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CAP. XLII.

An Act to amend an Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor.

[15th *October* 1831.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws for the Relief of the Poor*, certain Power is given to Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor to provide Land for the Employment of the Poor to an Extent not exceeding Twenty Acres: And whereas such Limitation to Twenty Acres has been found inconvenient in many Parishes: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish to hire and take on Lease, for the Employment of the Poor of such Parish, any suitable Portion or Portions of Land within or near to such Parish, to an Extent not exceeding Fifty Acres. 59 G. 3. c. 12.

Churchwardens, &c. may provide Land to a certain Extent for Employment of the Poor.

II. And be it further enacted, That, in order to extend the salutary and benevolent Purposes of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish to inclose from any Waste or Common Land or Ground lying in or near to such Parish, with the Consent in Writing of the Lord of the Manor and the major Part in Value of the Persons having Right of

Churchwardens, &c. may inclose Part of Waste Lands for Cultivation, with Consent.

of Common thereupon, signified under their Hands and Seals, any Part or Portion of such Waste or Common Land not exceeding Fifty Acres, and to cultivate and improve the same for the Use and Benefit of such Parish and the poor Persons within the same, or to let any Part or Parts of the same to any poor and industrious Inhabitant or Inhabitants of such Parish, to be by him or them occupied and cultivated on his or their own Account.

Power to hire Land, &c. extended to Guardians, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Powers and Authorities hereby given to Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor shall extend to and may be exercised by the Guardians of the Poor of any Parishes or Places which are or may be incorporated or united under and by virtue of an Act made and passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor*, or under or by virtue of any Local Act or Acts, and by the Overseers of all Townships, Villages, and Places having separate Overseers, and maintaining their Poor separately.

22 G. 3. c. 83.

Provisions of recited Act extended to Lands hired, &c. under this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Clauses, Powers, and Authorities, Regulations, Provisions, and Directions, in and by the said recited Act given, contained, and made with respect to the providing of Land for the Employment of the Poor, or to the Cultivation, Management, or Disposition thereof, or to the poor Persons employed thereon or renting any Portion thereof, shall, so far as the same are applicable, be deemed and taken to extend to any Land which shall be provided under this Act, and to the poor Persons employed thereon or renting any Portion thereof respectively.

No Settlement to be gained by Lands hired.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no poor Inhabitant of any Parish or Place, to whom any Land shall be let which shall or may have been or shall be hired or taken or inclosed under or by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, shall gain a Settlement by reason of his renting and occupying or paying Parochial Taxes for such Land, either alone or with any other Land or Tenement.

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