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An Act for altering the vestry of the parish of Saint Giles Without Cripplegate within the liberties of the city of London, and for other purposes. [13th May 1869.] A.D. 1869.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the seventh year of the reign of His Majesty George the Fourth (seventh George the Fourth, chapter fifty-four), intituled "An Act for extinguishing tithes and customary payments in lieu of tithes and Easter offerings within the parish of Saint Giles, Cripplegate, in the liberties of the city of London, and for making compensation to the vicar for the time being in lieu thereof," the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Giles Without Cripplegate, within the liberties of the city of London, are required once or oftener in every year to convene a meeting of the vestry of the said parish, at which meeting the churchwardens and vestrymen, or any twelve of the said vestrymen in case the churchwardens or either of them shall neglect or refuse, are to proceed to make and sign a sufficient assessment, to be called a church rate, upon all persons, inhabitants, and occupiers of lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises within the said parish, except the vicar for the time being, for raising from time to time the annual sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds, required by the said Act to be raised as the annual stipend to be paid to the vicar for the time being of the said parish, and such further sum of money as shall be necessary for repairing and keeping in repair the church of the said parish and the churchyard belonging to the same, and for the payment of all necessary and proper salaries and disbursements relative to the said parish church and churchyard, and also all costs, charges, and expenses of making and incident to or attendant upon the collecting the same rate, and the carrying the purposes of the said Act into execution, and otherwise in relation to the said Act:

And whereas it is apprehended that difficulties and inconvenience would arise in putting the recited Act into execution and otherwise

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if the Public Act fifty-eight George the Third, chapter sixty-nine, and the other Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to parish vestries (and which are herein-after referred to as "the Parish Vestries Acts"), were adopted by the said parish without modification:

And whereas by virtue of an ancient and special usage or custom within the said parish the management of the affairs of the said parish is vested in a select vestry, consisting of the vicar, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor of the said parish, and of four sidesmen and other inhabitants of the said parish rated to the relief of the poor thereof, who have served the office of churchwarden of the said parish, or have paid a fine in aid of the rates levied under the said Act:

And whereas it is expedient that the select vestry of the said parish, instead of being such select vestry constituted as aforesaid, should be a parish vestry to be constituted of the vicar, churchwardens, and overseers of the said parish as ex-officio members thereof, and of twenty-four other rated inhabitants of the said parish, as herein-after provided, and that the vestry so constituted should be held, assembled, and regulated under the Parish Vestries Acts:

And whereas these objects cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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; (that is to say,)

Commencement of Act.

1. This Act shall commence and take effect upon and from the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Parish of Saint Giles, Cripplegate, Vestry Act, 1869."

Constitution of vestry.

3. The vestry of the parish of Saint Giles Without Cripplegate, within the liberties of the city of London, shall consist of the following persons; namely,

The vicar of the said parish for the time being, the churchwardens of the said parish for the time being, and the overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the vestry of the said parish, and

Twenty-four other rated inhabitants of the said parish; (that is to say,)

The following persons, namely, William Bassingham, John Eddison Craney, John Dalphin, James Richard Field, Henry Fendick, David Gibbs, William Harmar, William

Hopkinson, William King, Walter Morisse, Henry William Nind, John Pickering, John Stevens Pullen, Reginald Read, M.D., Frederick Hamilton Simpson, David Smith, Edward Swift Stillwell, Thomas Turner, William Weedon, and John Wyman, who are now members of the select vestry of the said parish, and who are in this Act referred to as the "present members," and (until a vacancy occurs in the number of the present members) four other persons, who, subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Vestries Acts, and who are in this Act referred to as the "elected members."

Present vestrymen ceasing to reside, &c. disqualified.

4. Provided always, that if any of the present members cease to reside in the said parish, or cease to be rated to the relief of the poor of the said parish upon an annual value of not less than forty pounds, he shall cease to be a vestryman.

Vacancies in "present members" how to be filled up.

5. When and so often as any of the present members dies or resigns or becomes disqualified as aforesaid, or ceases to be a vestryman, another vestryman shall be elected in his place at the next annual election of vestrymen.

Increase of elected members.

6. Every vestryman elected to fill any such vacancy as aforesaid shall be added to the number of elected members, and that number shall from time to time be increased by the addition of the vestrymen so elected until there are twenty-four elected members.

Vestry to be a parish vestry of inhabitants, &c.

7. The vestry of the said parish shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, from and after the commencement of this Act be deemed to be constituted under and shall be held, assembled, and regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Vestries Acts, and in the same manner as other parish vestries are by law held, assembled, and regulated under the same Acts.

Powers of vestry.

8. The said vestry shall have and may exercise from and after the commencement of this Act all the rights, powers, and authorities which parish vestries are by law authorized and empowered to have and exercise, and shall, for the purposes of the first-recited Act, be deemed to be the vestry of the said parish referred to in that Act.

Expenses of procuring Act.

9. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the applying for, preparing, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid by the overseers of the poor of the said parish out of the poor rates of the said parish.

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