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CAP. XVIII.

An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Sixth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, as far as regards the Settlement of the Poor by the renting and Occupation of Tenements.

[30th *March* 1831.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Amendment of the Law respecting the Settlement of the Poor, as far as regards renting Tenements and paying Parochial Taxes*, it was among other things enacted, 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 Values of such Tenements; any thing in any Act or Acts, or any Construction of or Implication from any Act or Acts, or any Usage or Custom, 6 G. 4. c. 57.

Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding: And whereas Doubts have arisen with respect to the Intentions of the Legislature concerning the Occupation of such House, Building, or Land by the Person hiring the same, and concerning the Amount of the Rent to be paid and the Person paying the same: And whereas it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed; 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 no Person shall acquire a Settlement in any Parish or Township maintaining its own Poor, by or by reason of such Yearly Hiring of a Dwelling House or Building, or of Land, or of both, as in the said Act expressed, unless such House or Building, or Land, shall be actually occupied under such Yearly Hiring in the same Parish or Township, by the Person hiring the same, for the Term of One whole Year at the least, and unless the Rent for the same, to the Amount of Ten Pounds at the least, shall be paid by the Person hiring the same.

No Person shall acquire a Settlement by reason of a Yearly Hiring of a Tenement, or of Land, unless he shall actually occupy the same.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where the yearly Rent shall exceed Ten Pounds, Payment to the Amount of Ten Pounds shall be deemed sufficient for the Purpose of gaining a Settlement under the said recited Act.

Payment to the Amount of 10*l.* shall gain a Settlement.

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