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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 116.

An Act to amend an Act, passed in the Fifty-second Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Justices of the Peace to order Parochial Relief to Prisoners confined under Mesne Process for Debt, in such Gaols as are not County Gaols*, so far as regards the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, in the Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and the Parish of *Saint Bridget* otherwise *Saint Bride*, in the City of *London*. [3d *June* 1813.]

WHEREAS there are situate within the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, in *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, the following Prisons (*videlicet*) the King's Bench Prison, and the Prison of His Majesty's Palace Court called *The Marshalsea*: And whereas there is also situate in the Parish of *Saint Bridget*, otherwise *Saint Bride*, in the City of *London*, His Majesty's Prison of the Fleet: And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to prevent Prisoners in the King's Bench Prison, or the Rules thereof, or their Families or Servants, gaining Settlements in the Parish of* Saint George the Martyr, *in the Borough of* Southwark *and County of* Surrey, *and for the Relief of the said Parish, with respect to the Families of Prisoners in the said King's Bench or the Marshalsea Prison, or in the County Gaol or House of Correction belonging to the said County, for regulating the Manner of choosing Overseers of the Poor, and for appointing Collectors of the Poors Rates within the said Parish*; reciting (amongst other Things) to the Effect following: "That many Prisoners in the King's Bench and the Rules thereof, and their Families, have become chargeable to the said 23 G. 3. c. 23.

Pariſh, and of courſe heavy and grievous Burthens on the Inhabitants; and that the Families of Perſons being Priſoners in the Marſhalſea Priſon, are frequently ſent ſick or otherwiſe diſtreſſed, to the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for Relief, and are by them ſupported, and when able, removed to their reſpective Places of Settlement if the ſame can be found out, which brings many heavy Expences on the ſaid Pariſh, ſome of ſuch Places of Settlement having proved to be at very great Diſtances from the ſaid Pariſh; and that ſuch extraordinary Expences greatly enhance the Diſtreſs of the ſaid Pariſh, the Poor of which are very numerous, and the Inhabitants chiefly Tenants at Rack Rent, and very heavily taxed in all Reſpects; and the ſaid Pariſh being the great Avenue to *London* from *Portſmouth*, *Dover*, and other Parts, many Travellers and poor Perſons of every Deſcription ſtop and lodge in the ſaid Pariſh, in Houſes let by the Owners or Occupiers thereof in Tenements or in Parcels to Under Tenants, or in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments, whereby the Number of Caſual Poor are much increaſed;" it is therefore (amongſt other Things) thereby enacted, That no ſuch Pariſhioners or their Families or Servants ſhall gain Settlements in the ſaid Pariſh: And whereas by an Act made in the Thirty-
59 G. 3. c. 4. ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Pariſh of* Saint Bridget *otherwiſe* Saint Bride, Fleet Street, *in the City of* London, it was (amongſt other Things) enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, then a Priſoner or Priſoners, or who might thereafter become a Priſoner or Priſoners in the ſaid Priſon of the Fleet, ſhould gain a Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Bridget* otherwiſe *Saint Bride*, by renting a Houſe or Part of a Houſe or Lodging, furniſhed or unfurniſhed, or any other Premiſes whatſoever within the Rules of the ſaid Priſon in the ſaid Pariſh, or by being rated to and paying any Rates or Taxes for the ſame whilſt he, ſhe, or they ſhould be ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners; nor ſhould any Perſon or Perſons gain or be adjudged or deemed to gain a Settlement within the ſaid Pariſh for, by, or by reaſon or on account of living or having lived or reſided with any Priſoner or Priſoners, in or within the Rules of the Fleet Priſon, as or in the Capacity of a hired Servant or indented Servant: And whereas by an Act made in the Fifty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His
52 G. 3. c. 160. preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to order Parochial Relief to Priſoners confined under Meſne Proceſs for Debt, in ſuch Gaols as are not County Gaols*, it is enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any One Juſtice of the Peace acting for the County, Riding, or Diviſion, wherein any Gaol which is not a County Gaol is ſituated, to order the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, wherein any ſuch Gaol (which is not a County Gaol) ſhall be ſituated, to relieve any poor Perſon who ſhall be confined in ſuch Gaol under Meſne Proceſs for Debt, and who ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice to be unable to ſupport himſelf or herſelf, and who ſhall have applied for Relief to ſuch Overſeers as aforeſaid, provided that the Sum to be given for the Relief of any ſuch poor Perſon ſhall not exceed Sixpence *per Diem* during the Time of his or her Confinement in ſuch Gaol under Meſne Proceſs for Debt: And whereas the ſaid Priſons of the King's Bench and Marſhalſea, ſo ſituated within the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr* as aforeſaid, are not County Gaols; but the Priſoners confined therein, particularly in the ſaid Priſon of the King's Bench, are at all Times very numerous, and many of them come from and belong to Pariſhes at very great Diſtances from the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr* in *Southwark*; and Acts have been paſſed recognizing the ſaid Priſons as "National Priſons;" and for the Relief of

the poor Priſoners confined in the ſaid Priſons, an Act was paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*; and an Act was paſſed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Payments of certain Sums of Money, directed by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen* Elizabeth, *intituled 'An Act for the Relief of the Poor,' to be paid by the reſpective Treaſurers of every County in* England *or* Wales *for the Relief of the poor Priſoners of the King's Bench and Marſhalſea Priſons*: And whereas the ſaid Priſon of the Fleet, ſo ſituated within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Bridget* otherwiſe *Saint Bride* as aforeſaid, is not a County Gaol, but the Priſoners confined therein are at all Times very numerous, and many of them come from and belong to Pariſhes at very great Diſtances from the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Bridget* otherwiſe *Saint Bride*; and the ſaid Priſon of the Fleet is a National Priſon; but no Allowance is provided for the Relief of the Priſoners therein, under the ſaid Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, nor by any ſubſequent Act: And whereas it is expedient that the Proviſions contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Fifty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty ſhould be repealed, ſo far as the ſame regard the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, and the ſaid Priſons of the King's Bench and the Marſhalſea, and the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Bridget* otherwiſe *Saint Bride*, and the ſaid Priſon of the Fleet, or either of them, and the Priſoners confined therein reſpectively: 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, paſſed in the Fifty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to order Parochial Relief to Priſoners confined under Meſne Proceſs for Debt in ſuch Gaols as are not County Gaols*; and all and every the Clauſes, Powers, Proviſions, Articles, Matters, and Things therein contained, ſo far as the ſame regard or anywiſe affect or is or are applicable to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr* in *Southwark* aforeſaid, and *Saint Bridget* otherwiſe *Saint Bride*, in the City of *London* aforeſaid, or to the ſaid Priſons of the King's Bench and Marſhalſea, or to His Majeſty's ſaid Priſon of the Fleet, or either of them, or to the Priſoners confined in them or either of them, ſhall be and the ſame is and are hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

11 G. 2. c. 20.

52 G. 3. c. 160. repealed as to the Pariſhes of St. George and St. Bride, and the Priſons of the King's Bench, Marſhalſea, and Fleet.

II. 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.

Public Act.

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