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Cap. xxix.

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the Tenth Year of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and County of the City of* Norwich, *for the better Employment and maintaining of the Poor there.* [28th *May* 1827.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and County of the City of* Norwich, *for the better Employment and maintaining the Poor there;* (10 Ann. c.6.) whereby it was enacted, that from and after the First Day of *May* which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twelve, there should be a Corporation to continue for ever within the said City of *Norwich* and County of the same, and the Liberties thereof, consisting of the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, and of Thirty-two other Persons, to be chosen out of the most honest, discreet, and charitable Inhabitants of the said City and County, and Liberties thereof, in the Four Great Wards in the said City, and the Towns and Out-Parishes in the County of the said City, (that is to say,) Eight out of every of the said Great Wards, and of such other Charitable Persons as should be elected and constituted Guardians of the Poor of the said City, in such Manner as is thereinafter expressed; and that the First Thirty-two Persons should be elected on the Third Day of *May* then next ensuing, or within Three Days after, at an

Assembly of the said City for that Purpose to be held, by the Votes of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty, in Common Council assembled, or of the major Part of them then present; and Provision is made by the said recited Act for the Continuance in Office of the said First Thirty-two Persons, and for the Election of others in their Place, by the like Votes of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty, in Common Council assembled, or the major Part of them; which said Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and Thirty-two Persons so elected and constituted, together with such other charitable Persons to be elected as was thereinafter provided, should be and be called Guardians of the Poor of the City and County of *Norwich*, and Liberties of the same: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
42 G. 3. c. 57. Third, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *intituled 'An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and 'County of the City of* Norwich, *for the better Employment and maintain-'ing the Poor there,' so far as the same relates to erecting a new Workhouse in the said City and County, for the better Maintenance of the Poor thereof:* And whereas it hath been deemed expedient that so much of the said Act first hereinbefore recited as provided that the said Corporation of Guardians should consist of the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, and of Thirty-two Persons to be chosen out of the most honest, discreet, and charitable Inhabitants of the said City, and County and Liberties thereof, in the Four Great Wards in the said City, and the Towns and Out-Parishes in the County of the said City, should be repealed, and that the same recited Act should be amended, and that the Provisions of the same Act should be enlarged in manner hereinafter provided for: 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 all the Powers, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Rules, Remedies, Directions, Payments, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts (except such Parts thereof as are varied, altered, or repealed,) shall be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act into Execution, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Powers of former Acts extended to this Act.

Repeal of so much of 10 Ann. c. 6. as provides for the Election of the Guardians.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act, so much of the said first-recited Act as provides that the said Corporation of Guardians should consist of the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, and of Thirty-two Persons to be chosen out of the most honest, discreet, and charitable Inhabitants of the said City and County and Liberties thereof, in the Four Great Wards in the said City, and the Towns and Out-Parishes in the County of the said City, (that is to say,) Eight out of every of the said Great Wards,

to form Part of the said Corporation, and for the Election of other Persons in their Room, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Election of Guardians in their Place.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the City of *Norwich*, at an Assembly to be held within Fourteen Days next after the passing of this Act, and at an Assembly to be held within Three Calendar Months before the Fourth Day of *May* in each succeeding Year, shall elect Twenty Persons to be Guardians of the Poor of the said City and County of the same City; and that on the Fourteenth Day next after the passing of this Act, and on the *Monday* in *Easter* Week in every succeeding Year, there shall be elected for each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place of the said City and County, the additional Number of Persons to be Guardians of the Poor of the said City and County hereinafter mentioned; (that is to say,)

For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Mancroft*, Three Guardians:
For the Parish of *Saint Peter per Mountergate*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Stephen*, and the Liberty called the *Town Close*, which Liberty, for the Purposes of such Election, shall be considered as forming Part of the Parish of *Saint Stephen*, Two Guardians:
For the Parish of *Saint Giles*, Two Guardians:
For the Parish of *Saint Andrew*, Two Guardians:
For the Parish of *Saint George of Tombland*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint George of Colgate*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Southgate*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Etheldred*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Julian*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint John of Sepulchre*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Michael at Thorn*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint John of Timberhill*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *All Saints*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Benedict*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Swithin*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Margaret*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Lawrence*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Gregory*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint John of Maddermarket*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Michael at Plea*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Hungate*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Simon and Saint Jude*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Martin at Palace*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Helen* and the Hamlet of *Thorpe*, which Hamlet, for the Purposes of such Election, shall be considered as forming Part of the said Parish of *Saint Helen*, Two Guardians:
For the Parish of *Saint Michael of Coslany*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Mary*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Martin at Oak*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Augustine*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Clement*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Edmund*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Saviour*, One Guardian:
For the Parish of *Saint Paul*, One Guardian:

For the Parish of *Saint James*, and the Hamlet of *Pockthorpe*, which Hamlet, for the Purposes of such Election, shall be considered as forming Part of the Parish of *Saint James*, One Guardian:
For the Hamlet of *Eaton*, One Guardian:
For the Hamlet of *Earlham*, One Guardian:
For the Hamlet of *Hellesdon*, One Guardian:
For the Hamlet of *Lakenham*, Two Guardians:
For the Hamlet of *Heigham*, Two Guardians:
And for the Hamlets of *Trowse*, *Carrow*, and *Bracondale*, which Hamlets, for the Purposes of such Election, shall be considered as One Hamlet, and the Church and Vestry Room of *Trowse* as being the Church and Vestry Room of all the said Hamlets, One Guardian:

Who are to elect Guardians.

And such several last-mentioned Persons shall be elected by the Votes of the major Part of the Persons who shall have been rated to the Relief of the Poor for or in respect of any Lands or Tenements within the said Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places respectively, for which such Guardians respectively are to be elected, within Three Months next preceding such Election, and who shall have paid the Sum in which he, she, or they shall have been legally rated by such preceding Rate, and by any former Rate; and the several Places for holding such Elections shall be the Churches or Vestry Rooms belonging to the said several Parishes and Hamlets; and at which said several last-mentioned Elections the Chairman shall be the Churchwarden then present who shall be the Senior in Age, if more than One Churchwarden shall be present, and if only One Churchwarden shall be present, then such Churchwarden shall be the Chairman; and in case no Churchwarden shall be present, then the Electors shall choose a Chairman prior to proceeding upon such Election; and in case of an Equality of Votes in any such last-mentioned Election of a Guardian or Guardians, the Chairman at the said Election shall, beside his own Vote, have the Casting Voice; and the Name of every such Person so elected a Guardian as last mentioned shall be entered in a Book to be provided and kept for that Purpose by each Parish and Hamlet in its Public Chest; and every such last-mentioned Election shall, within Three Days next after the same shall have been made, be certified to the Clerk of the said Corporation of Guardians by such Chairman, or by any Two or more of the Electors present at such Election: Provided nevertheless, that in case any Two or more Persons shall be jointly assessed in any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, for or in respect of any Lands or Tenements, such Persons shall be entitled to but One Vote at the Election for such Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, unless One of such Persons shall be chosen and act as Chairman as aforesaid.

Persons rated jointly to have but One Vote.

Qualifications of Guardians and Voters.

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be elected to the Office of Guardian, or shall act as such, unless he shall be rated to the Relief of the Poor for or in respect of some Lands or Tenements within the said City, or County of the same City, in the Sum of Five Pounds at the least, and shall have been so rated for One Quarter of the Year at the least next preceding such Election, and shall have paid the Sum in which he shall have been so rated; and

and the Mayor, Recorder, and Steward, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, shall not be eligible to be elected to the Office of Guardian: Provided also, that no Person or Persons shall be entitled to vote at the Election of any Guardian to be chosen by the Votes of the Persons so rated to the Relief of the Poor, as hereinbefore directed, unless he, she, or they shall occupy Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the Value of Ten Pounds *per Annum*, and shall be rated for or in respect of Lands or Tenements within the Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place in which the Election shall be made; and at every such Election every Person who shall be so rated in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, or upwards, shall be entitled to Two Votes.

Commencement and Duration of Office of Guardians.

V. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons first elected Guardians as aforesaid shall enter upon the Office of Guardians at the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act, and shall continue to be Guardians until the Fourth Day of *May* in the Year next after the passing of this Act; and the several Persons elected in each succeeding Year shall enter upon the Office of Guardian on the Fourth Day of *May* next ensuing their Election, and shall continue Guardians until the Fourth Day of *May* next after such respective Elections, and no longer.

If any Parish fail to elect Guardians, the other Guardians may execute Powers of Acts.

VI. Provided always, That in case Default shall be made in the Election of a Guardian or Guardians as hereinbefore provided for, then and in every such Case the other Guardians nominated or appointed by or under the Authority of this Act, and of the said first-recited Act, shall proceed in the Execution of the said recited Acts and this Act as fully and effectually as if the Elections of all the Guardians hereby directed to be elected had actually taken place.

Election of Guardians in the Place of those dying.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That when and as often as any Guardian or Guardians elected as hereinbefore provided for shall die, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the remaining Guardians, at their General Court held next after such Death, to elect another Person or Persons in the Room or Stead of the Guardian or Guardians so dying, and so *toties quoties*; and every Person so elected shall have the same Powers and Authorities, until the Fourth Day of *May* next following, as the Person in whose Room or Stead he shall be so elected had or was vested with, and on that Day shall in like manner cease to be a Guardian or Guardians.

Guardians elected under this Act to form Part of the Corporation.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act the said Corporation of Guardians shall consist of the several Persons to be chosen as hereinbefore directed, and of the other charitable Persons directed to be elected and constituted Guardians of the Poor of the said City, as directed in the said first-recited Act, and every Person appointed under such Act shall cease to be a Guardian or Guardians.

Duplicates of Valuations and

IX. And be it further enacted, That a Copy or Duplicate of the Account of the Annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes,

Rates to be deposited with Clerk of the Corporation.

Tithes, and Hereditaments, within the respective Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places of the said City and County, by which the said Corporation of Guardians shall ascertain and determine the Proportions, Parts, and Shares of the Sums of Money to be raised by the said respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, and of the Account of the Sums of Money which the said Corporation of Guardians shall determine to be necessary to be raised, and every Rate, Levy, or Assessment made by the said Corporation of Guardians, or by any Person or Persons appointed by them, shall be deposited with the Clerk to the said Corporation of Guardians, who shall

Persons rated may inspect Rates

permit any Person or Persons assessed or rated in any such Account, Rate, Levy, or Assessment, or any Person on his, her, or their Behalf, to inspect the same, and to take Copies thereof, or of any Part thereof, at all seasonable Times, paying the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, for every such Inspection; and the said Clerk shall, upon Demand, forthwith give Copies of the same, or any Part thereof, upon being paid at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Names, and so in Proportion for a less Number.

Accounts to be made out annually, and deposited with the Clerk.

X. And be it further enacted, That in the Month of *March* in every Year a true Account shall be made and written of all Money received and paid by the said Corporation of Guardians during the preceding Year, ending upon the Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act, or any of them, and stating to and from whom the same have been paid or received, and for what Purposes; and a Copy or Duplicate of such Account, together with all Vouchers relating thereto, shall be deposited with the Clerk to the said Corporation of Guardians, who shall permit any Person or Persons who shall pay any Rate or Assessment to be levied and collected for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County, or any Person on his, her, or their Behalf, to inspect the same, and to take Copies thereof at all seasonable Times, paying the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, for every such Inspection; and the said Clerk shall upon Demand forthwith give Copies of the same, or any Part thereof, upon being paid at the Rate of Two-pence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in Proportion for a less Number of Words; and an Abstract of such yearly Accounts shall be yearly printed, and one Copy thereof sent to each of the said Guardians, and to the Overseers of the respective Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, for the Inspection and Perusal of the Persons rated to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes, Hamlets, or Places.

For obtaining Copies thereof.

Clerk refusing to permit Accounts, &c. to be inspected, to forfeit 50*l*.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Clerk to the said Corporation of Guardians shall not permit the Copy or Duplicate of every Account of the Annual Value of the several Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, made by the said Corporation of Guardians, and of every Rate, Levy, or Assessment made by them, or by any Person or Persons appointed by them, or the Copy or Duplicate of the Account of the Monies received and paid during the preceding Year, by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or the Vouchers relating thereto, to be inspected by any Person or Persons assessed or rated to any Rate, Levy, or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place in the said City and

and County of the same City, or by any Person or Persons on his, her, or their Behalf, at all seasonable Times, or shall neglect or refuse to give Copies of any such Accounts of the Annual Value of the said Messuages, Lands, Tithes, and Hereditaments, or of any such Rates, Levies, or Assessments, Accounts and Vouchers, deposited as hereinbefore provided; then and for every such Offence such Clerk shall forfeit and pay to the Party aggrieved the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Allowing an Appeal.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Parish, Hamlet, Precinct, or Place, shall find himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Valuation of the Messuages, Lands, Tithes, or Hereditaments, made by or under the Direction of the said Corporation of Guardians, or by the Sum or Sums of Money which the said Corporation of Guardians shall from Time to Time set down for the Maintenance and Employment of the Poor of the Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places in the said City and County of the same City, or by the Proportion, Part, or Share which any Parish, Town, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place in the said City and County of the same City shall from Time to Time be directed to levy, raise, and pay of such Sum or Sums of Money, or by any Rate, Levy, or Assessment made by the said Corporation of Guardians, or by any Person or Persons appointed by the said Corporation of Guardians, or by the Expenditure of the Money raised by the said Corporation of Guardians, or by any other Act done by them, or by any Rate, Levy, or Assessment made for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County of the same City, by any Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, or by such Person or Persons as the said Guardians shall appoint, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, Parish, Hamlet, Precinct, or Place, giving reasonable Notice, to appeal against the same to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City and County aforesaid to be holden next after the Cause of such Appeal shall have arisen; and the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions are hereby authorized and empowered to determine the Matters of every such Appeal, and to award such Costs to be paid by any of the Parties to any such Appeal as they shall think proper, and shall in all Things act in the Determination of such Appeals as may relate to any Valuation, Rate, Levy, or Assessment, as now authorized by Law in Appeals against Rates made for the Relief of the Poor; but if it shall appear that such reasonable Notice hath not been given, then the said Appeal shall be adjourned to the then next Quarter Sessions, and then and there be finally heard and determined.

For giving Notice of Appeal.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Notices of Appeal given under the Authority of the said recited Acts or of this Act, except in Cases of Removal as hereinafter provided, shall be printed or written, and signed by the Person or Persons giving the same, or his, her, or their Attorney or Agent on his, her, or their Behalf, and shall state the Causes and Grounds of such Appeal; upon the Hearing of which no other

other Ground or Cause of Complaint shall be examined into than what shall have been so stated; and in case such Appeal shall be against any Valuation of the Messuages, Lands, Tithes, and Hereditaments, made by or under the Direction of the said Corporation of Guardians, for the Purpose of fixing the Sum of Money necessary for the Relief of the Poor to be raised by each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place within the said City and County of the same City, or the Sum of Money directed to be raised for the Maintenance and Employment of the Poor of the Parishes and Hamlets of the said City and County of the same, or the Part or Proportion thereof directed to be raised by each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, the Notice of such Appeal shall be delivered to or left at the Places or Place of Abode of the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Clerk of the said Corporation of Guardians, or any One of them; and in case the Matter of any such Appeal shall be that any other Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, or because any other Person or Persons is or are valued, rated, or assessed in any such Valuation, Rate, or Assessment, at any greater or less Sum of Money than the Sum or Sums at which such Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, Person or Persons, ought to be rated or assessed therein, then and in every such Case the Notice of such Appeal shall also be delivered to or left at the usual Places of Abode of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place whose Assessment or Non-assessment shall be complained against, or any Two of them; and the Notice of such Appeal shall also be delivered to or left at the several Places of Abode of such other Person or Persons whose Assessment or Non-assessment shall be complained against; and in all other Cases of Appeal such and the like Notices shall be given, and the same Course shall be pursued, as are now required by Law in Appeals against Rates made for the Relief of the Poor, or from or against Accounts of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, Township, Vill, or Place.

For abolishing the Assessment of personal Estates.

XIV. And whereas by the said first-recited Act it was enacted, that the Money thereby directed to be raised for the Relief of the Poor of the respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, Precincts, or Liberties within the said City of *Norwich* and County of the same, or for any other of the Purposes of the last-mentioned Act, should be rated and assessed on the respective Inhabitants, and on every Parson and Vicar, and on all and every the Occupiers of Lands, Houses, Tenements, Tithes Impropriate, Appropriation of Tithes, and on all Persons having and using Stocks and personal Estates in the said respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, or Precincts within the said City and County, and Liberties of the same, or having Money out at Interest, in equal Proportion, as near as might be, according to their several and respective Values and Estates: And whereas, from the Nature of Stocks and personal Estates, and the Difficulty of ascertaining the Value thereof, and of discovering what Persons have Money out at Interest, and the Amount thereof, it has been found impracticable to make a just and equal Assessment in respect of Stocks and personal Estates, and Money out at Interest, and the Endeavours to effect the same have been productive of much Dispute, Litigation, and Expence, and the Amount assessed is and has been in consequence

consequence very inconsiderable; and it is desirable that so much of the said first hereinbefore recited Act as authorizes the Assessment in respect of Stocks and personal Estates, and Money out at Interest, should be repealed; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the Twenty-first Day next after the passing of this Act so much of the last-mentioned Act as authorizes and directs the rating or assessing of any Sum or Sums of Money for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County, or for any other of the Purposes of the last-mentioned Act, upon any Person or Persons having and using Stocks and personal Estates in the said respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, or Precincts within the said City and County and Liberties of the same, or having Money out at Interest, so far as respects such Stocks and personal Estates and Money out at Interest, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

As to Assessments on the Hamlets.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation of Guardians shall fix and determine the Proportions, Parts, or Shares to be raised by the Occupiers of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the said respective Hamlets, of the Money to be from Time to Time raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County of the same City, according to the whole Annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the said City, and Five Sixth Parts of the Annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the said respective Hamlets.

Appeal as to Removals.

XVI. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That if the Inhabitants of any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, or any of them, shall be aggrieved by any Order for the Removal of any Poor Person or Persons from any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place within the said City and County of the same City, to any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place not being in the said City and County of the same City, it shall be lawful for the Inhabitants of such Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, or any of them, to give Eight clear Days Notice to the Governor, Deputy Governor, or Clerk for the Time being, of such Corporation of Guardians, of their Intention to appeal against the same to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, to be holden within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of such Appeal shall have arisen; and such Justices at such Sessions shall have the same Powers and Authorities in hearing and determining such Appeal, and awarding Costs to be paid by either of the Parties to the other of them, as if such Removal had been made from any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place within the said County of *Norfolk*.

Treasurer and Clerk not to be the same Person.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation of Guardians to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed their Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Acts or this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, or of his or their Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, or to continue or appoint any Person who has or have been or may be appointed Treasurer, or the

Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, the Clerk to the said Corporation of Guardians; and if any such Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, or if any Person, being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk, or shall act as Deputy of the Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for the Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Acts and this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold any Place of Profit or Trust under the said Corporation of Guardians other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance, shall be granted or allowed.

Persons rated not to be deemed incompetent Witnesses.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person rated or liable to be rated to any Rate, Levy, or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor in the said City and County of the said City, or holding any Office in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place in the said City and County of the same City, shall, before any Court or Person or Persons whomsoever, be deemed or taken by reason thereof to be an incompetent Witness in any Action, Appeal, Information, or other Proceeding whatsoever relating to or concerning the Execution of the said recited Acts or this Act, or the Relief or Management of the Poor of the said City and County of the same City.

Expences of Act.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid by the said Corporation of Guardians to the Party who shall have borne and paid such Costs, Charges, and Expences, out of the first Money assessed, levied, or raised by them under the Authority of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any of them.

Public Act.

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

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