SUPPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

# CHAPTER 22.

An Act to make temporary provision for the Relief of Distress in Ireland. [6th July 1895.]

A.D. 1895.

BE it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Extension of power to grant out-door relief in food and fuel.

**1.**—(1.) At any time before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, the Local Government Board for Ireland may, if they think fit, by order under their seal authorise the board of guardians of any poor law union to administer relief in food or fuel, out of the workhouse, for any time not exceeding two months from the date of such order, to any poor persons resident in the union, and the said board may, by a like order, revoke any such order either wholly or partly or with reference to any particular person or class of persons.

(2.) On the receipt by the guardians of any union of any order of the said board authorising such relief, the guardians shall make provision for affording such relief accordingly for such time and on such conditions as may be specified in the order or until the said order is revoked.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 83.

(3.) The proviso in section two of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1862, shall not apply in the case of any persons for whom relief is authorised under this Act.

(4.) The expenses incurred in affording relief to any person relieved under this Act shall be charged in the same manner as if such expenses had been incurred in affording relief in the workhouse to such person under the Acts relating to the relief of the destitute poor in Ireland.

Confirmation of expenditure by guardians and indemnity.

**2.** If at any time before the passing of this Act any outlay has been made by any board of guardians with the sanction of the Local Government Board for Ireland for the purpose of providing out-door relief in food or fuel, such outlay and all resolutions and proceedings of the board of guardians and of their officers in relation thereto shall be ratified and confirmed and be as valid and effectual as if the outlay had been made and the resolutions and proceedings had been passed and taken under the authority and in compliance with the provisions of this Act; and all persons who have acted in any manner in making any such

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outlay or otherwise in providing such relief shall be released and indemnified from and against any penalties and surcharges in consequence thereof.

Out-door relief not to involve electoral disability.

**3.** No electoral disability or loss of any parliamentary or other franchise shall be incurred by any person by reason of a grant of out-door relief having been made to him under this Act, or by reason of any such grant ratified under this Act.

Short title.

**4.** This Act may be cited as the Out-door Relief (Ireland) Act, 1895.

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