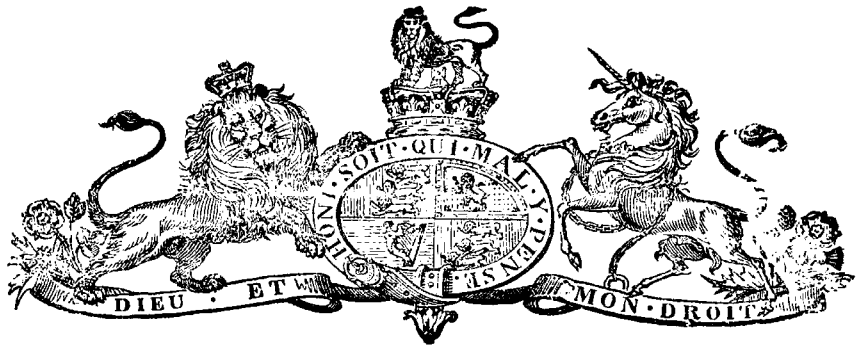


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CAP. CXXV.

An Act to enable Overseers in populous Parishes to provide Offices for the proper Discharge of Parochial Business. [6th *August* 1861.]

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:

Power to Overseers and Vestries, with Consent of Poor Law Board, to purchase Offices for Use of Parish.

1. The Overseers of any Parish in *England* the Population whereof shall exceed Four thousand Persons according to the Census for the Time being, with the Consent of the Vestry, called after due Notice, and with the Consent of the Poor Law Board, signified by an Order under their Seal, may hire any Room, or purchase or take upon Lease or Exchange any Land or Building, or sell Land belonging to such Parish, and invest the Proceeds of such Sale in the Purchase of other Land and Building, or erect a suitable Building on any Land acquired as aforesaid, for the Purpose of an Office for the Transaction of the Business of the Parish.

And the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, (except the Parts and Enactments of that Act with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement, and with respect

to the Recovery of Forfeitures, Penalties, and Costs,) shall, in so far as the same is consistent with this Act, be incorporated with this Act.

And for the Purposes of this Act the Expressions "the Promoters of the Undertaking," or "the Secretary," whenever used in that Act, shall respectively mean the Overseers as aforesaid; and the Expression "Tolls or Rates," whenever used in the said first-mentioned Act, shall mean Monies to be raised for the Relief of the Poor; and all Lands and Premises which shall be so purchased or taken on Lease or Exchange by the Overseers of any Parish shall be conveyed, demised, and assured to such Overseers and their Successors, in trust for the Purposes aforesaid; and the yearly Rent reserved by any Lease shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Monies to be raised for the Relief of the Poor of any such Parish, and shall be paid by the Overseers as aforesaid of such Parish as such Rent becomes payable; and if at any Time any such Rent be not paid within Thirty Days after it so becomes payable, and after Demand thereof in Writing, the Person to whom any such Rent shall be payable may either recover the same from the Overseers as aforesaid, with Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt in any Court of appropriate Jurisdiction, or may levy the same by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of any of the Overseers as aforesaid; and such Overseers may provide the requisite Furniture and Fittings of such Room or such Building, and appoint and pay out of the Poor Rate such Persons to take care thereof, or of any Vestry Room provided under the Authority of the Fifty-seventh Chapter of the Statute of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, and to aid in the ordinary Business of the Parish, as the Vestry shall authorize and the Poor Law Board shall approve; and every such Building and Vestry Room shall be warmed and lighted and with its Furniture shall be kept in good Condition and Repair at the Cost of the Poor Rate.

The Overseers may provide Depositories for Parish Documents.

2. The Overseers of any Parish may, with the Consent of the Vestry, provide proper Depositories of all the Documents, Books, and Papers belonging to such Parish for which no Provision is otherwise made by Law, and charge the Cost thereof upon the Poor Rate.

Interpretation of Terms.

3. The Words used in this Act shall be construed in the like Manner as in the Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six.

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