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CAP. LXIV.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Authority of Justices of the Peace to act in certain Matters relating to the Poor in Cities and Boroughs.

[28th *July* 1849.]

WHEREAS by the Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, Authority is given to Justices of the Peace for Counties to act in certain Matters relating to the Poor, and Doubts have been entertained whether the same Powers extend to Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction within Cities and Boroughs, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed: 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 anything in the said Act contained, all Powers and Authorities which by the said Act may be exercised out of General or Quarter Sessions by Two or more Justices of any County, may be exercised within any City or Borough by any Two or more Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction within such City or Borough respectively, as fully in all respects as by the Justices of the County in or for any Parish of such County.

Justices of the Peace in Cities and Boroughs may act in all Matters relating to the Relief of the Poor under the 43 Eliz. in such Cities and Boroughs.

II. And

Acts of the Justices in any City or Borough confirmed.

II. And be it enacted, That nothing heretofore done in any City or Borough for the Purposes of the said Act by any Two or more Justices having Jurisdiction in such City or Borough shall be deemed or taken to have been illegally or insufficiently done by reason only that neither of the said last-mentioned Justices was Mayor, Bailiff, or Head Officer of such City or Borough, but everything so done by such Two or more Justices, if otherwise lawful, shall be deemed to be and to have been valid to all Intents and Purposes.

Act may be amended, &c.

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 And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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