ANNO QUADRAGESIMO NONO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 111.

An Act for repealing such Part of an Act, passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, as imposes a certain Proportion of the County Rate for the County of *Kent* upon the *Eastern* Division of the said County, and certain Proportions upon the *Western* Division of the said County; and also so much of an Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, for empowering the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent* to make a fair and equal County Rate for the said County, as directs the Churchwardens and Overseers therein mentioned to make certain Returns of the Rental or Value of Estates within their Parishes, at the Periods and in the Manner herein

mentioned, and impoſed a certain Penalty upon ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers for making Default therein, and for amending the Powers and Proviſions of the ſaid Acts.

[27th *May* 1809.]

43 G. 3. c. 58. WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for repealing ſo much of an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King* George *the Second, intituled* ‘ *An Act to enable the Juſtices of the Peace acting for* ‘ *the* Weſtern *Diviſion of the County of* Kent *to purchaſe a convenient Piece* ‘ *of Ground for building a Gaol for the ſaid County, and for empowering the* ‘ *ſaid Juſtices to apply a Part of the County Stock of the ſaid Diviſion towards* ‘ *the ſame*,’ as requires that the ſaid Gaol ſhould be repaired excluſively at the Expence of the ſaid *Weſtern* Diviſion; and for the better Regulation and Payment of the public Expences of the ſaid County, certain Directions were thereby given for making one general Rate for the whole of the ſaid County; and that all public Charges and Expences of the ſaid County ſhould be paid in the Proportions therein mentioned; and certain Proviſions were thereby made for regulating the Buſineſs of the ſaid County: And whereas by another Act, paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of His
47 G. 3. c. 34. preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for empowering the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Kent *to make a fair and equal County Rate for the ſaid County, and provide convenient Court Houſes for holding the Aſſizes, and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, and other public Meetings within the ſaid County*, certain Powers were thereby given to the Juſtices of the ſaid County to aſſeſs and tax to the County Rates all and every Pariſh and Place within the ſaid County rateably, and in equal Proportions, according to the Annual Rent or Value of Eſtates within ſuch Pariſh or Place; and certain Directions were given to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of every Pariſh and Place within the ſaid County to make a Return at the Periods and in Manner therein ſpecified of the total Amount of the Rental or Value of Eſtates within ſuch Pariſhes and Places; and certain Penalties were impoſed upon ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers in caſe of their making Default in ſuch Returns in Manner therein mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that certain of ſuch Directions and Proviſions ſhould be altered, varied, and amended, and further and other Powers granted for better carrying the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts into Execution: 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,

Powers of ſaid Acts to remain in force, except, &c.

That the ſaid recited Acts, and all and every the Rates, Powers, Proviſions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters and Things therein reſpectively contained (ſave and except ſuch Parts thereof as are hereby altered, varied, or repealed) ſhall be and the ſame is and are hereby declared to be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act into Execution, as if the ſame had been repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

II. And

Repealing the present Powers of proportioning the Rates for the County.

II. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid firſt recited Act, paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, as directs, that from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and three, all Charges, Burthens, and Expences whatſoever ariſing within the County of *Kent*, to which a County Rate is or may be applicable, ſhall be borne and paid by a general County Rate for the ſaid County, in the Proportions following; (that is to ſay) One Fourth Part of ſuch Charges, Burthens, and Expences ſhall be borne and paid by the *Eaſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, and the other Three Fourth Parts thereof ſhall be borne and paid by the *Weſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever: Provided always, that all ſuch Charges, Burthens, and Expences which ſhall have actually accrued or become due, or have been already contracted for, ordered, or directed to be done, between and from the *Eaſter* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace holden for the ſaid County in the Forty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty, up to the *Eaſter* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace inclusive, holden for the ſaid County, in the Forty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty, or antecedent to that Period, and an Account of all which ſhall be laid before and ſubmitted to the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, at the Meeting of the Committee of Twelve Juſtices appointed to be holden at *Sittingbourne* as hereafter mentioned, but not otherwiſe, ſhall be defrayed and paid by the ſaid *Eaſtern* and *Weſtern* Diviſions, in the ſaid Proportions of Three-Fourths and One-Fourth, in ſuch and the like Manner as if this Act had not been made, any Thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Repealing ſo much of 43 G. 3. as relates to the Meetings for ſettling the Treaſurer's Accounts.

III. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act, paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, as directs that it ſhould and might be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, or any Three or more of them, to hold a General Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Kent*, on *Tueſday* in *Whitſun*-Week in each and every Year after the ſaid Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and three, for the Purpoſe of examining, paſſing, and allowing the ſeveral Accounts of the reſpective Treaſurers of the ſaid Two Diviſions of the ſaid County, and that ſuch Seſſions ſhould always commence and be originally holden at *Sittingbourne* in the ſaid County of *Kent*, but the ſame might from Time to Time be adjourned as Occaſion might require; and the Juſtices preſent at ſuch General Seſſions, or any Adjournment thereof, ſhould have full Power and Authority, and they were thereby directed to inquire into and examine, paſs, and allow the ſaid Accounts of the ſaid Treaſurers, and that the ſaid Accounts ſhould be examined, paſſed, and allowed ſolely and excluſively at the ſaid General Seſſions, or ſome Adjournment thereof, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Making other Proviſions inſtead thereof.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Juſtices who ſhall be aſſembled at the *Eaſter* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the ſaid County in each and every Year ſhall and they are hereby directed and

required to appoint a Committee of Twelve Juſtices (that is to ſay), Six Juſtices acting in the *Eaſtern* Diviſion, and Six Juſtices acting in the *Weſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, of which Committee of Twelve Juſtices the Chairman for the Time being of each Diviſion of the ſaid County ſhall always be one, and ſhall meet at *Sittingbourne* aforeſaid, on the *Friday* next preceding the *Saint Thomas*'s or *Midſummer* General Quarter Seſſions in every Year, for the Purpoſe of examining, paſſing, adjuſting, and allowing the ſeveral Accounts of the reſpective Treaſurers of the ſaid Two Diviſions of the ſaid County; and that ſuch Meeting ſhall always commence and originally be holden at *Sittingbourne* aforeſaid, but the ſame may from Time to Time be adjourned as Occaſion may require to *Sittingbourne* aforeſaid, and the Juſtices ſo appointed and preſent at ſuch Meeting, or any Adjournment thereof, ſhall have full Power and Authority and they are hereby directed to inquire into, and examine, paſs, and allow the ſaid Accounts of the ſaid Treaſurers; and the ſaid Accounts ſhall be examined, paſſed, and allowed ſolely and excluſively at the ſaid Meeting, or ſome Adjournment thereof.

Three Juſtices at the leaſt, of each Diviſion, to be preſent at the ſettling of the Treaſurer's Accounts.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch Meeting ſhall be effectual or competent to tranſact the ſeveral Matters and Things herein-before directed to be done and tranſacted at ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid, unleſs Three at the leaſt of the Juſtices acting in each Diviſion of the ſaid County, appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be then preſent, but that ſuch Meeting ſhall neceſſarily be adjourned until Three Juſtices of each Diviſion of the ſaid County ſo appointed as aforeſaid ſhall be ſo preſent as aforeſaid; and in caſe no ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall attend at the ſaid Meeting, then the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy ſhall adjourn the ſame, of which Adjournment the ſaid Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy ſhall forthwith give Notice to the ſeveral Members of the ſaid Committee.

VI. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, as directs that, from and after the ſaid Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and three, every Rate or Aſſeſſment for raiſing ſuch Sum and Sums of Money within the ſaid County of *Kent*, as ſhall be ſufficient to anſwer the Ends and Purpoſes mentioned and contained in an Act of Parliament, made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting and levying of County Rates*, ſhall be made for the whole of the ſaid County, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

12 G. 2. c. 29.

Juſtices to make Rates, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful for the Juſtices aſſembled at the Quarter Seſſions holden for the *Weſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, and for the Juſtices aſſembled at the Quarter Seſſions holden for the *Eaſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, to make ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment for raiſing ſuch Sum and Sums of Money within each ſuch Diviſion reſpectively, as ſhall be ſufficient

sufficient to answer the Ends and Purposes mentioned and contained in the before-recited Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, as Occasion may demand, or as the Exigencies of each such Division may require, and also for the Ends and Purposes of this Act; and that such respective Rates and Assessments shall be as legal and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if one general Rate had been made for the whole of the said County; and that all and every the Sum and Sums of Money in and by such Rates or Assessments rated or assessed upon the several Towns, Parishes, Precincts, Vills, Hamlets, and Places situate within the *Western* Division of the said County, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said *Western* Division; and all and every the Sum and Sums of Money in and by such Rates or Assessments rated or assessed upon the several Towns, Parishes, Precincts, Vills, Hamlets, and Places situate within the *Eastern* Division of the said County, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said *Eastern* Division.

Treasurers to give Account of Balances in Hand, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer and Treasurers appointed and to be appointed for each Division of the said County, shall and he and they is and are hereby required, not more than Ten, nor less than Seven Days at least, previous to every *Easter* Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, to transmit or cause to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, or to his Deputy, an Account in Writing under the respective Hands of the Treasurer for each Division of the said County, of the Balance then remaining in the Hands of each such Treasurer respectively; and also an Account of the Sum of the gross Expenditure of each such respective Treasurer since the *Easter* Quarter Sessions preceding to the Time of making up and delivering such Account; and also an Estimate of the further probable Expence, to be incurred up to the said *Easter* Quarter Sessions inclusive, in order that the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy may and he is hereby required to lay the same before the Justices to be assembled at the *Easter* Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, for their Information.

47 G. 3. c. 34.

IX. And be it further enacted, That every such Rate or Assessment so to be made and assessed as aforesaid shall be made and assessed upon the relative Rentals of each Division of the said County, as the same shall have been returned and ascertained under and by virtue of the Directions and Provisions of the before-recited Act, passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and as such Rentals may be existing at the *Michaelmas* Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Kent*, next and immediately preceding the Meeting of the Committee of Twelve Justices appointed to be holden at *Sittingbourne* as aforesaid.

Repealing so much of 47 G. 3. as directs Churchwardens and Overseers to make Returns as therein mentioned.

X. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act, passed in the said Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty, as directs that the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Town, Liberty, Precinct, Village, Hamlet, or Place within the said County, or some of them, should in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen,

fourteen, and in the Seventh and every ſucceeding Year, from and after the ſaid Year One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, at the *Michaelmas* Quarter Seſſions to be holden in and for the ſaid County, or at ſome Adjournment thereof, and oftener if the Juſtices in Seſſions ſhould require, make a Return to the Juſtices of the Peace then and there aſſembled of the total Amount of the Rental or Value of Eſtates within ſuch reſpective Pariſhes, Towns, Liberties, Precincts, Villages, Hamlets, or Places, at the Time of making the laſt preceding Rate for the Relief of the Poor, together with the Names of the ſeveral Perſons and Parties charged with ſuch Rate, and the Sum and Sums of Money rated or charged on ſuch ſeveral Perſons or Parties reſpectively; and ſhould alſo ſtate and point out in Writing the Mode adopted in making ſuch Rate upon ſuch Return, and ſhould verify every ſuch Return upon Oath in Manner aforeſaid; and every ſuch Return ſhould be ſigned with the Name or Names of the Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overſeer or Overſeers, ſo making ſuch Rate; and that in caſe any ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor ſhould neglect or make Default in making any ſuch Returns, every ſuch Churchwarden and Overſeer ſo making Default, without ſufficient Excuſe, to be allowed by the ſaid Juſtices, ſhould forfeit and pay ſuch Sum of Money, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as ſhould be ordered by the ſaid Juſtices, by way of Penalty for ſuch Default, to be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of each ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer, in like Manner and with ſuch Powers and Authorities as the High Conſtable is by a Statute made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting, and levying County Rates*, veſted with, for levying on the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor the Sum aſſeſſed for the County Rate, be and the ſame is hereby declared to be repealed, and null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Power to reviſe, correct, and aſcertain the Rentals of the County.

XI. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Juſtices, aſſembled at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the ſaid County, whether the ſame ſhall be originally holden in the *Eaſtern* or *Weſtern* Diviſion of the ſaid County, ſhall determine that it is neceſſary to reviſe, correct, and re-aſcertain the Rental of the whole County, they ſhall immediately ſignify ſuch their Determination to the Juſtices to be aſſembled in Seſſions in the other Diviſion of the ſaid County, in order that ſuch Juſtices may and they are hereby required to appoint a Committee of Three Juſtices from each Diviſion of the ſaid County, for the Purpoſes hereafter mentioned, of which Committee any Five of ſuch Juſtices ſhall be competent to act, and ſuch Committee ſhall meet as ſoon after ſuch Appointment as ſhall be mutually agreed upon between them, in order to reviſe, correct, and re-aſcertain the Rental of the whole County, and the relative Rentals of each Diviſion thereof diſtinctly, upon the ſame and as juſt and equitable Principles as they can, by virtue of and under the Powers, Proviſions, and Directions of the before-recited Act, paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and alſo of this Act, and ſuch Reviſion, Correction and Aſcertainment ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be final and concluſive to all Intents and Purpoſes, and binding upon the ſeveral Parties to be affected thereby, until another Reviſion, Correction, and Aſcertainment, ſhall take place and be made

in Manner as aforeſaid, ſaving nevertheleſs to the ſeveral Parties who may conſider themſelves aggrieved thereby, ſuch Powers of Appeal, and in ſuch Manner as is contained in the ſaid before-recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and alſo of this Act: Provided always, that no ſuch Reviſion, Correction, or Aſcertainment, ſhall again take place until after the Expiration of Three Years from the Time of making ſuch laſt Reviſion, Correction, or Aſcertainment.

Fixing the Places of Meeting for each Diviſion.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Place of Meeting of the ſaid Committee ſo to be appointed for the Purpoſes laſt aforeſaid, ſhall always be, for the *Eaſtern* Diviſion, at the Seſſions Houſe for the ſaid *Eaſtern* Diviſion, and for the *Weſtern* Diviſion, at *Maidſtone* in the ſaid County, and the Juſtices then preſent ſhall have full Power to adjourn the ſame from Time to Time to ſuch Place as they may judge more convenient.

Declaring how the Rental of the whole County ſhall be reviſed, corrected, and aſcertained.

XIII. And in order to enable the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace to form a proper Judgment of any Rate or Rates to be made in purſuance of this Act, and to grant proper Relief; be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace or any Three or more of them, or the ſaid Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County, acting under their Authority, ſhall and may and they and he are and is hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time during the Execution of this Act, to cauſe any of the Books of Aſſeſſment of the Property or Income Tax, ſo far as the ſame relate or refer to or in anywiſe concern the Statement of Property to be ſet forth and ſtated in the Schedule (A,) contained in an Act, paſſed in the Forty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majeſty, during the preſent War, and until the Sixth Day of* April *next after the Ratification of any Definitive Treaty of Peace, further additional Rates and Duties in* Great Britain, *on Profits ariſing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices; and for repealing an Act, paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for granting a Contribution on the Profits ariſing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices, and to conſolidate and render more effectual the Proviſions for collecting the ſaid Duties;* and the Rental or Valuation by which ſuch Aſſeſſments are made, mentioned and deſcribed, within any Pariſh or Place within the ſaid County, to be brought before them or him, and to take Copies of ſuch Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, as they, he, or any of them ſhall think fit, ſuch Compenſation being made to the Parties producing the ſame reſpectively as the ſaid Juſtices, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think reaſonable; and if any Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Power any of the ſaid Books ſhall be ſhall neglect or refuſe to attend the ſaid Juſtices, or the ſaid Clerk of the Peace, with ſuch Book or Books, or to permit them, him, or any of them, to take Copies thereof as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe every Perſon who ſhall ſo refuſe or neglect, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, Perſon or Perſons, ſo making Default, together with the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of

of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, rendering the Overplus to the Party or Parties reſpectively, on whoſe Goods and Chattels ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale ſhall be ſo made as aforeſaid, and the ſame Penalties or Forfeitures when recovered and received ſhall forthwith be paid to the Treaſurer of the Diviſion of the ſaid County in which ſuch Offence ſhall ariſe, to be applied towards the Purpoſes of this Act.

Preſcribing another Mode of making ſuch Returns.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of all and every Pariſh, Town, Liberty, Precinct, Village, Hamlet, or Place within the ſaid County, or ſome or one of them, ſhall, whenever it ſhall be ſo determined to be neceſſary to reviſe, correct, and re-aſcertain the whole Rental of the ſaid County as aforeſaid, make a Return to the Committee ſo to be appointed for ſuch Reviſion as aforeſaid, at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Committee, or any Three or more of them ſhall appoint, of the Total Amount of the Rental or Value of the Eſtates within ſuch reſpective Pariſhes, Towns, Liberties, Precincts, Villages, Hamlets, or Places, at the Time of making the laſt preceding Rate for the Relief of the Poor, together with the Names of the ſeveral Perſons and Parties charged with ſuch Rate, and the Sum and Sums of Money rated or charged on ſuch ſeveral Perſons or Parties reſpectively, and ſhall alſo ſtate and point out in Writing the Mode adopted in making ſuch Rate upon ſuch Return, and ſhall verify every ſuch Return upon Oath, in Manner as by the ſaid Act is directed, and every ſuch Return ſhall be ſigned with the Name or Names of the Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overſeer or Overſeers making ſuch Rate.

Penalty on Churchwardens and Overſeers neglecting to make Returns in Manner directed.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor of any of the ſeveral Pariſhes, Towns, Liberties, Precincts, Villages, Hamlets, or Places within the ſaid County, ſhall neglect or make Default in making any ſuch Returns in Manner aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe each and every ſuch Churchwarden and Overſeer of the Poor ſo neglecting or making Default (without ſufficient Excuſe, to be allowed by the ſaid Committee ſo to be appointed, at their Meeting ſo to be holden at *Sittingbourne* aforeſaid) ſhall forfeit and pay ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as ſhall or may be ordered or adjudged by the ſaid Committee, at their Meeting ſo to be holden at *Sittingbourne* aforeſaid, by way of Penalty for ſuch Neglect or Default; and in caſe any ſuch Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Committee at ſuch Meeting aſſembled, and they are hereby directed to iſſue their Warrant to the High Conſtable of the Diviſion where ſuch Pariſh, Town, Liberty, Precinct, Village, Hamlet, or Place ſhall be ſituated, directing him to levy ſuch Penalty upon the reſpective Goods and Chattels of each and every Churchwarden and Overſeer of the Poor of the Pariſh, Town, Liberty, Precinct, Village, Hamlet, or Place ſo neglecting or making Default, in like Manner and with ſuch Powers and Authorities as the ſaid High Conſtable is, by a Statute made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting, and levying the County Rates*, veſted with for

for levying on the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor the Sum aſſeſſed for the County Rate.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That every Churchwarden or Churchwardens; Overſeer or Overſeers of the Poor of any Pariſh, Town, Liberty, Precinct, Village, Hamlet, or Place in the ſaid County, Perſon or Perſons, ſhall have and be entitled to the ſame Power and Right of appealing to the next General Quarter Seſſions, or ſome Adjournment thereof, in the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſaid Matter or Thing had been ordered and directed by a General Quarter Seſſions, or any Adjournment thereof, under and by virtue of the before-recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty.

Acts of the Committee of Juſtices to be conſidered to be the Acts of the General Quarter Seſſions.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County, or his Deputy, ſhall and he is hereby required, Yearly and every Year, to deliver in to the Juſtices of the Peace aſſembled at the *Eaſter* Quarter Seſſions to be holden for the ſaid County, and alſo to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers appointed and to be appointed for each Diviſion of the ſaid County, a Statement in Writing of the Sum or Amount of the whole Rental of the ſaid County, as the ſame ſhall have been returned, under and by virtue of the herein-before recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty, and of this Act, and alſo of the component Parts of ſuch Rental, as the ſame ſhall have been exiſting at the *Michaelmas* General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace next preceding, diſtinguiſhing the Amount for each Diviſion of the ſaid County; which Statement ſhall be ſigned by and verified upon the Oath of the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy.

Clerk of Peace to deliver in Account of Rental yearly.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Diſburſements, Sum and Sums of Money, Charges and Expences whatſoever, of the whole of the ſaid County of *Kent*, which attach upon or to which a County Rate is by Law liable, ſhall be arranged, adjuſted, and ſettled by the Committee of Juſtices ſo appointed as aforeſaid, at their Meeting to be holden at *Sittingbourne*, in Manner aforeſaid, in Proportion to the relative Rentals of each Diviſion of the ſaid County, as the ſame ſhall be exiſting at the *Michaelmas* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace next preceding ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid; and the Juſtices ſo aſſembled ſhall make ſuch Order upon the Treaſurer of each Diviſion of the ſaid County reſpectively, to pay to or receive from each other ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as by the ſaid Juſtices ſhall be adjudged to be due from or to be paid to either reſpectively upon ſettling the Annual General Account at ſuch Meeting up to and including the *Eaſter* General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace next preceding ſuch Meeting ſo to be holden at *Sittingbourne* as aforeſaid.

Diſburſements, &c. arranged by Committee of Juſtices.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Juſtices, ſo to be aſſembled at *Sittingbourne* as aforeſaid, ſhall and they are hereby required from ſuch groſs Rental and from ſuch relative Rentals ſo to be delivered in by the ſaid Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy as aforeſaid, to divide the ſaid Annual Expences between the Two Diviſions of the ſaid County, proportionally to ſuch groſs Rental and ſuch relative Rentals:

Committee of Juſtices to divide Annual Expences between the Two Diviſions.

Provided always, that no Denominator of a lower Value than a Twentieth shall ever be used for the Purpose of ascertaining the said Proportions.

Expences of Act, how to be paid.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs and Expences incident to the soliciting, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be paid out of the Money to be raised by the Rates hereby directed to be made for the said County, in such Manner as the Charges and Expences of the said County are herein-before directed to be borne and paid.

Publick Act.

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

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