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SETTLEMENT—*continued.* Money or Stock, shall be chargeable with such further Stamp Duty as any separate Deed or Instrument containing such Settlement of Lands or other Property, or other Matter or Thing, would have been chargeable with, exclusive of the *progressive* Duty. And where there shall be more than One such Deed or Instrument for effecting any such Settlement as aforesaid, chargeable with any such Duty or Duties exceeding 1*l.* 15*s.*, one of them only shall be charged with the said *ad valorem* Duty; and also where any Settlement shall be made in pursuance of any previous Articles chargeable with and which shall have paid any such Duty or Duties exceeding 1*l.* 15*s.* such last-mentioned Settlement shall not be chargeable with the said *ad valorem* Duty; and the said Deeds and Instruments respectively not chargeable with the said *ad valorem* Duty shall be charged with the Duty to which the same may be liable under any more general Description in this Schedule, or in the Schedule annexed to the said Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third; and on the whole being produced, duly executed and duly stamped, as hereby required, the latter shall also be stamped with a particular Stamp for denoting or testifying the Payment of the said *ad valorem* Duty. And see PROGRESSIVE DUTY.	
WARRANT OF ATTORNEY (with or without a Release of Errors) to confess and enter up a Judgment in any of Her Majesty's Courts at *Westminster* or in *Ireland*, or in any of the Courts of the Counties Palatine of *Lancaster* and *Durham*, or in any other Court of Record holding Pleas, where the Debt or Damage amounts to 40*s.*, which shall be given as a Security for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money, or for the Transfer of any Share or Shares in any of the Government or Parliamentary Stocks or Funds, or in the Stock and Funds of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of the *East India* Company, or of the *South Sea* Company, or of *any other* Company or Corporation - - - *Save and except where such Payment or Transfer shall be already secured by a Bond, Mortgage, or other Security which shall have paid the proper* ad valorem Duty *on Bonds or Mortgages imposed by Law at the Date thereof, exceeding in Amount the Sum of* 5*s.*; *and also except where the Warrant of Attorney shall be given for securing any Sum or Sums of Money exceeding* 200*l. for which the Person giving the same shall then be in actual Custody under an Arrest on Mesne Process or in Execution;* and in those excepted Cases a Duty of - - - - -	The same Duty as on a Bond for the like Purpose. 0 5 0
WARRANT OF ATTORNEY *not otherwise charged* in this Schedule -	1 15 0

CAP. XCVIII.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the holding of Benefices in Plurality. [14th *August* 1850.]

1 & 2 Vict. c. 106.

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the First and Second Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to abridge the holding of Benefices in Plurality, and to make better Provision for the Residence of the Clergy;* and it is by the said Act provided, that no Spiritual Person shall hold together any

'any Two Benefices, if, at the Time of his Admission, Institution, or being licensed to the 'Second Benefice, the Value of the Two Benefices jointly shall exceed the yearly Value of 'One thousand Pounds, and that the said Benefices shall be within the Distance of Ten 'Statute Miles the one from the other, and that the Population of the said Benefices shall 'not exceed a certain Amount, as provided by the said Act: And whereas it is desirable 'further to restrain Spiritual Persons from holding Benefices in Plurality:' Be it therefore 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, That, notwithstanding any Provision in the said recited Act contained, it shall not be lawful, after the passing of this Act, for any Spiritual Person to take and hold together any Two Benefices, except in the Case of Two Benefices the Churches of which are within Three Miles of one another by the nearest Road, and the annual Value of one of which does not exceed One hundred Pounds.

Spiritual Persons not to hold Benefices in Plurality, except under certain Circumstances.

II. And be it enacted, That, notwithstanding any Provision in the said recited Act contained, it shall be lawful for any Spiritual Person to hold together Two Benefices according to the Provision herein-before contained, whatever may be the yearly Value of such Two Benefices jointly, but this Enactment shall not extend to repeal or affect any Provision of the said Act whereby any Restraint on the holding of Benefices in Plurality is imposed in respect of or with reference to the Amount of the Population of any Benefice, or to repeal or affect the Provisions of the said Act concerning the Licence or Dispensation required for the holding together of any Two Benefices.

Spiritual Persons may hold Two Benefices, subject to Provisions of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the Term "Benefice" in this Act shall be taken to mean Benefice with the Cure of Souls, and no other, and therein to comprehend all Parishes, Perpetual Curacies, Donatives, endowed Public Chapels, Parochial Chapelries, and Chapelries or Districts belonging or reputed to belong, or annexed or reputed to be annexed, to any Church or Chapel, anything in any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Explanation of Term "Benefice."

IV. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of estimating the annual Value of such Benefice there shall be considered as deducted from the gross Amount of the annual Value all Taxes, Rates, Tenths, Dues, and permanent Charges and Outgoings, but not to deduct or allow for any Stipend or Stipends to any Stipendiary Curate or Curates, nor for such Taxes or Rates in respect of the House of Residence of any Benefice, or of the Glebe Land belonging thereto, as are usually paid by Tenants or Occupiers, nor for Monies expended in the Repair or Improvement of the House of Residence and Buildings and Premises belonging thereto.

To estimate Value of Benefice.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person appointed after the passing of this Act to the Deanery of any Cathedral Church to hold the Office of Head Ruler of any College or Hall within either of the Universities of *Oxford* or *Cambridge*, or the Office of Provost of *Eton College*, or of Warden of *Winchester College*, or of Master of the *Charter House*, together with his Deanry: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall apply to the Dean of the Cathedral Church of *Christ* in *Oxford* as Chief Ruler of the College there maintained.

Deans of Cathedrals not to hold Office of Heads of Colleges or Halls in the Universities.

VI. And be it enacted, That (anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding) it shall not be lawful for any Spiritual Person, being Head Ruler of any College or Hall within either of the Universities of *Oxford* or *Cambridge*, or being Warden of the University of *Durham*, and also holding any Benefice, to take after the passing of this Act and hold therewith any Cathedral Preferment or any other Benefice, or for any such Spiritual Person, also holding any Cathedral Preferment, to take after the passing of this Act and hold therewith any Benefice: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent any such Spiritual Person from holding any Benefices or Cathedral Preferment permanently attached to or forming Part of the Endowment of his Office.

Heads of Colleges in the Universities not to hold Cathedral Preferments, except in certain Cases.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any Spiritual Person holding any Benefice or Benefices shall accept any other Benefice, and shall be admitted, instituted, or licensed thereto, contrary

Presentation of the same Person to Two Benefices to be void.

trary to the Provisions of this Act, every such Benefice or Benefices which he previously held shall become *ipso facto* void as if he had died or resigned the same, any Law, Statute, Canon, Usage, Custom, Faculty, or Dispensation whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Her Majesty in Council may authorize Union of Benefices in certain Cases.

VIII. 'And whereas in the said recited Act a Provision is contained authorizing the 'Union by Order of Her Majesty in Council after such Inquiry and Notice, and with such 'Consent and upon such Certificate as therein mentioned, of Two or more Benefices, or of 'One or more Benefice or Benefices, and One or more Spiritual Sinecure Rectory or Rec-'tories, Vicarage or Vicarages, in the same Parish, or contiguous to each other, of which 'the aggregate Population shall not exceed One thousand five hundred Persons, and the 'aggregate yearly Value shall not exceed Five hundred Pounds:' Be it enacted, That the said Provision of the said Act shall extend and be applicable to and for the Union of Two or more Benefices, or One or more Benefice or Benefices, and One or more Spiritual Sinecure Rectory or Rectories, Vicarage or Vicarages, in the same Parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate Population shall not exceed One thousand five hundred Persons, notwithstanding the aggregate yearly Value shall exceed Five hundred Pounds, in like Manner and with the like Preliminaries and Consequences as if the Words "and the aggregate yearly Value shall not exceed Five hundred Pounds" had not been inserted in the Provision lastly herein-before referred to: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Bishop to direct that there shall be Two full Services in each Church of such consolidated Livings.

Not to affect Possession of Preferments or Benefices already existing.

IX. And be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall be construed to prejudice or affect the Right of Possession in any Preferment or Benefice to which any Spiritual Person shall have been admitted, instituted, or licensed, or which shall have been otherwise granted to any Spiritual Person, before the passing of this Act.

Persons already holding One Benefice may hold One other Benefice if nominated or appointed for next Presentation previously to 23d Dec. 1837.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall be construed to prevent any Spiritual Person possessed of One or more than One Benefice on the Fourteenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and to whom or in trust for whom the Advowson of or the next Presentation or Nomination to any other Benefice has been conveyed, granted, or devised by any Deed or Will made before the Twenty-third Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, from taking the said last-mentioned Benefice, and holding together such Benefice and any One such first-mentioned Benefice.

Extending Provisions of Act 4 & 5 Vict. c. 39. as to holding Benefices with Honorary Canonries, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Provisions of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourth and Fifth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to explain and amend Two several Acts relating to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for* England, which authorize the holding of more Benefices than One with an Honorary Canonry, or with any Prebend, Dignity, or Office not then in any Manner endowed, or whereof the Endowments shall have been vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, or which might thereafter be endowed to an Amount not exceeding Twenty Pounds by the Year, shall be extended so as to authorize the holding of One Benefice and One Cathedral Preferment in the same Church with such Honorary Canonry, Prebend, Dignity, or Office.

Previous Provisions not to extend to Ireland.

XII. And be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall be construed to extend to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*.

Faculties for the same Person to hold Two Livings in Ireland not to be granted.

XIII. 'And whereas no Faculty or Dispensation has been granted for the holding of Two 'or more Benefices in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* for upwards of 'Twenty Years last past, and it is expedient to prevent the future Grant thereof:' Be it therefore enacted, That no Faculty or Dispensation shall be granted to any Spiritual Person to hold Two or more Benefices in *Ireland;* and that if any Spiritual Person, holding or taking any Benefice in *Ireland*, shall take or accept of any other Benefice to the holding whereof together with the Benefice so previously held a Faculty or Dispensation would before the passing of this Act have been necessary, and shall be admitted, licensed, or instituted to the same, every Benefice so previously held by such Spiritual Person shall be and become

become *ipso facto* void as if he had died or had resigned the same, any Law, Statute, Canon, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken to affect or alter the Laws now in force in *Ireland* regulating and respecting the Unions or Divisions of Parishes.

Act may be amended, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

CAP. XCIX.

An Act for the better assessing and collecting the Poor Rates and Highway Rates in respect of Small Tenements. [14th *August* 1850.]

'WHEREAS the Collection of Poor Rates and Highway Rates assessed upon the Occupiers of Tenements of small annual Value is expensive, difficult, and frequently impracticable, and it is expedient to make better Provision for the rating of such Tenements, and for the Collection of such Rates:' Be it therefore 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, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Vestry of any Parish, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to declare and order that the Owners of Tenements in such Parish the yearly rateable Value whereof shall not exceed Six Pounds shall be rated and assessed to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor in respect of such Tenements instead of the Occupiers thereof, and the Order so made shall remain in force until rescinded in the Manner herein-after authorized.

Vestries to determine whether 6*l.* Tenements shall be rated to the Owners instead of Occupiers.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Vestry of the said Parish, by a Majority of Two Thirds at least of the Votes of the Persons present at a Meeting duly called for that Purpose pursuant to Notice, as herein-after mentioned, and competent to vote thereat, at any Time after the Expiration of Two Years from the Time when any such Order shall have been so made, to order that from and after a Day to be fixed by such Vestry, not being less than Three Years from the Date of such original Order, such Order shall cease and be rescinded, in which Case, from and after such last-mentioned Day, the said Order shall be rescinded and no longer in force: Provided nevertheless, that the Provisions in this Act contained shall remain and continue in force for the Purpose of collecting and recovering any Rate which may have been previously made in pursuance of such Order: Provided also, that Notice for calling every such Meeting as aforesaid shall be by Writing, signed by Four Rate-payers of the Parish affixed on the principal outer Door of the Parish Church or Chapel of the Parish, or on the usual Place of affixing Notices relating to the Affairs of the Parish, at some Time not less than Thirty or more than Forty Days previous to such Meeting.

Order may be rescinded by a Majority of Two Thirds of Persons present at Vestry.

III. And be it enacted, That whilst any such Order as firstly herein-before mentioned is in force the respective Owners of such Tenements shall be rated and assessed (instead of the Occupiers thereof) to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor and to the Rates for the Repairs of the Highways which otherwise such Occupiers might by Law be rated to.

Whilst Order in force, the Poor Rates and Highway Rates to be rated to Owners.

IV. And be it enacted, That whilst such Order as firstly herein-before mentioned is in force the Owner of every Tenement in every Parish the yearly rateable Value whereof shall not exceed Six Pounds shall be assessed to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor and to the Rates for the Repairs of the Highways in respect of such Tenement at Three Fourths of the Amount at which such Tenement would be liable to be rated in case this Act had not passed; and further, that whilst such Order as firstly herein-before mentioned is in force, if any Owner of One or more such Tenements shall be desirous of paying a Rate for One Year in respect of all such Tenements in any Parish, whether such Tenements be occupied

Owner to be rated on a reduced Scale.