner neglect or refuſe to execute the Duty of his Office, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at any General Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, upon Complaint to them made of any ſuch Neglect or Refuſal to fine ſuch Inſpector for every ſuch Offence or Neglect any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Perſons obſtructing Commiſſioners or any Officer appointed by them in the Execution of this Act.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall aſſault, obſtruct, hinder, or moleſt any of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Treaſurer, Clerk, Surveyor or Surveyors, Inſpector or Inſpectors, Watchman, Beadle, or other Officer, Workman, or other Perſon whomſoever, in the Execution of any Thing required or directed to be done in virtue or in purſuance of this Act; ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, as the Juſtice or Juſtices, before whom any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, ſhall from Time to Time adjudge.

Commiſſioners may raiſe a Rate for paving, &c. not exceeding 4s. in the Pound.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That for raiſing Money for defraying the ſeveral Charges and Expences of paving, cleanſing, watching, and lighting the ſaid Town as aforeſaid, and all other the Charges and Expences incidental to and attending the Execution of this Act (except ſo far as herein

herein otherwiſe particularly provided for), and for paying the Intereſt and repaying and diſcharging the Monies borrowed upon the Credit of the Rates and Aſſeſſments for paving, lighting, and cleanſing the ſaid Town, directed to be levied by the ſaid recited Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, once in every Year after the paſſing of this Act, (or oftener if they ſhall think it neceſſary) the Firſt Year to be computed from the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ten, and every ſucceeding Year from the ſaid Day in every Year reſpectively, to make One or more equal Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be ſigned by any Thirteen or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, upon the Tenants or Occupiers of all Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Gardens, Grounds, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments whatſoever within the ſaid Town, ſo as ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments do not exceed in the Whole, in any one Year, to be computed as aforeſaid, the Sum of Four Shillings in the Pound, on the Scale or Rate for the Time being, on which Rates are raiſed, to and for the Relief of the Poor of the Pariſh aforeſaid; and the Money or Monies ſo rated or aſſeſſed on the ſaid Tenants or Occupiers and to be borne and defrayed by them ſhall be paid by them reſpectively to the Collector or other Perſon or Perſons appointed or who ſhall or may be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners to receive the ſame; and if any ſuch Tenant or Occupier ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay his or her Proportion or Proportions of any of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments to the ſaid Collector for the Space of Ten Days next after Demand made thereof by Notice in Writing, under the Hand of the ſaid Collector, to be delivered to or left at the Dwelling Houſe or uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Tenant or Occupier, the ſame ſhall and may be levied on all and every ſuch Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, ſo neglecting or refuſing, by Diſtreſs and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Suſſex*, and the Surplus (if any) of the Monies to be raiſed by ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale ſhall be returned on Demand to the Owner or Owners of the Goods or Chattels ſo diſtrained, after deducting all Charges attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to charge any Barns or other Buildings, Yards, or Cloſes *bonâ fide* uſed for Purpoſes of Agriculture, nor any Arable, Meadow, or Paſture Land, or Sheep Down, within the ſaid Pariſh, nor any Owner or Occupier thereof with the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments.

Occupiers of Land or Ground uſed for Paſture or Agriculture not chargeable with the Rate for paving, &c.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Perſon ſhall remove from or quit any Meſſuage or Dwelling Houſe, Warehouſe, Building, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments or Premiſes, which ſhall have been rated or aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be liable to pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments in Proportion to the Time that he, ſhe, or they ſhall have occupied the ſame in like Manner as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons had not removed or quitted the ſame; and in all Caſes where any Perſon ſhall come into or occupy any ſuch Premiſes out of or from which any other Perſon who had been rated or aſſeſſed for the ſame ſhall have removed, or which at the Time of making any ſuch new Rate or Aſſeſſment was or were empty or unoccupied, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall for or in reſpect of his, her, or their Occupation thereof, be liable to ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, in Proportion to the Time that he, ſhe, or they ſhall occupy

Perſons removing and alſo Tenants to pay a proportionate Part of the Rates.

the ſame, in the ſame Manner as if he, ſhe, or they had been originally rated or aſſeſſed for the ſame, which ſaid reſpective Proportion, in caſe of any Diſpute reſpecting the ſame, ſhall be determined by the ſaid Commiſſioners in ſuch Manner as they ſhall deem reaſonable and juſt; and in caſe any Perſon having been ſo rated and aſſeſſed ſhall quit the Premiſes in which he had been ſo rated or aſſeſſed without paying ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, or his Proportion thereof by him, her, or them due and payable as aforeſaid, and ſhall afterwards refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Collector or Collectors, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, or for the City, County, Riding, Diviſion, Liberty, Town, or Place where ſuch Perſon ſhall remove to or reſide, or where any Goods or Chattels of ſuch Perſon ſhall be found (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to grant, upon Proof made of the Sum ſo due, before him upon Oath of a credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, or Affirmation, being a Quaker), to levy ſuch Rate or Rates, or Proportion thereof as aforeſaid, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon, rendering the Overplus and the Goods and Chattels remaining (if any) after Payment of the Money due in reſpect of ſuch unpaid Rate or Rates, or Proportion thereof, and all Expences relating to the Recovery thereof, unto the Perſon or Perſons whoſe Goods and Chattels ſhall have been ſo diſtrained and ſold as aforeſaid.

Unfiniſhed Houſes to pay a certain Proportion of the paving Rates.

LXXXIV. And whereas ſeveral Houſes and other Buildings are frequently begun to be built within the ſaid Town, but not completed or finiſhed, and others, though completely built, are not let; and foraſmuch as it is reaſonable that ſuch Houſes and Buildings ſhould be rated and aſſeſſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, be it therefore enacted, That until ſuch Houſes or Buildings within the ſaid Town ſhall be finiſhed and tenanted (provided the Place within the ſaid Town wherein ſuch Houſe or other Building ſhall be ſituate, ſhall have been paved or repaired, cleanſed and lighted by virtue of this Act), it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required and directed according to their Diſcretion, to rate and aſſeſs all ſuch Houſes and other Buildings ſituate within the ſaid Town, and which ſhall be erected and covered in, at a Rate not exceeding Two Thirds of the Expence of paving along the Fronts or Sides of ſuch Houſes or other Buildings; and for all ſuch Houſes and other Buildings within the ſaid Town, which ſhall be erected and built, but not covered in, at a Rate not exceeding One Third of the Expence of paving along the Fronts and Sides of ſuch Houſes or other Buildings, until the ſame ſhall be covered in as aforeſaid, and then at a Rate not exceeding Three Fourths of the Expence of ſuch paving, until the ſame ſhall be let or occupied; which Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be paid and recoverable from the Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, Owner or Owners of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings reſpectively, and ſhall be charged and chargeable on the ſaid Premiſes; and if the ſaid Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame upon Demand, then and in every ſuch Caſe, ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due thereon, ſhall and may be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons ſo required to pay the ſame in Manner herein-after directed; and in caſe the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, ſhall not be known or cannot be found, then the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or

Assessments made thereon, shall be and remain charged and chargeable on the said Premises, until the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees can be found, when the same and all Arrears due thereon shall be levied on the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, or upon the said Premises, in like Manner as other Rates made by virtue of this Act are made recoverable: Provided always, that no Lessee or Lessees shall be charged or chargeable with the Payment of the said Rates for any longer Time than for the Period during which he shall have occupied or held any such Premises.

Collectors to pay Money collected to the Treasurer, and Treasurer to pay over the same as ordered by the Commissioners.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector and Collectors to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, shall and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to pay all such Monies as he or they shall or may respectively collect by virtue of the Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act as aforesaid, within Fourteen Days after the Receipt thereof, into the Hands of the Treasurer to be appointed by the said Commissioners, who is hereby authorized and required out of the Monies collected and paid into his Hands, to pay such Sum and Sums of Money which the said Commissioners, at a General or Special Meeting, shall from Time to Time draw upon him for, or order him to pay; and the said Treasurer for the Time being shall and he is hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose by him provided and kept of all and singular his Receipts, Payments, and Disbursements, on account or in pursuance of this Act, to which Book or Books, and all others kept for the Purpose of this Act, every Person liable to the Payment of the said Rates, shall and may have free Access at all convenient Times, with full Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and also that the Treasurer for the Time being shall, once in every Year, have the said Accounts audited, passed, and allowed by the said Commissioners, at a Special Meeting to be held for that Purpose, and shall verify the same upon Oath, if required so to do.

Rates assessed under the former Act to be levied until the Whole are collected.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment ordered or directed to be assessed, collected, and levied by and under the Authority of the said recited Act, shall and may be collected and levied by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations as the Rates and Assessments to be made under or by the Authority of this Act are directed to be collected, any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Appeal.

LXXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, he or she may apply to the said Commissioners at their First Meeting to be holden after the demanding of such Rate or Assessment, and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think such Person aggrieved, to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem reasonable; and if any Person shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of the said Commissioners therein, such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General or Quarter Sessions to be holden in and for the Eastern Division of the County of *Sussex*, within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

LXXXVIII. Pro-

Justices may amend Rates.

LXXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That upon all Appeals from any of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made or impoſed by the Authority of this Act, the Juſtices of the Peace (where they ſhall ſee juſt Cauſe of Relief) ſhall and are hereby empowered to amend the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, in ſuch Manner only as ſhall be neceſſary for giving Relief to the Perſon or Perſons ſo appealing, without altering ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments with reſpect to any other Perſon or Perſons mentioned in the ſame.

The Sum of 3,720l. lent upon the Credit of the former Act to be charged on the new Rates.

LXXXIX. And whereas certain Sums of Money, amounting in the Whole to the Sum of Three thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty Pounds, was heretofore lent and advanced and now remains due and owing upon the Credit of the Rates and Aſſeſſments directed to be levied for the paving, lighting, and cleanſing of the ſaid Town by the ſaid Act: be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the ſaid Sum of Three thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty Pounds ſhall become a Charge upon the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be levied by virtue of this Act, in like Manner as the ſaid Monies were charged or chargeable upon the Rates and Aſſeſſments directed to be levied by the ſaid recited Act.

Commiſſioners may borrow Money.

XC. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time when they ſhall judge neceſſary, to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum herein-after mentioned, upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments by this Act granted and made payable, or authorized to be collected or received, for the Purpoſes of paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching the ſaid Town, and by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals to mortgage, demiſe, grant, or aſſign over the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, or any Part or Parts thereof, to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance or lend ſuch Money, or to his or their Truſtee or Truſtees, as a Security or Securities for the Money ſo borrowed, together with Intereſt for the ſame; and every ſuch Mortgage or Aſſignment may be in the Words or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

‘ BY virtue of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Fiftieth Year of
‘ the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*ſet*
‘ *forth the Title of this Act*], We the underſigned Commiſſioners ap-
‘ pointed by and in purſuance of the ſaid Act, in Conſideration of the
‘ Sum of advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the
‘ Credit and for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act, do grant, bargain, ſell,
‘ and demiſe unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and
‘ Aſſigns, ſuch Proportion of the Rates or Aſſeſſments ariſing by virtue
‘ of the ſaid Act, for paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching the ſaid
‘ Town, as the ſaid Sum of doth or ſhall bear to the
‘ whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed or become due and
‘ owing or charged upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, to be had and
‘ holden from this Day of in the Year
‘ until the ſaid Sum of with Intereſt at
‘ *per Centum per Annum* for the ſame ſhall be paid
‘ and ſatisfied.’

And every ſuch Mortgage or Aſſignment ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and all Perſons to whom ſuch Mortgages or Aſſignments ſhall be made, or who ſhall be entitled to the Money thereby ſecured, ſhall be in Proportion to the Sums therein reſpectively mentioned, Creditors

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on the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments equally one with another, without any Preference in reſpect of the Priority of advancing any ſuch Money, or the Dates of any ſuch Mortgages or Aſſignments.

Money may be borrowed upon Annuities.

XCI. 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 Commiſſioners, or their Treaſurer, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, any Sum or Sums of Money that the ſaid Commiſſioners may from Time to Time think it neceſſary and expedient to raiſe, for the abſolute Purchaſe of One or more Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the natural Life of the Perſon or Perſons ſo contributing, or of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be nominated by or on the Behalf of ſuch Contributor or Contributors reſpectively at the Time of Payment of their reſpective Contribution Money (the Perſon or Perſons for whoſe Life ſuch Annuity or Annuities ſhall be granted not being under the Age of Forty Years), which Annuity or Annuities ſhall not exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds by the Year for every One hundred Pounds, and ſo in Proportion for any leſs Sum to be advanced and paid as aforeſaid, and ſhall be paid and payable by the ſaid Commiſſioners out of the Monies to ariſe by or from the ſaid laſt mentioned Rates or Aſſeſſments, by Four equal Quarterly Payments, the Firſt Payment thereof to be made to the Purchaſer or reſpective Purchaſers thereof, or his or their Aſſigns, at the Expiration of One Quarter of a Year after Payment of his, her, or their reſpective Purchaſe Monies; and the Grant or Grants of ſuch Annuity or Annuities ſhall be under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them, and be in the Words or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

‘ BY virtue of an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*ſet forth the Title of this Act*], We the underſigned Commiſſioners in conſideration of to the Treaſurer of the Rates for paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching the ſaid Town in hand paid, do grant, bargain, and ſell unto *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, one Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid and payable during the natural Life of *C. D.* by Four equal Quarterly Payments, the Firſt Payment thereof to be made on the Day of and to be iſſuing out of and chargeable upon the ſaid Rates ariſing by virtue of the ſaid Act. In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals this Day of .’

Annuitants to receive Annuities.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall purchaſe ſuch Annuity or Annuities, and ſhall duly pay the Purchaſe Money for the ſame at the Rates aforeſaid, and his, her, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy the reſpective Annuity or Annuities by them reſpectively purchaſed, during the natural Life or Lives of the Perſon or Perſons by them reſpectively nominated at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, and ſhall have good, ſure, abſolute and indefeazible Eſtates and Intereſt in the ſaid Annuities reſpectively, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Securities and Annuities transferrable.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons entitled to any of the Securities or Annuities aforeſaid, at any Time by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands reſpectively,

ſpectively, or by their laſt Wills in Writing, to aſſign, transfer, or demiſe ſuch Securities or Annuities to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and ſo *toties quoties*; and ſuch Aſſignments or Transfers may be made by Indorſement on the Back of their ſaid reſpective Securities in the Preſence of One credible Witneſs after they ſhall be reſpectively entered by the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners in Manner herein-after mentioned, (which he is hereby required to do without Fee or Reward), and ſhall entitle the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be reſpectively made, and his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the Benefit of the Security or Securities ſo aſſigned or transferred, and ſuch Aſſignment or Transfer ſhall be in the Words or to the Purport following; *videlicet*,

'I DO transfer this Mortgage with all my Right and Title to the Principal Money hereby ſecured, and the Intereſt due or to grow due thereon, [*or*, I do hereby aſſign and transfer the Annuity within granted to me,] and all Arrears thereof, and all my Right and Title thereunto, unto his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, this Day of .'

Securities, Annuities, and Aſſignments thereof to be entered in a Book by the Clerk to the Commiſſioners.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Clerk of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, ſhall before any Intereſt on any ſuch Security or any Annuity ſhall be actually paid by the Treaſurer, enter in a Book or Books to be prepared for that Purpoſe, all Securities for Money borrowed, or Annuities granted by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, and all Aſſignments, and ſo much of ſuch Wills as relate to the Bequeſts of any ſuch Security or Annuity, expreſſing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Deſcriptions of the Perſons for whoſe Lives the ſaid Annuities ſhall be reſpectively granted, and the Days whereon the ſame ſhall be reſpectively payable, to which Book or Books any Perſon or Perſons intereſted therein ſhall at all ſeaſonable Times have Acceſs and free Liberty to inſpect the ſame without Fee or Reward: Provided always, that before ſuch Aſſignment or Transfer ſhall be ſo entered by the Clerk an Affidavit (taken before ſome Juſtice of the Peace) ſhall be delivered to the ſaid Clerk of the due Execution of ſuch Aſſignment or Will, and the ſaid Clerk is hereby required to file ſuch Affidavit, and for which Entry and filing ſuch Affidavit he ſhall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings and no more.

Securities redeemable.

XCV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Security by way of Mortgage, Annuity, or otherwiſe, which ſhall be made by virtue of this Act, for any Sum of Money which ſhall be borrowed by the ſaid Commiſſioners on the Credit of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments as herein-before mentioned, or otherwiſe for any other Purpoſe or Purpoſes as here-in-after mentioned, ſhall be liable and ſubject to Redemption by the ſaid Commiſſioners, at ſuch Time or Times, and in ſuch Manner and Proportion as they ſhall think fit, giving Six Calendar Months previous Notice to the Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto of their Intention to redeem or diſcharge the ſame, and paying the full principal Sum ſo borrowed, and the Intereſt and Arrears due thereon.

Perſons entitled to the Money borrowed on the Credit of the Town may exchange

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That if all or any of the Perſons to whom the aforeſaid Sum of Three thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty Pounds borrowed upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, is now payable, or which by the Aſſignment of the Mortgages for ſecuring the ſame, may at any Time hereafter become payable, ſhall at any Time be deſirous to exchange ſuch Mortgage

their Securities for Annuities.

Mortgage for Annuities, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to grant Annuities accordingly in lieu of the said Mortgages upon the same Terms and in like Manner and Form as herein-before directed with respect to Annuities granted by virtue of this Act, the Principal and Interest due upon the said Mortgage Securities to be taken and computed as Money paid for or on account of the Purchase of such Annuities.

Commissioners not to borrow more than 3000*l.* on the Credit of the New Rates until the Debt of 3720*l.* be reduced to 2000*l.*

XCVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Commissioners to borrow upon the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching, any larger Sum in the whole than the Sum of Three thousand Pounds until the aforesaid Sum of Three thousand seven hundred and twenty Pounds be reduced to a Sum not exceeding Two thousand Pounds, (except for the Purpose of building a Town Hall and Offices as hereafter mentioned); nor to authorize or empower the said Commissioners or any of them to borrow such Sum of Three thousand Pounds or any Part thereof but at a Meeting or Meetings to be specially called for that Purpose whereof due Notice shall be given in Manner herein-before required with respect to Special Meetings, and unless at such Meeting or Meetings Thirty-one or more of the said Commissioners shall be present: Provided always, that no less a Sum than One hundred Pounds shall be borrowed of any one Person or Body Corporate or Politic, upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments.

Commissioners may build a Town Hall.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Thirty-one or more of them, whenever they shall deem it necessary and expedient to build and erect a Town Hall with such Offices annexed thereto, as they shall think necessary for the Purpose of holding their Meetings, and for the Convenience and Accommodation of the Officers to be appointed by them, and for carrying this Act into Execution, and for holding Public Meetings of the Inhabitants of the said Town and Parish, and for that Purpose to treat, contract, and agree with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Person or Persons whomsoever, for the absolute Sale of any Piece or Parcel of Land or Ground in the said Parish not exceeding One Acre with any Buildings erected thereon, and for such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, to sell and convey to the said Commissioners such Land, Ground and Premises, and that all such Contracts, Agreements, Sales and Conveyances, shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, and upon Payment of the Price or Consideration, out of the Rates or Assessments for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the said Town, the same shall be held by the said Commissioners and their Successors, for the Use of the said Town or Parish, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of Mortmain, and that when such Purchase shall be completed, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Thirty-one or more of them, to erect and build a Town Hall and Offices as aforesaid upon the said Land or Ground in such Manner as they shall judge necessary and proper: Provided always, that the Money to be paid for such Land, Ground, and Premises, and the Expence of erecting and completing such Town Hall and Offices, shall not exceed the Sum of Five thousand Pounds.

XCIX. And

The Market to be continued.

XCIX. And be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners to continue the Market for the Sale of all Kinds of Meat, Fiſh, Poultry, Butter, and Garden Stuff, eſtabliſhed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act, under the Rules, Reſtrictions, and Regulations thereby preſcribed, and to cauſe, order, and appoint the ſame to be held daily, and every Day, or leſs frequently, as to them ſhall appear neceſſary for the Convenience and Accommodation of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, and of all other Perſons reſorting thereto, and to collect and receive the Tolls payable by virtue of the ſaid recited Act, and to enforce and levy all ſuch Fines and Penalties as are by the ſaid recited Act given and granted for the Non-payment of the ſaid Tolls.

For enlarging the Market.

C. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Thirteen or more of them, in like Manner to treat, contract, and agree with any Body or Bodies, Perſon or Perſons, herein-before mentioned, for the Sale of any Land or Ground, not exceeding One Acre, or any Buildings for the Purpoſe of enlarging the ſaid Market, or the Avenues thereto, and to pay for the ſame out of the Money ariſing by the Rents and Tolls of the ſaid Market, and which Land, Ground, and Premiſes ſo purchaſed, ſhall be held by the ſaid Commiſſioners and their Succeſſors, for the Uſe of the ſaid Town and Pariſh, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of Mortmain, and ſhall be uſed and applied by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Market Duties and Tolls veſted in Commiſſioners, and all Contracts or Conveyances made by or to former Commiſſioners rendered valid.

CI. And whereas the Commiſſioners who acted in the Execution of the ſaid recited Act, did by virtue of the Powers and Authorities thereby given to them purchaſe divers Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments for the Purpoſes of eſtabliſhing the ſaid Market, and ſet up, erect, and, build divers Sheds, Stands, Stalls, Shops, and other Erections and Buildings in the ſaid Market, and for the Purpoſe of paying ſuch Purchaſe Monies and the other neceſſary Charges and Expences attending the eſtabliſhing ſuch Market, borrowed certain Sums of Money upon the Security of the Rents, Profits, and Tolls thereof, all which Money has ſince been paid off, and diſcharged; be it therefore further enacted, That all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Property, and Intereſt of the ſaid Commiſſioners acting in the Execution of the ſaid recited Act, or of any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, of, in, or to the ſaid Market, the ſaid Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, purchaſed as aforeſaid for the Purpoſes thereof; and the ſaid Stands, Stalls, Sheds, Shops, and other Erections ſet up, erected, and built thereon or therein as aforeſaid, with their and every of their Appurtenances, and the Rent and Tolls of the ſaid Market, and all Arrears thereof, ſhall from and after the Commencement of this Act be and are hereby veſted in, transferred, and conveyed to the Commiſſioners hereby appointed for carrying this Act into Execution, and their Succeſſors as ſuch for ever, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever: Provided always, that all Securities, Grants, Conveyances, or Leaſes made or granted by the ſaid Commiſſioners acting under the ſaid recited Act, or by any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any others whomſoever to the ſaid Commiſſioners by or to any Officer or Officers acting under the Authority of the ſaid Act, ſhall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, according to the Tenor thereof as if the ſame had been made or granted by or under the Authority of this Act;

Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Monies may be borrowed upon the Credit of the Market Tolls.

CII. And for raising a Sum of Money sufficient for the Purpose of enlarging, altering, or improving the said Market as aforesaid, or other incidental Charges and Expences necessarily attending the said Market, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to raise and borrow of and from any Person or Persons whomsoever, or Body or Bodies Corporate or Politic whatsoever, any further Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds upon the Credit of the said Market, and the Rents, Profits, and Tolls thereof, and either to secure the Repayment thereof with Interest by Mortgage or Demise of the said Market Rents, Profits, and Tolls, or otherwise to grant Annuities in respect of the Monies so advanced, payable out of the said Rents, Profits and Tolls; such Mortgages or Annuities to be granted in like Manner and upon such Terms, and so assignable entered and redeemable as herein-before directed with respect to Monies borrowed upon the Credit of the Rates and Assessments before mentioned.

Commissioners may continue Stalls, &c. or erect new ones, and may let such Stalls, &c.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to continue upon the Scite of the said Market, all Sheds, Stands, Stalls, Shops and other Erections now standing or being thereon, or at their Discretion to alter, add to, take down, or remove the same, and to erect, build, and set upon the said Scite, any new Sheds, Stands, Stalls, Shops, or other Erections, and to let out and demise the same in such Manner, and for such Time or Times as they shall think proper, at the best Rents that can be gotten for the same.

Commissioners may make a Table of Tolls, Rules and Orders, for the Regulation of the Market.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or any Thirteen or more of them from Time to Time to make such Rules and Regulations as they shall think fit, for the better Government and Regulation of the said Market, and for preserving Order and Cleanliness therein, with such Penalties and Forfeitures not exceeding in any Case the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be incurred for the Breach of the said Rules and Regulations, subject however to the same and the like Provisoes and Restrictions, as herein-after enacted respecting any Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, which by this Act are authorized and empowered to be made as herein-after mentioned; but no such Rule or Regulation shall be in force until Four Days after the same shall have been fairly written or printed, and signed by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, and hung up and fixed in some public Place within the said Market, and inserted once at least in One of the Weekly Newspapers circulated in the said Town.

Commissioners may let the Tolls.

CV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to lease or demise all or any of the said Tolls for any Term of Years not exceeding Three Years for such Rent, payable at such Times and under such Covenants as they shall think fit; the said Commissioners taking such Security from the Person or Persons to whom such Tolls shall be leased or demised for Payment of such Rent and Performance

ance of such Covenants as they shall think fit, which Rent shal be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Surplus of the Money arising from the Market, applicable in Aid of the other Purposes of this Act.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That after the Monies which are now due, or which at any Time hereafter shall be borrowed upon the Credit of the said Market, or the Rents, Tolls and Profits thereof shall have been fully paid and satisfied, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and they are hereby required to pay and apply any Surplus that may have arisen or may at any Time hereafter arise from the said Market, or the Rents or Tolls thereof, either in Aid of the Rate for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching, the said Town, or of the Duty hereinafter directed to be levied upon Coals and Culm, as to them shall seem reasonable and proper.

For erecting new Groyns or other Works to prevent the Encroachment of the Sea, and for charging a Duty on Coals imported.

CVII. And whereas by the said recited Act it was enacted, That the Commissioners named and appointed in and by the same should be Trustees for repairing, improving, maintaining, and preserving the Groyns that had been erected for the Preservation of the said Town, and erecting and building any new ones, or such other Works as should appear to them most proper for that Purpose; and the Sum of Sixpence for every Chaldron of Sea Coal, Culm, and other Coal that should be landed on the Beach of the Coast of the said Town was directed to be paid to the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners were thereby empowered to borrow any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, upon the Security of the said Duty: And whereas the said Commissioners did accordingly borrow the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, upon the Credit of the said Duty, great Part of which is now due and owing: And whereas since the passing of the said Act, great Encroachments have been made by the Sea upon the Coast adjoining the said Town, and the said Duty hath been found inadequate to the Charges and Expences of erecting new Groyns, Walls, and other Fences or Works, which are now necessary for the Safety and Protection of the said Town against such Encroachments; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, as to them shall seem necessary and expedient, to repair, improve, and maintain, add to, alter, or remove the Groyns, Walls, or other Fences or Works already erected and built, or to be made, erected, and built, or to cause to be made, erected, and built, any new Groyns or other Works whatsoever, which may appear to them necessary, requisite, or proper for the Safety of the said Town or any Part thereof, or any Part of the Beach or Shore within the said Town; and that, from and after the passing of this Act, there shall be paid to the said Commissioners, or to their Collector or Collectors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall from Time to Time appoint to collect and receive the same, any Rate or Duty which the said Commissioners shall think fit to order and direct, not exceeding the Sum of Three Shillings for every Chaldron of Sea Coal, Culm, or other Coal, which shall or may be landed on the Beach of the said Town, or in any other Manner by Land Carriage or otherwise brought or delivered within the Limits of the said Town.

No Ship to leave the Port till the Master produces a Certificate that the Duty is paid.

CVIII. And to the Intent that the said Rate or Duty may be duly paid, be it further enacted, That no Collector, Customer, Collector of His Majesty's Customs, Comptroller, Receiver of Entries, or Ship's Surveyor or Searcher, or other Officer of the Customs whatsoever, belonging to the Port or Harbour of *Shoreham* in the said County of *Sussex*, (to which Port the said Town of *Brighthelmston* doth belong and appertain) shall, at any Time after the Commencement of this Act, give or make out any Discharge, or make any Report outwards for any Ship or Vessel to sail from, leave, or go out of the said Port, until the Master or Owner or other Person or Persons, having the Rule, Government, or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, shall produce a Certificate from the Collector or Collectors to be appointed in pursuance of this Act as aforesaid, that the last mentioned Rate or Duty granted by this Act as aforesaid hath been paid, or secured to be paid, which said Certificate the said Collector or Collectors is and are hereby required to give without Fee or Reward, to the Person requiring the same; and that any Collector, Customer, Collector of His Majesty's Customs, Comptroller, Surveyor, or other Officer of the Customs whatsoever, making Default in any of the Premises enjoined by this Act, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as hereafter mentioned.

Ships or Coals may be distrained for Payment of the Duty.

CIX. And that the said Rate or Duty may be the more effectually collected and levied, be it further enacted, That in case any Owner or Master or other Person having the Rule, Government, or Command of any Ship or Vessel laden with Coals charged and chargeable with the aforesaid Rate or Duty, shall refuse to pay the same, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, from Time to Time to go on board such Ship or Vessel, to demand, collect, and receive the said Rate or Duty, and on Non-payment thereof to take and detain every such Ship or Vessel, with all her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, or any Part thereof, or all or any Part of the said Coals or Culm chargeable with the said Rate or Duty either on board such Ship or Vessel or on Land, and the same to detain until he or they shall be fully paid the said Rate or Duty; and in case of any Neglect or Delay in Payment of the said Rate or Duty for the Space of Three Days after any Distress or Distresses so taken as aforesaid, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and such Person or Persons as they shall appoint as aforesaid, to cause the same to be appraised, and afterwards to sell the said Distress and Distresses, and therewith to satisfy him or themselves as well for and concerning the said Rate or Duty so neglected or delayed to be paid, and for which such Distress or Distresses shall be taken as aforesaid, as also for his or their reasonable Charges in taking, keeping, appraising, and selling such Distress, rendering to the Master or other Person having the Rule, Government, and Command of the Ship or Vessel, in, to, or from which such Distress shall be so taken or belong, the Overplus if any there shall be.

Penalty for not paying the Duty on Coals brought by Land, and the same may be distrained.

CX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Sea Coal, Culm or other Coal, be brought into and delivered within the said Town by Land, and the aforesaid Rate or Duty be not paid thereon as aforesaid, within Twenty-four Hours after the same shall have been brought into and delivered within the said Town aforesaid, the Owner or Owners of such Coal or

Culm shall, in Addition to the said Rate or Duty, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for each and every Chaldron of the said Coal or Culm for which the said Rate or Duty shall not have been so paid; and the said Commissioners, or the said Collector or Collectors are and is hereby authorized and empowered to seize and detain the said Coals or Culm, or any Part thereof, wheresoever the same may be found within the Limits of the said Town; or on Non-payment of the said Rate or Duty, and the said Penalty, within the Space of Three Days after such Seizure, to sell the said Coal or Culm, or any Part thereof, by public Auction, and by and out of the Produce thereof, to retain the said Rate or Duty and Penalties, and also the Charges and Expences of making and selling such Distress, and rendering the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners of the said Coal or Culm: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to charge with the said Rate or Duty any Coals or Culm which shall not be discharged from any Ship or Vessel upon any Part of the Beach of the said Town, or housed, deposited, or delivered within the same, but only passing through the Limits thereof, for or towards any Place whatsoever.

Not to extend to Coals passing through the Limits of the Town to other Places.

Principal Coast Officer of the Customs residing in the Town to be Collector of the Coal Duty until another Person is appointed.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, until some other Person or Persons is or are appointed by the said Commissioners to collect and receive the aforesaid Rate or Duty on Coals or Culm imported or brought into the said Town, and when and as often as no other Person or Persons is or are appointed by the said Commissioners for that Purpose; the principal Coast Officer of His Majesty's Customs for the Time being residing within the said Town, shall be the Collector of the said Rate or Duty, (he being allowed by the said Commissioners a reasonable Salary for His Service in that Behalf); and such Officer shall well and truly, when and as often as required thereto by the said Commissioners, account upon Oath or Affirmation for the said Rate and Duty to the said Commissioners, at any Meeting to be held under this Act, the Chairman of the said Meeting being hereby authorized and required to administer such Oath to the said Officer; and shall, as far as regards such Collection, be considered as an Officer of the said Commissioners, subject and liable to all the Rules, Regulations, and Penalties herein-before provided, with respect to such Officer, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he had been appointed such Collector by the said Commissioners, by Writing, or otherwise under this Act.

Drawback of Duty allowed to the Poor.

CXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Brighthelmston*, by any Writing under their Hands, to grant a Drawback of the Rate or Duty payable by virtue of this Act on Coal or Culm, to such poor Persons as by reason of their Poverty or otherwise are not able to pay the same, on any Sea Coal, Culm, or other Coal, for their own Use and Consumption: Provided always, that no such Person shall be allowed the said Drawback for more than Two Chaldrons of Coal in any one Year; which Drawback the Treasurer to the said Commissioners shall be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to pay to such poor Persons respectively taking such Certificate or Receipt, signed by the Churchwardens and Overseers as aforesaid; which Certificate or Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the said Treasurer in his Accounts.

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Drawback of Duty on Coals consumed out of the Town.

CXIII. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That in every Caſe where the Owner or Owners of any Coals or Culm which ſhall have been landed or unloaded within the ſaid Town, and which ſhall have paid the Rate or Duty hereby impoſed, ſhall make it appear to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, that the ſame were ſo landed or unloaded for the Purpoſe of being forwarded to any other Place or Places, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby directed and required to return and pay to ſuch Owner or Owners, a Drawback of the whole Rate or Duty paid for every Chaldron of Coals ſo landed or unloaded, and which ſhall have been forwarded to any other Place for Sale or Conſumption.

Commiſſioners to borrow 5000*l.* upon the Coal Duty.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, at any Meeting to be held under this Act, and they are hereby authorized from Time to Time, as it ſhall appear to them expedient, for the Purpoſe of maintaining, repairing, or improving the preſent Groyns or Works, for the Protection of the ſaid Town, or for erecting new Groyns or Works, and for maintaining, repairing, and improving the ſame, to raiſe and borrow, upon the Credit of the ſaid Rate or Duty, the further Sum of Five thouſand Pounds, and to ſecure the Repayment thereof with Intereſt, by Mortgage or Demiſe of the ſaid Rate or Duty, or otherwiſe to grant Annuities in reſpect of the Money ſo advanced, charged upon, and payable out of the ſaid Rate or Duty, ſuch Mortgages or Annuities to be made or granted in like Manner and Form, and upon ſuch Terms and Conditions, and to be aſſignable and transferrable, and to be entered, regiſtered, and redeemable, as herein-before is directed, with reſpect to Monies authorized to be borrowed upon the Credit of the Rates and Aſſeſſments hereby firſt directed to be levied: Provided nevertheleſs, that no Sum under One hundred Pounds ſhall be borrowed of any one Perſon or Body Corporate or Politic, upon the Credit of the ſaid Duty.

Perſons entitled to 1140*l.* on the Credit of the former Rate or Duty may exchange their Securities for Annuities.

CXV. And be it further enacted, That if all or any of the Perſons to whom the Sum of One thouſand one hundred and forty Pounds is now due on the Credit of the ſaid Rate or Duty, or may be hereafter aſſigned, ſhall be deſirous to exchange ſuch Securities for Annuities, to be charged upon and made payable out of the Rate or Duty on Coals hereby directed to be levied, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners to grant ſuch Annuities accordingly in lieu of ſuch Securities, upon the ſame Terms and in like Manner and Form as herein-before directed, the Monies due upon ſuch Securities being to be taken and accepted as Money paid on account of ſuch Annuities.

Surplus of the Coal Duty applicable in Aid of the Rate for paving, &c.

CXVI. And be it further enacted, That after the Monies that are now due or which ſhall at any Time hereafter be borrowed upon the Credit of the Duty ariſing from Coals and Culm, and the Expences incurred in erecting and maintaining the Groyns and other Works now erected or which ſhall hereafter be erected ſhall have been fully paid, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners to pay and apply any Surplus that may thereafter ariſe from the ſaid Duty in Aid of the Rate for paving, watching, lighting, and cleanſing the ſaid Town, as to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall ſeem reaſonable and proper.

CXVII. And

CXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at any General Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, to nominate and appoint any Number of Perſons not exceeding Six to be Land Coal Meters for the ſaid Town, and that when either of ſuch Land Coal Meters ſhall die, or be incapable of ſerving in ſuch Office, or ſhall be diſmiſſed or ſuſpended therefrom, in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners at any General Meeting to nominate and appoint any other Perſon as a Land Coal Meter in the Room and Stead of every ſuch Land Coal Meter who ſhall die, or be ſo diſmiſſed or ſuſpended, or be incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office; and that no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Land Coal Meter in the Execution of this Act, until he ſhall have taken an Oath, (which Oath the Chairman at any ſuch Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter) in Manner following; that is to ſay,

Commiſſioners to appoint Coal Meters for the Town, who are not to exceed Six in Number.

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That I will honeſtly, truly, faithfully, and impartially to the beſt of my Skill and Judgment, execute the Office of one of the Land Coal Meters for the Town of *Brighthelmſton*, and that I will truly and impartially inſpect and meaſure, or ſee to be meaſured and loaded all ſuch Coals between Buyer and Seller, and execute ſuch other Duties as are by Law required to be done by a Land Coal Meter, without Favour or Hatred to any Perſon whomſoever.

'So help me GOD.'

Oath.

Provided always, That every Land Coal Meter to be appointed under the Authority of this Act, ſhall take or receive ſuch Sum for all Coals or Culm meaſured and inſpected by him as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, not exceeding the Sum of Four-pence for every Chaldron thereof.

CXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Sack ſhall be made uſe of in the Delivery of Coals from any Wharf, Warehouſe, or other Place within the ſaid Town, except ſuch Sack ſhall be made of Linen, and ſhall have been firſt ſealed and marked with White Paint in Oil at the Town Hall aforeſaid, or at ſuch other Place as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall appoint by the proper Officer there, and every ſuch Sack ſhall at the Time of marking and uſing meaſure in the Inſide thereof at leaſt Four Feet Two Inches in Length, by Two Feet One Inch in Breadth, and the Sum of Three-pence and no more ſhall be paid for ſealing and marking the ſame; and if any Vendor or Vendors of or Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of Coals, ſhall uſe or cauſe to be uſed any Sack or Sacks for delivering or carrying Coals within the ſaid Town in Sacks not ſealed or marked as aforeſaid, or of leſs Length or of leſs Breadth than the Dimenſions aforeſaid, then and in any ſuch Caſe every ſuch Vendor of or Dealer in, or Carrier of Coals ſhall, for every ſuch Sack ſo unmarked or deficient in Length or Breadth, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Conviction ſhall take place ſhall cauſe every ſuch Sack found unmarked or deficient, either in Length or in Breadth, to be deſtroyed.

Dimenſions of Sacks to be uſed in the Coal Trade.

CXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Buſhel Meaſure ſhall be kept or made uſe of for or in the Admeaſurement of any Coals ſold within the ſaid Town, which ſhall not be ſuch Buſhel Meaſure as is deſcribed in and by an Act

What Buſhel Meaſure to be made uſe of.

Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for speedy and effectual preserving of the Navigation of the River* Thames *by stopping the Breach in the Levels of* Havering *and* Dagenham, *in the County of* Essex, *and for ascertaining the Coal Measure*, and which shall not have been first stamped or marked by the proper Officer by this Act appointed, for regulating Weights and Measures previously to the same being kept or used, for which the Sum of Sixpence and no more shall be paid; and that every such Bushel shall be fitted for Work, and used with Iron or Copper Hoops, and shall be stamped or marked with a Steel Instrument on the uppermost Iron or Copper Hoop, and that every such Bushel shall be kept without any Alteration or Diminution, and that in making use of such Bushel, all Coals shall be duly heaped up in such Bushel in the Form of a Cone, such Cone to be of the Height at least of Six Inches, and the Outside of the Bushel to be the Extremity of the Base of such Cone, and that each and every Chaldron of Coals shall consist of Thirty-six of such Bushels so heaped, and in Proportion for any lesser Quantity; and if any Dealer or Dealers in, or Vendor or Vendors of Coals within such Limits as aforesaid, shall keep or make use of, or cause to be kept or made use of any Bushel in the Admeasurement of any Coals other than such Bushel as aforesaid, and so stamped as aforesaid, or shall permit his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever so to do, then and in every such Case such Dealer or Dealers in, or Vendor or Vendors of Coals so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and if any Servant or Servants, or other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of any Dealer or Dealers, Vendor or Vendors, shall make use of in admeasuring of any Coals any Bushel other than such Bushel as aforesaid, stamped as aforesaid, or if any such Servant or Servants, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever shall, in any Manner decrease or diminish any such Bushel stamped as aforesaid, then and in every such Case such Servant or Servants, or such other Person or Persons respectively, for every such Offence shall be committed to the House of Correction by any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Regulation of Measures smaller than a Bushel.

CXX. And be it further enacted, That all Measures less than such Bushel Measure as aforesaid, which shall be used by any Person or Persons dealing in Coals within the said Town shall be fitted for Work and Use with Iron or Copper, and shall previously to being used in the Admeasurement of Coals be sealed or stamped as aforesaid by the proper Officer with a Steel Instrument on the upper Iron or Copper Hoop, and that all such Measures so sealed or stamped, shall be kept without any Alteration, and so used by such Dealers in or Vendors of Coals, as shall sell any less Quantity or Quantities of Coals than a Bushel, and if such Person or Persons shall diminish or make less any such Measure less than the Bushel, or shall make use of any Means or Device so as to prevent any such Measure from holding or containing as much as it would otherwise hold or contain in case such Means or Device had not been practised, or shall use or cause to be used any such Measure when any such Means or Device had been practised, or shall use or cause to be used any such Measure in the Admeasurement of Coals not so sealed or stamped as aforesaid, then and in every such Case

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every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Carman to carry a Buſhel Meaſure in his Cart.

CXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Carman or Driver of any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage laden with Coals for Sale, or to be delivered to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, by any Vendor or Vendors, Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of Coals from any Wharf, Warehouſe, or other Place within the ſaid Town, ſhall not have placed in ſome conſpicuous Part of his Cart, Waggon or Carriage, a perfect Buſhel Meaſure of the Form, Size, and Dimenſions, and ſtamped or marked as aforeſaid, (which Meaſure ſhall be provided by the Vendor or Vendors, Dealer or Dealers in, or Carrier or Carriers of ſuch Coals) then and in every ſuch Caſe, every ſuch Carman or Driver and Vendor or Vendors ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings: Provided always, that Coals which ſhall be carried or conveyed in Bulk, or in any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, belonging to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, may be ſo carried or conveyed without the Carman being obliged to carry a Buſhel Meaſure therewith, or any Perſon or Perſons being ſubject or liable to any Penalty or Penalties in reſpect thereof, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Vendors to deliver Tickets of Coals ſold.

CXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Vendor or Vendors, Dealer or Dealers, in Coals ſold and to be delivered to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof from any Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage ſhall be, and he and they is and are hereby required to deliver, or cauſe to be delivered to the Driver thereof, a printed Ticket or Paper, and ſuch Driver ſhall and is required to deliver, or cauſe to be delivered the ſame Ticket to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants before any Part of the Coals contained in ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage ſhall be delivered therefrom, and every ſuch Ticket or Paper ſhall be in the Words and Form following:

VENDOR'S TICKET.

'Mr. *A. B.* [*Here inſert the Name of the Buyer*].

'TAKE Notice that you are to receive herewith, [*Here inſert the Number*], Sacks of [*Here inſert the Name of the*] Coals, in and by an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, the Carman is directed to deliver this Ticket before he delivers any of the Coals out of his Cart or Waggon, and that a Buſhel Meaſure is in ſuch Cart or Waggon, by which the Carman is directed to meaſure *gratis*, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings, the Coals contained in any One Sack which the Purchaſer or his Servant may require, and each Buſhel is to be heaped up in the Form of a Cone, the Outſide of the Meaſure being the Extremity of the Baſe thereof, *C. D.* [*Here inſert the Name of the Vendor*]. Dated, [*Here inſert the Day of the Month and the Year when ſuch Ticket was ſigned.*]

Penalty on Vendor not delivering Tickets.

CXXIII. And in caſe any Vendor or Vendors ſhall not deliver or cauſe to be delivered ſuch Ticket as aforeſaid to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of ſuch Coals ſhall be delivered from ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, every ſuch

ſuch Vendor or Vendors ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and in caſe the Carman, Driver, or other Perſon attending ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage laden with any ſuch Coals, as aforeſaid, to whom ſuch Ticket ſhall have been given by or by the Directions of the Vendor, in order to be delivered to the Purchaſer, ſhall (having ſo firſt received the ſame from the Vendor or any Perſon by his Orders) refuſe or neglect to deliver ſuch Ticket as aforeſaid to the Buyer or Buyers of ſuch Coals, or to his, her, or their Servant or Servants, before any Part of ſuch Coals ſhall be delivered from ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, every ſuch Carman, Driver, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Carman if required to meaſure one Sack gratis.

CXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Carman or Driver of any Cart, Waggon or other Carriage laden with Coals for Sale or to be delivered to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof by the Vendor or Vendors or Dealer or Dealers in ſuch Coals, from any Wharf, Warehouſe, or other Place within the ſaid Town, ſhall and he is hereby directed to meaſure *gratis*, if he ſhall be required ſo to do, the Coals contained in any one of the Sacks in ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage which may be choſen by the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants or other Perſon or Perſons acting on the Behalf of ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers with ſuch Buſhel Meaſure as aforeſaid, in order that ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers may be better enabled to judge of the Neceſſity of having the Whole of ſuch Coals re-meaſured in Manner directed by this Act.

Penalty on Carman driving the Carts away without meaſuring the Sack if required.

CXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Carman or Driver of any Cart or Waggon or other Carriage laden with Coals, ſhall neglect or refuſe to meaſure by the ſaid Buſhel Meaſure ſuch Sacks of Coals in Manner herein directed, when thereunto required by the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, or by his, her, or their Servant or Servants or other Perſon or Perſons acting by or under the Authority of ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or if any ſuch Carman or Driver ſhall drive away or permit or ſuffer the ſaid Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage to be driven away without meaſuring in Manner herein directed the ſaid Sack of Coals, or ſhall hinder, obſtruct, or otherwiſe prevent the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, on his Behalf, from meaſuring the ſaid Buſhel Meaſure, or all or any ſuch Sack or Sacks in ſuch his Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Carman or Driver ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Perſons to ſend Notice to Coal Meters if deſirous of having Coals re-meaſured.

CXXVI. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants ſo deſiring ſuch Coals contained in ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, to be re-meaſured, ſhall and he, ſhe, and they is and are hereby required to ſend or cauſe to be ſent to the Vendor or Vendors of the ſaid Coals, or to his, her, or their Wharf, Warehouſe, or other Place of Abode, Notice in Writing that the ſaid Coals are to be re-meaſured, and ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants ſhall and he, ſhe, or they is and are hereby required forthwith to ſend Notice in Writing for any One of the Coal Meters to be

appointed as aforeſaid, of his, her, or their Deſire to have ſuch Coals re-meaſured, and thereupon ſuch Coal Meters ſhall within the Space of One Hour next after ſuch Notice in Writing ſhall have been delivered to him attend at the Houſe, Lodging, or other Premiſes of ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers as ſhall be expreſſed in ſuch Notices, for the Purpoſes of re-meaſuring ſuch Coals, and ſhall accordingly re-meaſure the ſame; and the Vendor or Vendors and Purchaſer or Purchaſers of the ſaid Coals, or his, her, or their Agent or Servant, Agents or Servants, or any or either of them, may, if they think proper, attend to ſee the ſame re-meaſured; and ſuch Coal Meter ſhall and he is hereby required at the Option of the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals, to re-meaſure ſuch Coals either by the diſtinct Sacks ſo as to aſcertain the Contents of each particular Sack of ſuch Coals which ſhall remain in ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage, or elſe to re-meaſure or cauſe to be re-meaſured ſuch Coals in ſuch Manner as to aſcertain the whole Quantity of ſuch Coals contained in all the Sacks taken together, and for ſuch Re-meaſurement ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid to the ſaid Coal Meter the Sum of One Shilling for every Chaldron of Coals ſo re-meaſured; and in caſe upon Re-meaſurement of any ſuch Coals which ſhall be re-meaſured ſo as to aſcertain the Contents of each particular Sack thereof, it ſhall appear to the Coal Meter ſo re-meaſuring the ſame, that any Sack or Sacks of ſuch Coals ſhall not contain the Number of Buſhels according as the Sack or Sacks ſhall be marked, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Vendor or Vendors of ſuch Coals ſhall for every Sack of Coals that ſhall be ſo found deficient on ſuch Re-meaſurement, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and in caſe upon the Re-meaſurement of any ſuch Coals which ſhall be re-meaſured in ſuch Manner as to aſcertain the whole Quantity of ſuch Coals contained in all the Sacks taken together, it ſhall appear to ſuch Coal Meter that the Coals then re-meaſured do not amount to the Quantity for which they were ſold, then the Vendor or Vendors of ſuch Coals ſhall forfeit and pay for every Buſhel of Coals found deficient the Sum of Forty Shillings, to and for the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton:* Provided nevertheleſs, that no ſuch Coals ſo ſold and ſent ſhall be re-meaſured ſo as to aſcertain the whole Quantity of ſuch Coals together, after more than one Sack of ſuch Coals ſhall have been delivered from ſuch Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage into or upon the Premiſes of ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

By whom the Expences of ſuch Re-meaſurement to be repaid.

CXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if upon any ſuch Re-meaſurement which ſhall be ſo made there ſhall be a Deficiency, then the Vendor or Vendors of ſuch Coals ſhall repay the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of ſuch Coals the Expence of ſuch Re-meaſurement.

Penalty on Coal Meters not attending to re-meaſure.

CXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any ſuch Notice ſhall have been given by or on the Behalf of any Purchaſer to either of the ſaid Coal Meters, requiring his Attendance for the Purpoſe of re-meaſuring or ſeeing any Coals re-meaſured, every ſuch Coal Meter neglecting or refuſing for the Space of One Hour after the Receipt of ſuch Notice to attend, (if not prevented by Illneſs), to re-meaſure or ſee ſuch Coals re-meaſured, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Coal Meter ſo offending, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any ſuch Vendor, Driver, or Purchaſer or any other Perſon or Perſons

shall prevent, obstruct, or interrupt any such Coal Meter so attending in consequence of any such Notice, then and in every such Case, every such Vendor, Driver, or Purchaser or other Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Commissioners may make Bye Laws for licensing and regulating Hackney Coaches, Sedan Chairs, and Bathing Machines.

CXXIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or any Thirty-one or more of them, or the Majority thereof, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time as often as to them shall seem necessary to make, ordain, constitute, and appoint such Bye Laws, Rules, Regulations and Orders, as they shall think fit for regulating and preserving Order at the Meetings to be from Time to Time held by the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution this Act, and for licensing and authorizing a sufficient Number of Hackney Coaches, Sedan Chairs, and Bathing Machines, to ply for Hire within the said Town, or on the Beach, or Coasts thereof, and for regulating and ordering such Hackney Coaches, Sedan Chairs, and Bathing Machines, and how and in what Manner the Owners, Drivers, and Carriers thereof respectively shall conduct and demean themselves in their several Employments, and within what Hours and Times they may follow and exercise their Calling; and also in what Manner, and Order, and how such Hackney Coaches, Sedan Chairs, and Bathing Machines shall be furnished, provided, and kept and numbered, and what Number of Persons may be carried and conveyed in and on such Coaches, and what Number of Horses are to draw the same; and for ascertaining, fixing, altering, and removing the Stands of such Coaches, Chairs, and Bathing Machines, or any of them, from Time to Time, and punishing the Misconduct or Misbehaviour of Hackney Coachmen, Chairmen, and Persons attending such Bathing Machines; and for fixing, ascertaining, and defining what Rates and Prices shall be allowed, paid, awarded, or received by such Hackney Coachmen, Chairmen, and the Owners of or Persons attending such Bathing Machines; and to what Distances such Hackney Coachmen and Chairmen shall be obliged to drive, go, or come in and about the said Town or the Neighbourhood thereof; and for the Government and Regulation of Persons bathing upon the Coast adjoining to the said Town or any Part thereof, and to prevent and punish all indecent or improper bathing; such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, or Regulations not being repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, or this Act; and the said Commissioners may from Time to Time as they shall think fit, repeal, alter, or amend such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, or any of them, and shall ascertain and impose what reasonable pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures shall be incurred by Persons breaking or avoiding the same, or any of them, provided that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for any Offence, and that all such Fares and Prices, Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, and the Fines and Penalties for the Breach or Non-observance thereof, shall from Time to Time as often as they shall be made, altered, or varied, be printed and put up in the Market of *Brighthelmston*, and also in the Custom House of the said Town, and in such other Place or Places as the said Commissioners shall for that Purpose appoint, there to be and remain for public Inspection; provided always, that such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, shall be subject to Appeal in Manner herein mentioned.

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CXXX. And be it further enacted, That if the Driver of a Hackney Coach, or the Carrier or Carriers of any such Sedan Chair, or any Person or Persons attending such Bathing Machine, shall be found standing or plying for Hire, or using such Coach, Sedan Chair, or Bathing Machine in any Part of the Limits before mentioned, without such Licence as aforesaid, or having such Licence shall be found plying for Hire, or contrary to or against such Bye Laws, Rules, or Regulations which shall or may be made as aforesaid, the Owner or Owners of, or the Person or Persons driving or offering to drive such Coach, and Owner or Owners, Carrier or Carriers of such Sedan Chair, and the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons attending such Bathing Machine so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings. Penalty on Coachmen, &c. plying without Licence.

CXXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to cause Bathing Houses or Sheds to be erected and built on the Beach in or near the Front of the said Town, in such Manner and Form as to them the said Commissioners shall seem meet, for the Accommodation of Servants, Labourers, and other Persons not using Machines. Power to build Bathing Houses.

CXXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Licence so to be granted as aforesaid, for the Persons aforesaid, under this Act, shall be signed by Five of the Commissioners at the least, and every Licence not so signed shall be void; and every Licence so granted and signed shall express the Number to which such Person is licensed, and shall be in force for One Year from the Day of the Date of such Licence, or until the next General Annual licensing of such Persons for the Purposes aforesaid and no longer, and no one Licence shall include more than One Coach or One Chair, or One Bathing Machine; and every such Licence shall be made out by the Clerk of the said Commissioners, and be duly entered in a Book to be provided and kept for that Purpose in his Office, with the Name of the Person licensed, and his and her Number and Place of Residence, and in such Book shall be contained Columns or Places for Entries to be made of every Offence, committed by any Driver, Coachman, or Chairman, or Person attending a Bathing Machine, and that for each and every such Licence there shall be paid to the Clerk of the said Commissioners for the Time being for the same, the following Sums; (that is to say), Manner of granting Licences and Sums to be paid thereon.

For each Licence for a Hackney Coach, the Sum of Ten Shillings:
And for each Licence for a Sedan Chair, the Sum of Five Shillings:
And for each Licence for a Bathing Machine, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence:

And every Owner of such Coach, Chair, or Bathing Machine, shall affix and keep such Figure or Number as shall be respectively appointed by the said Commissioners on some conspicuous Part of such Coach, Chair, or Bathing Machine, and shall, for every Refusal or Neglect so to do, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

CXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to pay on Demand to any licensed Hackney Coachman or Hackney Coachmen, Sedan Chairman or Sedan Chairmen, or Person or Persons attending such Bathing Machine, the Money justly due to him, her, Penalty on Persons not paying Hackney Coachmen, &c. their Fare.

her, or them, for the Fare, Hire, or Service thereof, or ſhall wilfully cut, deface, break or injure any ſuch licenſed Coach, or the Horſe or Horſes, or the Harneſs of the ſame, or any licenſed Chair or Bathing Machine, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, upon any Complaint thereof made to him or them, to grant his or their Summons againſt the Perſon or Perſons complained of, to appear before him or them at ſome Time and Place to be mentioned in ſuch Summons, to anſwer the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, and on Proof on Oath of the Service thereof, to proceed in and to hear the Matter of the ſaid Complaint on Oath whether the Perſon ſummoned appears or not, and to make ſuch Order therein as to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall appear to be juſt; and if the Perſon or Perſons againſt whom ſuch Order ſhall be made, do not immediately pay or cauſe to be paid the Money (if any) which ſhall be ordered as a Satisfaction to the Perſon or Perſons for the Service or Injury done, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and he and they is and are hereby required to grant his, her, or their Warrant of Diſtreſs againſt the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or declining to pay, to be taken in any Place whereſoever found, and the ſame to ſell and diſpoſe of, and out of the Monies ariſing by or from ſuch Sale, to pay the Money ſo awarded to the Perſon or Perſons to whom it ſhall be due, with ſuch Coſts as ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall think reaſonable, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner of the Goods and Chattels ſo diſtrained, and if no Diſtreſs can be found, then to commit the Perſon or Perſons againſt whom ſuch Order ſhall be made to the common Gaol of the ſaid County for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days nor leſs than One Day, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, unleſs the Money be ſooner paid.

Act not to authorize any Bathing Machine to ſtand upon the Beach without the Concurrence of the Owner of the Soil.

CXXXIV. Provided always, That this Act or any Thing herein contained, or in any Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation to be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, ſhall not extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize or empower the ſtanding or uſing of any Bathing Machine upon any Part of the Beach or Coaſt of the Sea adjoining to the ſaid Town, or in anywiſe to authorize or empower the ſaid Commiſſioners in any Manner to dig away, diſturb, or remove the Soil, Chalk, Sand, or other Materials of the Cliff, or the Rock, Stones, Beach, or Sand on the Sea Shore within the ſaid Town, without the Conſent of the Lords of the Manor of *Brighthelmſton* or the Conſent of any Perſon or Perſons who, by reaſon of Property in the Soil or otherwiſe, may legally be entitled to prohibit or prevent the ſame.

Commiſſioners may appoint Directors and Guardians of the Poor every Year.

CXXXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and they are hereby required to meet at the Town Hall, or at any other convenient Place within the Town of *Brighthelmſton*, on ſome Day in the Month of *April* in every Year, or within Forty Days after, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three in the Afternoon, (Ten Days Notice being previouſly given of ſuch Meeting or Meetings in the Pariſh Church of *Brighthelmſton* during the Time of Divine Service in the Morning, and paſted upon the Church Door and proclaimed by the Town Cryer, Two Days previous to ſuch Meeting); and ſhall at ſuch Meeting or Meetings in every Year, annually nominate and appoint Thirty ſubſtantial and diſcreet Perſons, being Inhabitants and Houſeholders of the ſaid Pariſh, which ſaid Thirty Perſons,

ſo nominated and appointed, ſhall be and be called Directors and Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Powers given, and intruſted to them by this Act, until in like Manner other Directors and Guardians ſhall be choſen and appointed in their Room, or they ſhall be re-appointed.

The Vicar, High Conſtable, Churchwardens and Overſeers and Surgeon for the Time being, to be Directors and Guardians.

CXXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Vicar of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, the High Conſtable, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and Surgeon or Surgeons to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, ſhall be and each and every of them are hereby declared to be Directors and Guardians of the Poor, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and ſhall have full Power and Authority, together with the ſeveral Directors and Guardians to be from Time to Time elected as herein-before mentioned to act as ſuch, to all Intents and Purpoſes as if they had been nominated and choſen by the Commiſſioners appointed in purſuance of this Act, in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act.

Commiſſioners may enlarge, take down, or remove the Workhouſe, or build another.

CXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians or any Nine or more of them, or the Majority thereof, at any General or Special Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, preſent at ſuch Meeting (provided that not leſs than Nine are preſent at ſuch Meeting) but not otherwiſe, to ſell, transfer, or ſet over, or ſet, farm, or let, or pull down, alter, or repair, or remove or cauſe to be ſold, transferred, ſet over, or ſet, or farmed, or let, or pulled down, altered, or repaired, enlarged, or amended, or removed, all or any Part or Parts of the Houſe, Premiſes or Hereditaments commonly called *The Town Houſe*, or *Workhouſe* of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton* aforeſaid, and all other Hereditaments and Premiſes ſituate within and belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, and may erect or cauſe to be erected, in a plain ſubſtantial Manner, One or more Houſe or Houſes with ſuitable Office or Offices, and Outbuildings and Fences, on the Scite or Place where the preſent Town Houſe or Workhouſe now ſtands, or in any other Place or Places, or Spot of Ground, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, as ſuch Directors and Guardians ſhall think fit to purchaſe, and allot or appoint for that Purpoſe, for the better receiving, employing, and maintaining the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall be and require, to alter, enlarge, and repair the ſaid Houſe or Houſes, Fences, or Outbuildings, that now are or ſhall or may be hereafter erected as aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper; provided always, that the Expences of repairing, enlarging, or rebuilding the ſaid Town Houſe or Workhouſe ſhall not exceed the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds.

Directors and Guardians may purchaſe Lands for building a Workhouſe.

CXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots and other Truſtees whomſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Feme Coverts, and all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, who are or ſhall be ſeized, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall deem neceſſary for the Erection of

ſuch Townhouſe or Workhouſe, and other Offices, Outbuildings, and Appurtenances, in caſe they conſent to ſell the ſame, to treat, contract and agree with the ſaid Directors and Guardians for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to ſell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt whatſoever of and in the ſame, to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or to ſuch Perſons and their Heirs for ever, as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall direct, in Truſt for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or for the Leaſe or Leaſes of any ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for any Term or Terms at any Annual Rent or Rents for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, Conveyances and Leaſes which ſhall be ſo made by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Aſſurances in the Law whatſoever, be good, valid, and effectual to and for ſuch Ends, Intents, and Purpoſes, not only to convey and demiſe the Eſtate and Intereſt of the Perſon or Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey and demiſe all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim and Demand whatſoever (ſave and except the Payment of the Annual Rent or Rents reſerved by ſuch Leaſe or Leaſes, and the Covenants, Conditions, Reſtrictions, and Agreements as ſhall be therein contained) of their ſaid ſeveral and reſpective *Ceſtuique* Truſts, and all claiming by, from, and under them, any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all ſuch Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, Truſtees, and other Perſons, are and ſhall be hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue and in purſuance of this Act as aforeſaid: Provided always, that in all Caſes where ſuch Premiſes or any Part thereof ſhall be Copyhold, then the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the Manor or Manors, of which the ſame ſhall be held, ſhall and are hereby required at the Expence, Coſts, and Charges of the ſaid Directors and Guardians to free and enfranchize the ſame and every Part thereof, whether ſuch Lord or Lords of ſuch Manor ſhall be ſeiſed thereof in Fee Simple or in Fee Tail, or in Truſt or otherwiſe howſoever; and the Directors and Guardians are hereby required to pay to ſuch Lord or Lady a fair and valuable Conſideration for every ſuch Enfranchiſement, and the ſaid Directors and Guardians are hereby empowered to pay the Price or Prices of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments and Compenſation for the Enfranchiſement or other Right or Intereſt thereof or therein, and the Annual Rent and Rents of ſuch of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as ſhall or may at any Time be taken on Leaſe by and out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or of the Money which they the ſaid Directors and Guardians are by this Act empowered to borrow and take up at Intereſt, and ſhall and may hold the ſame Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the Erections and Buildings at any Time thereon erected for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of Mortmain.

Directors and Guardians to divide themſelves into Six Committees, and to eſtabliſh a

CXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians of the Poor, or any Six or more of them, at their Firſt Meeting after their Appointment, in every Year, (which Meeting the Commiſſioners or any Thirteen or more of them, at ſome General or Special Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act are hereby authorized and required to direct

and appoint) shall divide themselves into Six distinct and separate Committees, each Committee to consist of Six or more Directors and Guardians, and shall establish an annual Rule or Rotation for the Attendance of each of the said Committees, and one of the said Committees shall meet on a certain Day, to be appointed by the said Directors and Guardians in every Week, and shall attend weekly on that Day, for so long Time as shall be by the said Rule or Rotation fixed and established, or for so long Time as the Chairman at such Meeting, or the major Part thereof, shall think proper, or till the same shall be adjourned; and afterwards, the next Committee on such Rule or Rotation, shall attend weekly, on that Day in like Manner, until such annual Rule or Rotation shall be perfect and complete; and such Committee so appointed, or the Majority of the Directors and Guardians then present, shall at such their Meetings, proceed to carry so much of this Act into Execution, as is hereby vested in them: Provided always, that no Proceedings of any such Committee shall be valid unless Six or more Directors and Guardians shall be present.

Rule for Attendance Weekly.

CXL. And be it further enacted, That the Vestry Clerk to the Parish aforesaid for the Time being, shall and he is hereby required to give or cause Notice in Writing to be given to each and every of the said Directors and Guardians to attend the said Meetings at least Two Days previous to the Time on which such Meeting or Meetings are hereby required to be held, whose Turn it shall be to attend such Committee, agreeably to the Rule or Rotation of Attendance established by the said Directors and Guardians aforesaid, and such Notice so given shall express that such Director and Guardian is upon such Committee: Provided always, that all or any of the said Directors and Guardians may, if they think fit, attend any such Meetings so to be appointed as aforesaid, and may act, proceed, and vote at any such Meetings in like Manner as if he or they were on the Committee then attending in Rotation: Provided always, that the said Directors and Guardians present at every Meeting shall, before they proceed to any other Business elect one of the Directors and Guardians then present to be Chairman at such Meeting, and if at any Time at any Meeting any Question shall be put to the Vote and there shall be an Equality of Votes including the Chairman's Vote for and against the Question, then and in every such Case the Chairman present shall have the Casting Vote.

Vestry Clerk to give Notice in Writing of the Weekly Committees.

All the Directors and Guardians may attend the Weekly Meetings.

The Chairman to be appointed and to have the Casting Vote.

CXLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time appear to the said Directors and Guardians or any Two or more of them, proper and expedient that a Meeting of the Directors and Guardians should be held at an earlier Time than the respective Meeting or Meetings are hereby appointed and required to be held, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestry Clerk, and he is hereby required to summon a Meeting of the said Directors and Guardians at the Request of any Two or more of them, giving Twelve Hours Notice of the same (as is herein-before directed) of Notices of the other Meetings; and all such Meetings shall be good and valid; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Special Meetings may be called by any Two or more.

CXLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Guardians before they take upon themselves the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given them by this Act (save and except the Power of administering to one another the Oath or Affirmation herein-after directed and prescribed)

Directors and Guardians to take an Oath before taking on themselves the Office.

ſcribed) ſhall ſeverally take the following Oath (or Affirmation being any of the People called *Quakers*); (that is to ſay),

'I *A. B.* do hereby ſwear, [*or*, affirm, *as the Caſe may be*] That I will without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the beſt of my Skill and Knowledge, execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities veſted in me as a Director and Guardian of the Poor, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*Here ſet forth the Title of this Act*].

Which Oath or Affirmation the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Two or more of them, at their Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, are hereby required and empowered ſeverally to adminiſter to each other.

Quarterly Meetings to be held, and Accounts audited and paſſed.

CXLIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall hold Four General Quarterly Meetings in every Year, on the Four ſeveral Days following, *videlicet*, the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, the Twenty-ſixth Day of *December*, and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, in every Year, unleſs any of thoſe Days ſhall happen to be on a *Sunday*, in which Caſe the Meetings ſhall be held on the following Day; at which Quarterly Meetings the Account of the additional Overſeer, Treaſurer, and Clerk and Clerks to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and all other Accounts relating thereto, ſhall be adjuſted, audited, ſigned, and paſſed by the Chairman and Directors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting: Provided always, that no Buſineſs tranſacted at the ſaid Quarterly Meetings, nor any Order made by them, ſhall be good, valid or effectual unleſs Nine or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians are preſent at ſuch Meeting, and unleſs the ſame ſhall be confirmed at the next General or Quarterly Meeting.

Not leſs than Nine Directors and Guardians to act at Quarterly Meetings.

Chairman may adminiſter Oaths.

CXLIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Chairman, at any Meeting of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, (provided that not leſs than Six of the Directors and Guardians are preſent), or at the Meetings of any Weekly Committees to be held in purſuance of this Act, to adminiſter an Oath (or Affirmation, as the Caſe may be) to any Perſon or Perſons, for the more certain Information of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, in any Matter or Buſineſs then depending; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the ſaid Directors and Guardians, wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and thereof being duly convicted, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to all ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being, Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Directors and Guardians may make Bye Laws for the better regulating the Poor, &c.

CXLV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and they have hereby full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton* aforeſaid, within the ſaid Workhouſe as to them ſhall appear neceſſary, proper, and expedient, ſo that no ſuch Bye Law, Rule, or Regulation, be repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, or this Act; and all ſuch

Bye

Bye Laws, Orders, or Regulations, and all other Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, ſhall be entered by the Veſtry Clerk, or any other Clerk to be by the ſaid Directors and Guardians appointed, in a Book or Books to be provided and kept for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by the Chairman and Directors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting, where ſuch Bye Laws, Orders, Rules, Regulations, or otherwiſe, ſhall have been made, and ſhall be printed and hung up in the Workhouſe of the ſaid Town; and which Book or Books may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatſoever: Provided always, that no ſuch Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, Act, or Proceeding, ſhall be altered, repealed, or revoked, unleſs by a Majority of a greater Number by at leaſt Six of the Directors and Guardians preſent at ſome ſubſequent Meeting, than were preſent at the making or doing thereof.

Bye Laws not to be repealed unleſs by a greater Majority at a ſubſequent Meeting.

CXLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Director and Guardian of the Poor ſhall in any Way, either directly or indirectly, be concerned in any Contract made or entered into by the Directors and Guardians aforeſaid, in purſuance of or under this Act, ſuch Director and Guardian is and ſhall be deemed to be utterly diſqualified to act as Director or Guardian to the Poor during the Time he or they ſhall be ſo concerned.

Directors and Guardians not to act as ſuch during the Time they may be concerned in any Contract.

CXLVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians to be appointed as aforeſaid, or any Nine or more of them, at any Quarterly or General Meeting, to appoint a Treaſurer or Treaſurers, and Clerk or Clerks, a Governor and Matron or Miſtreſs, and ſuch other Officers and Servants as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall think neceſſary and convenient for the better regulating and governing the Poor, maintained and provided for in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or Infirmary of the ſaid Pariſh; and ſhall alſo appoint a fit and duly qualified Surgeon or Surgeons, to attend the Sick Poor in the ſaid Workhouſe or Infirmary; and alſo to attend ſuch other Poor Sick Perſons whom the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall conſider to ſtand in need of medical Aid and Relief; and the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall take ſuch Security from ſuch Treaſurers or Clerks or Surgeons, or other Officers or Perſons to be by the ſaid Directors and Guardians appointed as aforeſaid, as they ſhall deem requiſite and neceſſary for the due Performance of his or their ſeveral Agreements, Services, and Offices reſpectively; and the ſaid Directors and Guardians may from Time to Time remove ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, Surgeons, or other Officers or Perſons as aforeſaid, and appoint others in the Room of ſuch of them as ſhall be ſo removed, or as ſhall die, or diſcontinue or become in any Way incapable of performing his, her, or their Duty or Office or Offices or Employment; and the ſaid Directors and Guardians are hereby empowered to allow and pay to every ſuch Treaſurer, Clerk, Surgeon, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſuch Salary or Salaries out of the Money to be from Time to Time received by the ſaid Directors and Guardians for the Purpoſes of this Act, as they ſhall think proper.

May appoint Officers and Servants, and allow Salaries.

CXLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to or for ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers to pay any Sum or Sums of Money, to or for any Perſon or Perſons on any Account whatſoever, without firſt obtaining an Order in Writing, ſigned by Two or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, ſpecifying the Sum and Purpoſe for which the ſame ſhall be paid,

How Money is to be paid by the Treaſurer.

paid, and all ſuch Orders ſo received by the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers ſhall be a ſufficient Receipt for all ſuch Sums of Money ſo paid, and ſhall be allowed in the ſaid Treaſurer's Accounts.

Directors and Guardians to ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Treaſurer.

CXLIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall and may ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Treaſurer for the Time being, and that no Action or Suit ſo to be brought or to be commenced by or againſt the ſaid Directors and Guardians, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of ſuch Treaſurer, ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Removal, or by the Act of ſuch Treaſurer, without the Conſent of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Two or more of them; and the Treaſurer for the Time being ſhall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in every ſuch Action or Suit, as the Caſe may be: Provided always, that every ſuch Treaſurer in whoſe Name any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, proſecuted, or defended in purſuance of this Act, ſhall always be reimburſed and paid out of the Monies to be received by the ſaid Directors and Guardians by virtue of this Act, all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences, as by the Event of any ſuch Proceedings he ſhall be put to or become liable or chargeable with, by reaſon of his being ſo made Plaintiff or Defendant.

Churchwardens and Overſeers to pay all Monies over to the Treaſurer.

CL. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, for the Time being, or their Treaſurer or Collector, ſhall from Time to Time pay over to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, all and every ſuch Sum and Sums of Money raiſed or to be raiſed by any Rate, to and for the Relief of the Poor of the Pariſh aforeſaid, taking a Receipt from ſuch laſt-mentioned Treaſurer for ſuch Sum or Sums ſo paid, which Receipt ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, and allowed on paſſing their Accounts; and in Default, Refuſal, or Neglect of the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or their Treaſurer or Collector, to pay or cauſe to be paid over all ſuch Monies as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful to and for any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Suſſex*, on Complaint being made to him or them, by the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Two or more of them, or their Treaſurer for the Time being, and on Proof thereof upon Oath (or Affirmation, being a Quaker), (which Oath or Affirmation the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace is and are hereby required to adminiſter), to enquire into the Matters of the ſaid Complaint, and after the Party or Parties complained of ſhall have been heard and the Complaint allowed by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and ſuch Party or Parties ſhall not render a juſt and true Account, and pay or cauſe to be paid over ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall at the Time be remaining in his or their Hands, or ſatisfactorily account for the ſame as above directed, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices may and ſhall, by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, cauſe to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Effects, ſo much Money as ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices to have been received by ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers, or their Treaſurer or Collector, and not accounted for; and in caſe no Goods, Chattels, or Effects ſhall be found ſufficient to defray and ſatisfy ſuch Diſtreſs, and all Coſts and Charges attending the ſame, then ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, commit ſuch Offender or Offenders ſo making Default as aforeſaid to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, there to remain,

without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they ſhall have rendered ſuch Account, and paid or accounted for the Money ſo to be by him or them received and paid as aforeſaid: Provided always, that no ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be detained in Priſon for any longer Period than Six Months.

Directors may contract for the Supply of the Poor, &c.

CLI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians may contract and agree to and with any Perſon or Perſons for furniſhing or ſupplying the Workhouſe or Infirmary, Manufactory or Buildings requiſite or belonging thereto, with all or any Part of the Articles, Proviſions, Cloathing, Materials, Utenſils, or Implements requiſite for providing, maintaining, or employing the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for any Time not exceeding One Year; and all Contracts or Agreements made or entered into by or between the ſaid Directors and Guardians and any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing to be done in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be reduced into Writing, and ſigned by the Parties thereto, and ſhall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the ſaid Directors and Guardians, as upon all other Parties thereto, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns; and in caſe of Breach thereof, Actions and Suits may be brought, maintained, and defended, and Damages and Coſts be recovered thereon againſt the Party or Parties refuſing or neglecting to perform the ſame.

Contracts or Proceedings to be entered in Books.

CLII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall cauſe all Contracts made in purſuance of this Act by them the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and every Matter or Thing relating thereto, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and alſo all their other Acts, Proceedings, Orders, or Regulations; and which Book or Books hereby directed to be kept ſhall from Time to Time and at all convenient Times be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of all and every Perſon or Perſons paying Scot and Lot within the Pariſh aforeſaid, without Fee or Reward.

Appointment of Aſſiſtant Overſeer.

CLIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians for the Time being, at a Meeting to be held by them on ſome Day in *Eaſter* Week in every Year, or within Forty Days next after, for that Purpoſe (there being not leſs than Nine of the ſaid Directors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting), to nominate and appoint a fit and proper Perſon to be an Aſſiſtant Overſeer at a competent Salary, not exceeding Two hundred Pounds for the Year, to aid and aſſiſt the ſaid Directors and Guardians in the Execution of the ſeveral Duties and Authorities veſted in the ſaid Directors and Guardians by this Act; and the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall, and he is hereby required to execute and perform the ſeveral Duties of Overſeer of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, and ſhall be ſubject and liable to the like Rules, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and ſhall have and enjoy the like Privileges, Exemptions, and Immunities, as by the general Laws and Statutes of this Realm are impoſed upon or given to Overſeers of the Poor, the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer being approved by Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County.

CLIV. And

His Continuance in Office, and Manner of appointing Succeſſors.

CLIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſo to be nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, unleſs he ſhall be removed as hereinafter mentioned, ſhall continue in Office for One Year from the Time of his Firſt Appointment, or until the Firſt Week in *Eaſter* next after his Appointment to the ſaid Office of Overſeer, and no longer; and that then and ſo annually afterwards on ſome Day in *Eaſter* Week, the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall either agree with the Perſon who held the ſaid Office, to continue in the ſaid Office the Year enſuing, or ſhall proceed to nominate and appoint another fit and proper Perſon for the ſaid Office; and alſo in caſe any ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall die or be removed from his ſaid Office before the Expiration of the Time for which he ſhall have been ſo appointed, or ſhall become incapable by Illneſs or otherwiſe of doing his Duty, the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall forthwith appoint another fit and proper Perſon to be the Aſſiſtant Overſeer in the Room of ſuch Overſeer ſo removed, dying, or becoming incapable of acting for the Remainder of the Year: Provided always, that every ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer before he takes upon himſelf the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given him by this Act, ſhall ſign an Agreement in the Book where the Proceedings of the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall be entered as herein-before mentioned, ſignifying his Acceptance of and taken on himſelf the Office, and of the Salary he is to receive for the ſame, and alſo take the following Oath (or Affirmation, if one of the People called *Quakers*), which Oath or Affirmation any of the Directors and Guardians ſhall and are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter and receive; *videlicet*,

'I *A. B.* do ſwear (or affirm), That in all Caſes in which I ſhall act as Aſſiſtant Overſeer of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Brighthelmſton*, in the County of *Suſſex*, appointed in purſuance of an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act*, [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*], I will, without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the beſt of my Skill and Judgement, execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities repoſed in me by the ſaid Act.

'So help me GOD.'

Power of Aſſiſtant Overſeer.

CLV. And be it further enacted, That immediately after ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall be nominated and appointed, and ſhall have taken upon him the Office in Manner aforeſaid, the whole Management and Care of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall be veſted in him, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Directions, Superintendance, and Controul of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, whoſe Bye Laws, Regulations, Orders, and Directions, the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall and he is hereby required to obey, conform to, and ſee duly obſerved, and neither of the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall intermeddle in the Care and Management of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; but the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor ſhall continue to have and be inveſted with the ſame Powers of making and collecting Poors Rates as they have at preſent, and ſhall be ſubject to the like Penalties for Neglect or Miſbehaviour in making or collecting ſuch Rates as they were at the Time of paſſing this Act.

Penalty on Overſeers not collecting Rates.

CLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Overſeer of the Poor ſhall refuſe or neglect to collect the Rates granted for the Relief of the Poor, or cauſe

cauſe the ſame to be collected for the Space of Twenty-one Days after the ſame ſhall be granted, and Complaint thereof ſhall be made by any Two or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or their Treaſurer, and Oath (or Affirmation, being a Quaker) made by ſome credible Witneſs before any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, ſuch Overſeer ſhall, unleſs he ſhews full and juſt Cauſe to the Satisfaction of ſuch Juſtice, why ſuch Rates are not collected, forfeit to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or to their Treaſurer for the Time being, for the Uſe of the Poor, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Upon what Grounds Aſſiſtant Overſeer may be diſmiſſed.

CLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall neglect his Duty, be guilty of any Fraud or Embezzlement, or otherwiſe miſbehave himſelf in his ſaid Office, it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or for any one of the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to ſummon a Meeting of the Directors and Guardians, as in Manner before directed, (ſuch Notice ſpecifying the Purpoſe of ſuch Meeting); and if it ſhall appear to the Directors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting, that ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge, the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall at their next Weekly Meeting diſmiſs the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer from his Office.

Aſſiſtant Overſeer not to furniſh any Thing for the Poor.

CLVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall, either in his own Name or in the Name of any other Perſon, provide, furniſh, or ſupply (for his own Profit), any Goods, Wares, Materials, or Proviſions for the Uſe of the Workhouſe or Infirmary of the ſaid Pariſh, or for the Support, Cloathing, Maintaining, or Employment of any of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or be concerned in any Contract or Contracts relating thereto, during the Time of his holding the Office of ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer; and if any ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall act contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act in this reſpect, then he or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

Furniture, Apparel, &c. provided for the Poor veſted in the Directors.

CLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Right and Property of all the Goods, Wares, Furniture, Materials, Tools, Utenſils, Cloaths, Proviſions and Things whatſoever, provided to and for the Uſe, Maintenance, Employment, or Cloathing of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh either in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or Infirmary, which now is or hereafter may be provided for the Reception, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of the Pariſh aforeſaid, and for carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo all Monies received or due for the Poors' Work, or otherwiſe, ſhall be and the ſame is and are abſolutely veſted in the ſaid Directors and Guardians, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by virtue and in purſuance of this Act.

The Poor may be ſet to work.

CLX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer under the Direction of the ſaid Directors and Guardians aforeſaid, is hereby empowered and required to ſet the Poor of the Pariſh aforeſaid to work in ſuch Manner as Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor are empowered to do by any Law now in being relating to the Poor, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall think proper and direct, and ſhall and may receive, order, and compel all and every idle and diſorderly Perſon and Perſons, who, by Reaſon of their idle and diſorderly Conduct and living ſhall neglect or refuſe to maintain or ſhall leave or threaten

to leave and desert their Families, not being able afterwards to maintain themselves, and also all other Person and Persons who shall beg, seek for, or want Relief, for the Time being, and who shall belong to, and ought to be relieved by Law and provided for by the Parish of *Brighthelmston* to come into, work, dwell, and inhabit in the said Workhouse, and to detain, keep, maintain and employ all such respective poor Persons therein, during such Time, and so long as it shall appear to the said Assistant Overseer that such Poor Persons or any of them respectively are not of Ability sufficient to maintain and provide for themselves without the Aid of the Parish; and all such Poor, who shall be so received or brought into the said Workhouse shall, during such their Abode and Residence there, and while maintained in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, do, execute, and perform such Work, Labour, Business and Employment, as the said Directors and Guardians, or the said Assistant Overseer, shall think fit and proper to be done by them respectively; and the said Assistant Overseer may detain and keep all such idle and disorderly Persons who shall have so deserted or threatened to leave neglected, or refused to maintain, his or their Families, and to set each of them to work in such Workhouse or Workhouses, during such Time, and until such Person shall have got and raised so much Money, above his or their Maintenance as shall be sufficient to repay and reimburse to the said Directors and Guardians the Charges and Expences they shall have sustained in maintaining and providing for every such idle and disorderly Person and his or their Family; and in case any such idle or disorderly Person shall neglect or refuse to work, or by his or their Labour shall not get so much Money as shall be sufficient to reimburse the said Directors and Guardians the Charges and Expences of maintaining him or her, or his or their Families as aforesaid, then and as often as it shall so happen, the said Directors and Guardians shall and they are hereby empowered to cause such Person to be detained, and to keep him or her to such hard Labour as he or she shall be judged able to undergo, for the Space of Thirty Days, or such other Time as they shall think fit, and may, if they think fit, requisite, and necessary, cause him or her to be punished by solitary Confinement, not exceeding Forty-eight Hours, Abatement of Diet, or Distinction of Dress, at the Discretion of the said Directors and Guardians.

Overseers may take up wandering Poor not belonging to the Parish.

CLXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Beadles, and other Officers of the said Parish, to take and carry any Person or Persons whom they shall find wandering and begging, or committing other Acts of Vagrancy within the said Parish, and not able to give a good Account of himself, herself, or themselves, to the said Workhouse, there to be kept to hard Labour for so long Time, not exceeding Fourteen Days, as any Five or more of the said Directors and Guardians shall direct, or until he, she, or they, shall be discharged by due Course of Law; and may then cause such Offender or Offenders to be passed as a Vagrant to his, her, or their legal Settlement or Settlements, if the same can be found.

Directors may provide a convenient Stock of Materials for employing the Poor.

CLXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Guardians, or any Six or more of them, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to keep, maintain and employ, and to cause to be kept, maintained, and employed in any Works, Trades, Manufactures, and Employments whatsoever, all and every the Poor maintained in any Workhouse or Workhouses, or any other Houses or Tenements made use

of for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall and may provide a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials for the Employment of the Poor received into ſuch Houſe or Houſes, and for that Purpoſe only may ſet up, uſe, and occupy any Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation whatſoever, in ſuch Houſe or Houſes, and may ſell, vend, and diſpoſe of ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes as ſhall be manufactured or made by ſuch Poor, in ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes; and all Monies ariſing from any Work or Labour done by the Poor in any Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or other Houſes made uſe of for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall go in Aid of the Poor Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary hereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

How the Profits of their Labour may be employed.

CLXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy, receive into Pawn, or ſecrete any of the Cloaths and Wearing Apparel of the Poor, who at any Time ſhall be received into and maintained in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or any Goods or Materials carried into the ſame, to be wrought up, manufactured, or uſed by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or ſhall buy or receive any of the Proviſions allotted or provided for the Poor of the ſaid Workhouſe, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, upon Conviction, on the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, which Penalty when recovered and paid, ſhall go One Moiety to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh, and in Default thereof, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be committed to the Houſe or Correction for the ſaid County, for any Period of Time not exceeding Thirty Days.

Penalty on Perſons buying or taking into Pawn, any of the Cloaths, &c. of the Poor.

CLXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any One or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, in the Abſence of the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer, or other his Incapacity, to order Relief to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall meet with any Hurt or Accident, or whoſe Caſe may require immediate Relief, until ſuch Aſſiſtant Overſeer ſhall be apprized of the Condition of ſuch Perſon or Perſons.

One or more of the Directors and Guardians to act when the Aſſiſtant Overſeer may be abſent.

CLXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon received into the ſaid Workhouſe ſhall be guilty of profane curſing or ſwearing, or of any lewd, immoral, indecent, or diſorderly Behaviour, or ſhall uſe any abuſive or improper Language, or commit Waſte of the Proviſions or other Materials or Things provided by the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Work or Service which he or ſhe ſhall be required to do, or ſhall be remiſs therein (ſuch Work or Service being ſuited to his, her, or their Strength and bodily Ability) every ſuch Offender ſhall and may be puniſhed in Manner before directed, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Aſſiſtant Overſeer, or the ſaid Directors and Guardians.

Puniſhment of Poor miſbehaving themſelves.

CLXVI. And be it further enacted, To the End that all the Poor that now are or hereafter ſhall be in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes may be encouraged to apply themſelves to the Labour or Taſks in which they may be employed with Diligence and Attention, that out of the Profits ariſing from the Work which ſhall be done by ſuch Poor, ſuch ſmall Rewards ſhall

Encouragement to be given to the induſtrious Poor.

shall be distributed to the Industrious and Skilful, in Proportion to the Quality and Perfection of their Work as to the said Assistant Overseer shall appear reasonable.

Guardians to grant Certificates and take Bonds for the Maintenance of Bastard Children.

CLXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and Guardians or any Six or more of them to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Person whose legal Settlement shall be in the said Parish, and who shall be willing to remove, or who shall have removed out of the said Parish, which respective Certificates, attested by the Vestry Clerk, or Clerk to the said Directors and Guardians, and signed by Two or more Justices of the Peace, as Certificates are now by Law directed to be, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes; and if any such Certificates or any Bonds already given to the Officers of the said Parish, for indemnifying such Parish from any Charge which may arise from Bastard Children, shall at the Time of the First Meeting of the said Directors and Guardians, be and remain in the Custody of the Officers of the said Parish, such Certificates shall be forthwith delivered to and kept by the Vestry Clerk, or Clerk to the said Directors and Guardians, as they shall direct; and the said Directors and Guardians shall, and they are hereby authorized to sue in the Name of their Treasurer for the Time being on such Bonds, and shall recover the Penalties thereof, as if such Bonds had been originally made to them; and all Bonds hereafter to be given for the same or the like Purposes shall be made to the said Directors and Guardians only; any Law, Statute or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Children taken into the Workhouse may be apprenticed.

CLXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children who shall hereafter be maintained by the said Directors and Guardians, at any Time in the Workhouse or otherwise, shall be and remain under their Care and Government until they arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years respectively; and the said Directors and Guardians, after such Children shall attain the Age of Fourteen Years, or sooner if the said Directors and Guardians shall think fit, may and they are hereby empowered by Writing under their Hands to bind and put forth any such Children Apprentices to any reputable Person in *England* or *Wales*, to be taught any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or any Business or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, as the said Directors and Guardians shall think most suited to the Strength and Activity of such Child or Children, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years, or until such Child (being a Male) shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, (or being a Female) until such Child shall attain the Age of Eighteen Years, or Day of Marriage; and that every such Writing shall be mutually binding as an Indenture, between the Master, Mistress, and Apprentice, and shall in all Respects be enforced according to the Laws in force concerning the apprenticing of poor Children whose Parents are not able to provide necessary Cloathing for every such Apprentice, upon his, her, or their being bound as aforesaid.

Children may be discharged or hired out.

CLXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Guardians may and they are hereby empowered to discharge, out of the said Workhouse, or to hire out, either before or after any Child shall have attained the Age of Fourteen Years, any of the poor Children in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, to be Servants in Husbandry, Housewifery, or otherwise, for One whole Year at the least, for the Benefit of such Child or Children; and also

alſo before ſuch Age to hire out any of ſuch poor Children, as alſo any other of the Poor within the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes to work and labour in the Time of Hay or Corn Harveſt, or at any other Time for the Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, and for ſuch Time and Term, as the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and the Perſon and Perſons hiring ſuch Poor ſhall agree and determine, and the poor Perſon ſo hired out ſhall do and perform the Work and Labour ſtipulated and agreed to be done to the beſt of their Power, and after ſuch Work ſhall be completed and finiſhed, ſhall without Delay return with their working Implements (if any) and the Apparel wherewith he, ſhe, or they went out to work (Allowance being made for reaſonable Wear of ſuch Apparel) to the ſaid Workhouſe, or in Default thereof ſhall and may be apprehended by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, and conveyed back to the ſame Workhouſe to be employed and provided for.

For raiſing Money.

CLXX. And be it further enacted, That for the more ſpeedy Execution of ſuch Parts of this Act as relate to the enlarging or building of a Workhouſe or Infirmary for the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, to borrow upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments for the Relief of the Poor, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds, and to ſecure the Repayment thereof with Intereſt, by Mortgage or Demiſe of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments or otherwiſe to grant Annuities in reſpect of the Money ſo advanced, charged upon, and payable out of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments; and ſuch Mortgages or Annuities ſhall and may be made and granted in like Manner and Form, and upon ſuch Terms and Conditions, and ſhall be aſſignable and tranſferrable, and be entered, regiſtered, and redeemable in all reſpects as is herein-before directed with reſpect to the Money authorized to be borrowed upon the Credit of the Rates and Aſſeſſments for paving, cleanſing, watching, and lighting the ſaid Town: Provided always, that no Sum under One hundred Pounds ſhall be borrowed of any one Perſon or Body Politic or Corporate, upon the Credit of the Rate or Aſſeſſment for the Relief of the Poor.

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

CLXXI. And be it further enacted, That when the Yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall not amount to Twenty Pounds; or where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament (whatever 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 ſaid Commiſſioners, and alſo for the ſaid Directors and Guardians reſpectively, (if they reſpectively 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 paving, watching, lighting, and cleanſing the ſaid Town, and for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, at ſuch a reduced yearly Rental as the ſaid Commiſſioners and Directors and Guardians

Guardians reſpectively ſhall think reaſonable, ſo that no ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, be rated at leſs than One-eighth, or more than Three-fifths 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 Commiſſioners and Directors and Guardians reſpectively; and in caſe ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, ſhall refuſe to enter into ſuch Compoſition, he, ſhe, or they ſhall from thenceforth 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 or Aſſeſſments charged upon his and their reſpective Premiſes according to a fair and equal Aſſeſſment by the ſaid Commiſſioners and Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor reſpectively, to be made upon and in reſpect of the ſame; and upon Nonpayment thereof, the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, and alſo the Collector and Collectors appointed by ſuch Commiſſioners 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, wherefoever 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 chargeable 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 liable and ſubject 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 Arrear 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: Provided alſo, that no Tenant or Occupier of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, herein laſt mentioned, ſhall by reaſon of his reſiding in or occupying of the ſame, or by his Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments in Manner aforeſaid, or which ſhall have been compounded for as aforeſaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh; but in every ſuch Caſe the Landlord or Owner of the Premiſes ſhall be deemed and conſidered

Landlords not to be rated for reſerved Rents.

ſidered to have paid the ſame, any Law, Statute or Uſage to the contrary hereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Officers under former Act to hold their Situations until removed.

CLXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer, Clerk, Surveyors, Meaſurers, Watchmen, and all other Servants and Officers appointed by virtue and in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall hold and enjoy their ſeveral and reſpective Offices and Employments, together with the ſeveral and reſpective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he or they ſhall be removed therefrom reſpectively by the ſaid Commiſſioners or Directors and Guardians; and every ſuch Treaſurer, Clerk, Surveyors, Meaſurers, Watchmen, and other Servants and Officers, ſhall be ſubject to the like Pains and Penalties, and Powers of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, as if he or they had been nominated or appointed by virtue of this Act.

How Coſts, Charges and Penalties under 10l. are to be recovered.

CLXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned or impoſed, and all Coſts, Charges, and Expences, allowed, ordered, or directed to be paid by the Authority of this Act, (unleſs otherwiſe ſpecially provided for in this Act) or for or in any Rules, Orders, Regulations, or Bye Laws made or to be made in purſuance thereof, and not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds ſhall from Time to Time be levied, recovered, or aſcertained and ſettled as follows; (that is to ſay), all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences, ſhall, in caſe any Difference ſhall ariſe, be aſcertained and ſettled by any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, who is and are hereby authorized and required to aſcertain and ſettle the ſame accordingly; and all ſuch Coſts, Charges, Expences, Penalties, and Forfeitures as aforeſaid in this Act mentioned, or which ſhall or may be impoſed, ordered, or inflicted by any ſuch Bye Law, Rule, Order, Regulation, and not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds as aforeſaid, ſhall and may in caſe the ſame ſhall not be paid on Demand, be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons offending or directed to pay the ſame, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace as aforeſaid, and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found, or ſuch Coſts, Charges, Penalties, and Forfeitures ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals to cauſe the Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, nor leſs than Three Days, unleſs ſuch Coſts, Charges, Penalties, and Forfeitures ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Penalties above 10l. to be recovered by Action.

CLXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures hereby impoſed above the Sum of Ten Pounds, ſhall and may be recovered by Action of Debt in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, and the Plaintiff if he recovers in any ſuch Action ſhall have his full Coſts.

Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guar-

CLXXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners and alſo for the ſaid Directors and Guardians to reward

dians may reward Informers.

reward any Informer or Informers as they ſhall think proper, ſo as ſuch Reward does not exceed One-half of the Penalty or Forfeiture proved by the Information of ſuch Informer or Informers to have been incurred; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

How Notices and Summonſes are to be ſerved.

CLXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Notices and Summonſes which are directed and required to be given by this Act, or which ſhall, are, or may be directed or required to be given by any ſuch Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, or Regulations made, or which ſhall or may be made in purſuance of this Act, or which ſhall or may be neceſſary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of this Act, or of any ſuch Rules, Orders, or Bye Laws, (where the Manner of ſerving ſuch Notices or Summonſes is not particularly directed by this Act,) the Service of any ſuch Notice or Summons either on the Perſon to whom the ſame ought to be given, or leaving the ſame or a true Copy thereof (ſigned by the Clerk for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners) at his or their Dwelling Houſe or Dwelling Houſes or uſual or laſt Place or Places of Abode, ſhall be a good and ſufficient Service of any ſuch Notice or Summons; and that in all Caſes whatſoever where any ſuch Notice or Summons ought to be given to Two or more Perſons for or reſpecting any Offence or Offences againſt this Act, or ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, or Regulations, or for or reſpecting the joint Act, Refuſal, Omiſſion, Offence, Neglect, or Default of any Perſons who ſhall be in Partnerſhip or jointly concerned in ſuch Act, Refuſal, Omiſſion, Offence, Neglect, or Default, the like Service of any ſuch Notices or Summonſes on any one of ſuch Perſons ſhall be a good and ſufficient Service thereof.

No Perſons liable to Penalties unleſs proceeded againſt within Six Months.

CLXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſubject or liable to the Payment of Penalties or Forfeitures not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds as aforeſaid, unleſs ſome Proceeding or Notice of ſome intended Proceeding ſhall be had or given to him, her, or them, reſpecting the ſame within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed.

If Verdicts be given for the Commiſſioners in Actions brought by or againſt them, the full Coſts to be paid.

CLXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Actions ſhall be brought by or againſt the Commiſſioners or any or either of them in the Name of their ſaid Treaſurer, ſo as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe for any Thing done or omitted to be done relating to this Act or the Powers herein contained, and a Verdict ſhall be had or given for the ſaid Treaſurer or Commiſſioners in ſuch Action or Actions, the Perſon or Perſons commencing or againſt whom ſuch Action ſhall be brought, ſhall, over and above the Charges or Money which may be recovered in and by ſuch Action or Actions, pay the full Coſts thereof.

Inhabitant to be a competent Witneſs in all Actions.

CLXXIX. And it is hereby further enacted, That in all Actions, Proſecutions, Informations, and Cauſes of Proceedings whatſoever relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or of any Order, Rule, or Bye Law made in purſuance hereof, no Inhabitant of the ſaid Town nor the ſaid Treaſurer nor any other Officer of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall be deemed to be an incompetent Witneſs, by reaſon of his or her paying or being liable to pay any Rates or Duties impoſed by virtue of this Act or any Part thereof, or by reaſon of being ſuch Treaſurer or Officer as aforeſaid.

CLXXX. And

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CLXXIX. And it is hereby further enacted, That in all Actions, Proſecutions, Informations, and Cauſes of Proceedings whatſoever relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or of any Order, Rule, or Bye Law made in purſuance hereof, no Inhabitant of the ſaid Town nor the ſaid Treaſurer nor any other Officer of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall be deemed to be an incompetent Witneſs, by reaſon of his or her paying or being liable to pay any Rates or Duties impoſed by virtue of this Act or any Part thereof, or by reaſon of being ſuch Treaſurer or Officer as aforeſaid.

For compelling the Attendance of Witneſſes.

CLXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs or Witneſſes, to give Evidence before the ſaid Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guardians, or before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, touching any Complaint for any Offence againſt this Act or againſt any Rule, Order, or Bye Law, made in purſuance thereof, whether on the Part of the Proſecutors or of the Perſon or Perſons complained againſt (and which Summons the Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guardians, and ſuch Juſtices as aforeſaid are hereby authorized to iſſue), where and in ſuch Caſes only as ſuch Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guardians, or ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the ſaid County as the Caſe may be) are made competent by this Act, to hear and determine the ſame; and if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid, (a reaſonable Sum for his, her, or their Coſts and Charges having been paid or tendered to him, her, or them), 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 the Juſtice or Juſtices, Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guardians, or other Perſon or Perſons hereby authorized to receive ſuch Evidence, or appearing ſhall refuſe to be examined on Oath (or on ſolemn Affirmation, being a *Quaker*) and to give Evidence before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace or Commiſſioners, Directors, and Guardians as aforeſaid, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Form of Conviction.

CLXXXI. And, for the more eaſy Conviction of Offenders againſt this Act, be it further enacted, That every Juſtice of the Peace, before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, or againſt any Rule, Order, or Bye Law, to be made in virtue or in purſuance thereof, ſhall and may cauſe the Conviction to be drawn in the Form or to the Effect following; that is to ſay,

'County of *Suſſex*, to wit. } BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of His Majeſty King One thouſand eight hundred and *A. B.* is [*or* are, *as the Caſe ſhall be*] convicted before me, [*or* us, *as the Caſe may be*] One [*or* Two] of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, acting in and for the ſaid County of *Suſſex*, [*as the Caſe may be*] by virtue of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, [*Here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] of [*here ſpecify the Offence, Time, and Place when and where committed, as the Caſe ſhall be*] contrary to the ſaid Act, [*or*, contrary to a certain Bye Law, *as the Caſe may be*], made on the Day of purſuant to the ſaid Act, for which Offence, I [*or* We, *as the Caſe ſhall be*], adjudge the ſaid *A. B.*

‘ *A. B.* to have forfeited 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.

CLXXXII. And be it further enacted, That when any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of 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 the Summons, Conviction, Warrant, or Diſtreſs, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor ſhall the Party or Parties diſtraining be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers on account of any Irregularities, which may be afterwards done or committed by the Party or Parties diſtraining, but the Perſon or Perſons aggrieved by ſuch Irregularity ſhall and may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage, in a Special Action upon the Caſe for that Purpoſe.

Proceedings not to be quaſhed for Want of Form, nor removed by Writ of Certiorari.

CLXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action, Verdict, Judgment, Conviction, or other Proceeding which ſhall be or may be had or taken in purſuance of or under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall be made void, quaſhed, or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Precept whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* or elſewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Limitation of Actions and Notice required.

CLXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done or to be done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof ſhall have been firſt given in Writing by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs of the Cauſe and Intentions of and for commencing ſuch Action or Suit, and the Time when ſuch Action or Suit will be commenced, nor at any Time whatſoever after ſufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof ſhall have been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits ſhall be ſo brought, and in caſe there ſhall be a Continuation of Damages, then and after Six Calendar Months next after the doing or committing ſuch Damage ſhall ceaſe and not otherwiſe, and all Actions and Suits ſhall be laid and tried in the County of *Suſſex* and not in any other County or Place; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue and give 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 which ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought, was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act, or of ſome Rule, Order or Bye Law, in purſuance thereof; and if the ſaid Matter or Thing ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or if it ſhall happen that ſuch Action or Suit was brought before Fourteen Days Notice thereof given as aforeſaid, or that ſufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforeſaid, or paid into Court with the Leave thereof, either before or after Iſſue joined in ſuch Action or Suit, or if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall not be commenced within the Time herein-before for that Purpoſe limited, or ſhall be laid or brought in any other County or Place than as aforeſaid, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and alſo if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become non ſuited or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of

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ſuch Action or Actions after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared thereto, or if Judgment ſhall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, or if any Verdict ſhall paſs upon the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer or otherwiſe Judgment ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have full Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for the recovering the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or may have for his, her, or their Coſts in any other Caſes by Law.

Perſons aggrieved may appeal to the Seſſions.

CLXXXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, aggrieved by Reaſon of any Judgment, Conviction, or Determination, of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace or by any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already appointed, or by Reaſon of any of the Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the ſaid Commiſſioners, by this Act authorized to be made, he, ſhe, or they may appeal to the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid County, which ſhall next happen after the Expiration of Fourteen Days after the Cauſe of Complaint ſhall have ariſen, in every or either of which Caſe ſuch Appellant giving or cauſing to be given Ten 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 Commiſſioners, or of the ſaid Directors or Guardians, (*as the Caſe may be*), and within Five Days next after ſuch Notice entering or cauſing a Recognizance to be entered into before ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for ſuch County by Two ſufficient Sureties conditioned to try ſuch Appeal and to abide the Order thereof, and to pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice being given as aforeſaid, and of entering into ſuch Recognizance, ſhall hear and determine the Cauſes and Matters of every ſuch Appeal in a ſummary Way; and the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and may award ſuch Satisfaction and Coſts to the Parties reſpectively appealing or appealed againſt, as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper; and the Determination of ſuch Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive.

In what Manner the Expences of the Act are to be paid.

CLXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Coſts, Charges, and Expences, incident to or attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, ſhall be borne, paid, and defrayed in Manner following; (that is to ſay), One Moiety thereof out of the firſt Monies that ſhall be collected and received by the ſaid Commiſſioners herein appointed, or their Treaſurer or Collector, from the firſt Town Rate made, levied, or raiſed by virtue of this Act; and the other Moiety thereof ſhall in like Manner be paid by the ſaid Directors and Guardians of the Poor herein directed to be appointed, or their Treaſurer, out of the firſt Monies raiſed by any Poor Rates, and collected by the Overſeer of the Poor of the Pariſh for the Time being.

Privileges of the Town ſaved.

CLXXXVII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be deemed or conſtrued to extend to abridge, diminiſh, take away, or impede the Exerciſe of any

Privilege or Right whatsoever of the said Town, or of any of the Officers or Servants thereunto belonging, or of the Lords of the Manors of *Brighthelmston* or *Atlingworth*, or any Manors within the Parish of *Brighthelmston* aforesaid.

To be deemed a Public Act.

CLXXXVIII. 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.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE referred to by this Act.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
For widening and improving Saint James's Street:		
So much of the Ground as is neceſſary to widen the Road in Front of Mrs. Ann Green's Stable and Wall, and make ſuch Road 35 Feet wide - -	Thomas Kemp Eſq. Mrs Ann Green - Nathaniel Kemp Eſq.	Himſelf. George Sealy. John Chapman.
So much of the Ground and Premiſes ſituate in Saint James's Street aforeſaid, as projects beyond a Line to be drawn from within Five Feet of the South Eaſt Corner of the New Steine Hotel, to within 27 Feet of the South Weſt Corner of the Rock Brewery - - - - -	Thomas Green - Earl of Egremont - George Mott Richard Chriſtmas John Smith - Thomas Beard of Rottingdean - Philip Mighell Eſq. William Sharp - Thomas Kemp Eſq.	Iſaac Kendall. Himſelf. Thomas Buckwell. Henry Philcox. William Phillips.
Four Feet from North to South of the South End of a Yard -	Richard Leggatt -	Richard Leggatt.
Ditto - - -	—— Clark, Widow	
Four Feet Six Inches Front Court -	—— Martin -	Peter Dendy.
Four Feet Front Court - -	Thomas Hicks -	Miſſes Jackſon.
Six Feet Five Inches Ditto -	—— Higham, Widow	— Monearty, Widow.
Seven Feet Six Inches Ditto -	Matthew Martin -	Himſelf.
A Piece of Ground - -	Thomas Saunders William Colbron	John Butts.
So much of the Ground as projects beyond a Line to be drawn from the South Weſt Corner of the Houſe in the Occupation of John Butts Jeweller, to the South Eaſt Corner of the Houſe in the Occupation of George Raggett -	Charles Scraſe Dickins Eſq. - Stephen Wood - John Glaiſyer - —— Lupino -	Mary Vandergoucht. William Akehurſt. Elizabeth Lamon. Maria Terry. George Raggett.

Premises to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
For making a Road from Ship Street into North Street:		
House and Premises in Ship Street -	John Kennard -	Philip Stanbury.
A Piece of Ground at the Back of the House in the Occupation of Philip Stanbury, measuring 38 Feet East and West, and North and South 24 Feet - -	Thomas Best -	William Wigney.
Part of the Buildings and a Piece of Ground lying between Ship Street and North Street, measuring 40 Feet East and West, and 71 Feet North and South -	R. L. Whichelo and Matthew Ayres Whichelo -	Edward Thunder.
A Shop, Rooms, and Yard situate in North Street, measuring East and West 10 Feet 1 Inch, and North and South 55 Feet -	Ann Ackerson -	Nicholas Dyer. George Walker.
A Piece of Ground between North Street and Ship Street in Front of the House in the Occupation of Ann Ackerson, measuring 36 Feet North and South, and 38 Feet East and West -	Ann Ackerson -	Herself.
A House and Ground situate in North Street - -	George Ellmore -	John Burfield.
A Piece of Ground at the Back of Mr. George Ellmore's Houses in North Street, measuring 15 Feet 6 Inches East and West, 91 Feet North and South - -	George Ellmore -	John Burfield. James White.
For widening Ship Street Lane leading into North Street, and for widening and improving Ship Street:		
Houses, Shops, Buildings, Grounds, and Premises, situate in North Street and Ship Street Lane, measuring 36 Feet 6 Inches East and West fronting into North Street, and from North and South in the Lane 119 Feet - -	Susannah Stiles -	Peter Caven. Henry Kennett. —— Hayes. —— Stone. —— Carpenter. —— Smith, and Hyam Lewis.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
Houſes, Shops, and Grounds, ſituate in Ship Street and Ship Street Lane - - -	Thomas Beſt -	William Wigney. —— Heriott.
Five Feet of the North Eaſt Corner of a Shop and Premiſes -	—— Marſhal, Widow - -	James Wiſdom, and John Mills.
Three Feet of the North Eaſt Corner of a Houſe and Premiſes called The Seven Stars - -	Meſſrs. John Philip and James Vallance -	John Roberts.
Three Feet of the South Weſt Corner of a Houſe and Premiſes -	Thomas Vine -	Thomas Vine Junior.
Two Feet Eight Inches from Eaſt to Weſt of the Eaſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - -	Elizabeth Baldey -	Thomas Comber.
The Like - - -	Elizabeth Baldey -	Herſelf.
Three Feet Three Inches from Eaſt to Weſt of the Eaſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - -	John Kent Nye -	Himſelf.
One Foot Seven Inches from Eaſt to Weſt of the Eaſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - -	Sarah Meaſor -	William Sop.
Two Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Eaſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - - -	Thomas Maſcall -	Himſelf.
Two Feet Eaſt and Weſt of the Court in Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - -	Richard Day -	Himſelf.
Two Feet Eaſt and Weſt of the Eaſt End of a Garden fronting into Ship Street - -	John Laſhmar -	Himſelf.
For widening Middle Street :		
Seven Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Eaſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - -	Daniel Waller -	John Tugwell.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
Six Feet of the South Eaſt Corner of a Garden, to round the Turning from Middle Street into Boyce's Lane - -	William Wigney -	William Wigney.
So much of a Houſe and Premiſes as projects beyond a ſtraight Line to be drawn from the South Eaſt Corner of the Houſe, in the Occupation of —— Brooks, Leather Cutter, to the North Eaſt Corner of a Houſe in the Occupation of —— Chatfield and late of —— Tolhurſt - -	Richard Laſhmar -	Himſelf.
Middle Street Lane:		
So much of a Stable and Premiſes ſituate on the Weſt Side of Middle Street, and South Side of Middle Street Lane as lies to the North of a Line to be drawn from 7 Feet South of the North Eaſt Corner of the ſaid Premiſes, to the North Weſt Corner of the Premiſes in the Occupation of William Izard - -	John Hargraves late Hick's and Lucas's	Part in their Occupation, Part in the Occupation of William Izard.
Six Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Weſt End of a Garden fronting into Middle Street - -	John Laſhmar -	Himſelf.
Six Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Weſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes - - - -	William Wigney -	Henry Still.
Seven Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Whole of the Weſt Front of a Houſe and Premiſes in Middle Street, late in the Occupation of —— a Butcher - -	John Lucas - / Edward Hicks -	Unoccupied.
For making a Carriage Road from the Cliff to the Market:		
A Houſe and Premiſes - -	Montefiore -	Ann Briggs
A Houſe and Shop - -	——	John Shoeſmith.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
For widening the Road on the Eaſt Cliff:		
Eight Feet from North to South of the South Front of the Houſe and Premiſes called the Gun -	John, Philip, and James Vallance -	George Chandler.
For widening the Road from the Cliff into Eaſt Street and to the Steine:		
Three Feet Six Inches of the South Eaſt Corner of a Houſe and Premiſes in Eaſt Street -	James Brown -	Robert Whiteman.
Ten Feet from North to South of the North End of the White Horſe Inn and Premiſes -	Thomas Dean -	William Allen.
Ten Feet of the North End of the Houſe and Premiſes -	William Chapman	James Conway.
Three Feet Four Inches from Eaſt to Weſt of a Coach-houſe and Premiſes on the North Side of Poole Lane - -	John, Philip, and James Vallance -	Steven Rich.
For improving the Eaſt Entrance into Church Street:		
A Houſe and Premiſes - -	William Hibbens -	Himſelf.
A Houſe and Premiſes - -	James Beatie -	Himſelf.
A Houſe and Premiſes - -	Mary Coupland -	Herſelf.
For widening Weſt Street and Boyces Lane:		
Three Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Front of a Houſe and Premiſes -	—— Neville, Widow	Lucy Bankes.
Bow Window and Steps in Front of a Houſe - - - [*Loc. & Per.*]	Mary Piper, Widow	Herſelf.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
Seven Feet of the North Eaſt Corner of a Houſe and Premiſes to round the Corner from the Weſt Street into North Street - -	Peter Neale -	George Ovatt, Butcher.
So much of a Houſe and Premiſes as projects beyond a Line to be drawn from Eight Feet Eaſt of the North Weſt Corner of the ſaid Premiſes to an Angle at 52 Feet to the South of the ſaid North Weſt Corner - - -	Robert Ackerſon	Peter Neale and his Undertenants.
Two Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Front of a Houſe and Premiſes on the Eaſt Side of Weſt Street -	Beach Roberts -	—— Burt.
So much of a Houſe and Premiſes as projects to the North of a Line to be drawn from Five Feet South of the North Weſt Corner of the ſaid Premiſes to Two Feet South of the North Eaſt Corner of the ſaid Premiſes -	William Paine -	John Peto. William Paine.
Two Feet from North to South of the Front of a Garden in Boyce's Lane - - -	William Wigram -	Himſelf.
For widening and improving Marine Parade:		
So much of the Ground and front Court of the Houſes and Premiſes ſituate on the North Side of the Marine Parade, as lies Southward of a Line to be drawn from the Fence in front of the Marine Library, which Fence is Twelve Feet from the South Eaſt Corner of the ſaid Library to Fourteen Feet Six Inches to the South of the South Eaſt Corner of William Izard's Houſe at the Corner of German Street - - -	John Kirby - —— Howell - George Howell - Charles Howell - William Izard -	Himſelf. Herſelf. —— Howell, Widow. Himſelf. Ground uninclоſed at preſent. Himſelf.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
Seven Feet Six Inches from North to South of the whole Front of Ground and Premiſes fronting Marine Parade, and to remove the Wall in front of ſuch Ground -	William Bradford -	Himſelf.
So much of the Ground and Premiſes ſituate on the North Side of the Marine Parade as lies to the Southward of a ſtraight Line, to be drawn from Five Feet South of the South Weſt Corner of the Houſe belonging to William Tuppen, adjoining William Bradford's Field, to Eighty-two Feet to the South of the South Eaſt Corner of the Eaſternmoſt Houſe in the Royal Creſcent - -	William Tuppen -	Himſelf.
	James Gregory -	Himſelf, on the Weſt Side of Camelford Street.
	James Gregory -	Himſelf, on the Eaſt Side of Do.
	Matthew Martin -	Himſelf.
	William Maxwell -	Himſelf.
	John Garrett -	Himſelf.
	Sir Charles Bluck -	Himſelf.
	Matthew Walker -	Henry Ball, Surgeon.
	Ditto - -	Himſelf, Two Houſes.
	Edward Thunder as Proprietor of New Steine - -	
	Edward Thunder	Three Houſes in his own Occupation.
	John Wood -	Himſelf, late John Philcox's.
	Margaret Smith and John Smith -	Rock Gardens.
	Do. - -	Unoccupied and unincloſed Ground.
	Ann Green -	Herſelf.
	Thomas Kemp, Eſq.	George Sealey.
	John Green -	John Philcox.
	Philip Mighell -	Himſelf.
	William Phillips -	Himſelf.
	William Phillips -	Himſelf.
	Thomas Green -	Peter Dendy, Butcher.
	Ebenezer Johnſon -	William Phillips.
	Richard Hoad, Carpenter -	Himſelf.
	John Chatfield -	Himſelf.
	Thomas Kemp, Eſq.	John Chatfield.
	William Phillips or Philp -	A front Court of a Houſe now building.
	William Phillips -	Himſelf.
	Matthew Walker -	Himſelf.
	Philip Mighell -	Himſelf.
	William Izard -	Himſelf.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
	Robert Hankey	Himſelf, Front Court of his Houſe and the Land on the Eaſt and Weſt Sides.
	Otto Bayer	Creſcent Houſes, Nos. 1.
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Twenty-ſix Feet from North to South End of the Land adjoining the Road - -	William Michell -	William Stent.
Twenty-ſix Feet from North to South of the South End of the Front Court of a Houſe and Premiſes adjoining the Road to Rottingdean, and the Land adjoining on the Eaſt and Weſt Side of ſuch Houſe and Premiſes - -	Thomas Croſweller	Himſelf.
For widening the Road from Saint James's Street to Creſcent Street:		
So much of the Land and Premiſes as lies to the North of a Line to be drawn from the North Eaſt Corner of Mrs. Ann Green's Stable in Saint James's Street, to a Point Nine Feet from the North Weſt Gable Head of a Houſe in the Occupation of ——————— in Camp Buildings to the South -	Ann Green -	Herſelf, Land.
	Thomas Kemp Eſq. and C. S. Dickens Eſq. - -	George Sealy, a Coach Houſe and Ground.

Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
So much of the Land and Premiſes as lies to the South of a Line to be drawn from the South Weſt Corner of the Houſe late in the Occupation of —— Steele, Baker, in Creſcent Street, to the South Weſt Corner of John Slater's Timber Yard - - - -	Robert Mott -	Late —— Steele, Baker. Robert Mott.
For widening and improving the Carriage Road leading from Brighton Place to the Market, and making a Carriage Road from the North End of the Market into Eaſt Street:		
A Houſe uſed as a Waggon Office, Stable Yard, and Premiſes in Eaſt Street, meaſuring Twenty-nine Feet from North to South, and Seventy-ſeven Feet from Eaſt to Weſt - - - -	Thomas Kemp Eſq.	Thomas Croſweller and Co.
Nineteen Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the Whole Eaſt Front of Three Houſes and Premiſes -	—— Summerfield	Himſelf. Frances Primmer. David Hughes.
Nineteen Feet from Eaſt to Weſt of the whole Front of the Vicarage Garden facing the Market -	The Reverend Robert James Carr	Himſelf.
For making a Road from Creſcent Street towards Rottingdean:		
So much of the Land and Premiſes as lies to the Northward of a Line to be drawn Eaſtward from the South Side of Creſcent Street -	Otto Bayer - James Charles Michell - William Michell - Thomas Croſweller Charles Scraſe Dickins Eſq.	William Stent. Ditto. Ditto. Thomas Croſweller. Thomas Croſweller.
For widening the Road from Church Street into North Street:		
A Houſe and Premiſes ſituate at the Corner of the New Road and Church Street - -	Robert Wingham	—— Lee.

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Premiſes to be taken.	Proprietors.	Occupiers.
To widen the Road from North Street to the Road at the Back of Grenville Place to Hove:		
So much of a Houſe, Shop, Land and Premiſes ſituate in North Street as projects to the South of a Line to be drawn from the South Eaſt Corner of Air Street to 16 Feet North from the South Eaſt Corner of Viner's Garden Wall, oppoſite Grenville Place - - -	Joſeph Walls - George Hemſley - Thomas Kemp Eſq.	Himſelf. Himſelf. Thomas Viner.
To widen North Street:		
So much of the Front of a Houſe and Premiſes in North Street as projects to the Northward of a Line to be drawn from the North Eaſt Corner of Richard Williams's Shop to the North Eaſt Corner of Roger Welsford's Houſe - -	Thomas Dean -	Thomas Martin. James Legg. Ann Lambert. Thomas Martin. John Martin.
So much of the Front of a Houſe and Premiſes belonging to Roger Welsford, as projects to the Northward of a Line to be drawn from the North Eaſt Corner of Richard Williams's Shop to the North Eaſt Corner of the ſaid Houſe - -	Roger Welsford -	Himſelf.

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