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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. LVII.

An Act for the Amendment of the Law respecting the Settlement of the Poor, as far as regards renting Tenements and paying Parochial Taxes.

[22d *June* 1825.]

WHEREAS the Settlement of the Poor has been made, in some Instances, to depend upon the annual Value of Tenements which they may have rented, or upon the annual Value of Tenements in virtue of which they have paid Parochial Rates: And whereas the ascertaining such Value, in such respective Cases, has given rise to very expensive Litigation: And whereas Doubts have been entertained, whether an Act made in the Fifty-ninth Year of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws respecting the Settlement of the Poor, as far as regards renting Tenements*, has been effectual for the Purpose of altering the Law in respect of the Necessity of proving the annual Value of Tenements so rented; and it is expedient that further Provision be made relating thereto: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws respecting the Settlement of the Poor, so far as regards renting Tenements*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

59 G. 3. c. 50.

59 G. 3. c. 50. regarding Tenements for Settlement of the Poor repealed.

II. And

What shall be deemed acquiring a Settlement.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall acquire a Settlement in any Parish or Township maintaining its own Poor, by or by reason of settling upon, renting, or paying Parochial Rates for any Tenement, not being his or her own Property, unless such Tenement shall consist of a separate and distinct Dwelling House or Building, or of Land, or of both, *bonâ fide* rented by such Person, in such Parish or Township, at and for the Sum of Ten Pounds a Year at the least, for the Term of One whole Year; nor unless such House or Building, or Land, shall be occupied under such yearly Hiring, and the Rent for the same, to the Amount of Ten Pounds, actually paid, for the Term of One whole Year at the least: Provided always, that it shall not be necessary to prove the actual Value of such Tenement; any thing in any Act or Acts, or any Construction of or Implication from any Act or Acts, or any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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