

ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

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CAP. LIX.

An Act to enable Churchwardens and Overseers to inclose Land belonging to the Crown, for the Benefit of poor Persons residing in the Parish in which such Crown Land is situated.

[20th *October* 1831.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for the Relief of the Poor*, 59 G. 3. c. 12. Power is given to Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor to provide Land for the Employment of the Poor: And whereas it is expedient to extend such Power, so as to enable Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor to acquire for such Purposes Portions of Forest or Waste Lands belonging to the Crown: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish to inclose from any Forest or Waste Lands belonging to the Crown lying in or near to such Parish, with the Consent in Writing of the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, to be signified by some Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, any Part or Portion of such Forest or Waste Lands not exceeding Fifty Acres, for the Purpose of cultivating and improving the same for the Use and Benefit of such Parish and the poor Persons within the same.

Churchwardens, with Consent of Treasury, may inclose Crown Lands not exceeding 50 Acres.

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Persons renting such Land not to gain a Settlement.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Poor Inhabitant of any Parish or Place to whom any Land shall be let which shall or may have been or shall be hired or taken or inclosed under or by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, shall gain a Settlement by reason of his renting and occupying or paying Parochial Taxes for such Lands, either alone or with any other Land or Tenement.

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