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An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Assessment and Collection of Rates for the Relief of the Poor. [26th *August* 1839.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that more effectual Provision should be made for the Assessment, Allowance, Amendment, and Collection of Rates for the Relief of the Poor: 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, That in every Case in which any Contribution by Overseers or other Officers of any Parish of Monies required by the Board of Guardians or Persons acting as Guardians for such Parish, or for any Union which shall include such Parish for the Performance of their Duties, shall be in arrear, it shall be lawful for any Two Justices acting within the District wherein such Parish shall be situate, on Application under the Hand of the Chairman or acting Chairman of such Board, to summon the said Overseer or other Officers to show Cause, at a Special Sessions to be summoned for the Purpose, why such Contribution has not been paid, and after hearing the Complaint preferred under the Authority of such Chairman or acting Chairman, and on behalf of such Board, if the Justices at such Sessions shall think fit, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to cause the Amount of the Contribution so in arrear, together with the Costs occasioned by such Arrear, to be levied and recovered from the said Overseers or other Officers, or any of them, in like Manner as Monies

Manner of proceeding by Board of Guardians in case the Contributions required by any Parish is in arrear.

assessed for the Relief of the Poor may be levied and recovered, and the Amount of such Arrear, together with the Costs as aforesaid, when levied and recovered, to be paid to the said Board: Provided always, that no Distress made under any such Warrant of Justices shall be replevisible.

Order for appointing Collectors declared valid.

II. And be it enacted, That all Orders heretofore made and issued under the Hands and Seals of the Poor Law Commissioners, and not rescinded by them, or quashed before the Sixth Day of *May* in the present Year, by which the said Commissioners may have directed the Overseers or Guardians of any Parish or Union to appoint any Person to collect the Rates for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish or Parishes, or shall have defined or specified or directed the Execution of the Duties of such Person, or the Places or Limits within which the same shall be performed, or shall have directed the Mode of Appointment, or determined the Continuance in Office or Dismissal of any such Person from his Office, or the Amount or Nature of the Security to be given by any such Person, or shall have regulated the Amount of Salary payable to any such Person, or the Time or Mode or the Proportions of Payment thereof, shall be deemed and the same are hereby declared to have the same Force and Validity as if the same had been warranted by an Act passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Amendment and better Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor;* and the Commissioners shall have the same Powers and Authorities with respect to all such Orders, and to the Persons appointed in pursuance thereof, as they have with respect to Orders made and issued and the paid Officers appointed under the Provisions of the said Act; and that every Person appointed by Guardians of the Poor under any such Order of the said Commissioners shall have the like Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Immunities, Protections, and Remedies, in and for the Performance of his Duty under such Order, as are by Law given to Overseers of the Poor in the Performance of the like Duty.

4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76.

Act not to affect the Act 58 G. 3. c. 69. for Regulation of Vestries.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall in anywise affect the Right of the Inhabitants in Vestry to give Directions for the Custody and safe Keeping of any Books, Papers, and Documents, under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Vestries.*

Recited Act and this Act to be taken as one.

IV. And be it enacted, That, except in as far as the Provisions of the said Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty shall be hereby altered or amended, the said Act and this Act shall be construed as one Act.

Act may be amended this Session.

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

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