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and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and for ascertaining, charging, collecting, managing, and regulating of the Poor Rates for the same, and for the Appointment, Regulation, and Management of the Watchmen, Beadles, and Constables appointed to serve within the said Parishes: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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,

Recited Act repealed.

That from and after the passing of this Act the said recited Act shall be (except so far as the same extends to repeal such Acts or Parts of such Acts as are in the said Act recited or referred to) and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

All Rates, &c. made by virtue of former Acts to remain in force.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Rates and all Arrears of Rates heretofore made, and all Contracts, Stipulations, and Agreements entered into, and all other Matters and Things done under or by the Authority of the said recited Act or the said thereby repealed Acts, or any of them, shall remain in full Force and Effect, and shall be as effectual and binding upon all the Parties thereto as if such Acts were still in force; and every Rate now made may be collected and levied by such Ways and Means as the Rates directed to be made in pursuance of this Act are by this Act directed to be collected and levied; and such of the Governors and Directors of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* as aforesaid as have been duly appointed under the said recited Act shall exercise all the Powers of this Act until other Governors and Directors shall be duly appointed as herein-after mentioned.

Officers under former Act to account.

III. And be it further enacted, That each and every Treasurer, Collector, or other Person in whose Custody or under whose Controul any Money received or collected under or by virtue of the said recited Act hereby repealed, for any of the Purposes therein respectively mentioned, shall be or remain at the Time of the passing of this Act, shall be and continue liable to pay, deliver up, and account for the same to the Governors and Directors of the Poor acting in execution of this Act, in the same Manner as if the said recited Act had not been repealed, or as if such Money had come to the Hands of any such Treasurer, Collector, or other Person by virtue of this Act.

Bonds and Securities given under and on the Credit of recited Act to remain in force.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds, Mortgages, Assignments, Annuities, Grants, Conveyances, and other Securities made or granted to or by any Person or Persons acting by virtue of or on the Credit or under the Authority of the said recited Act, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said recited Act had not been repealed; and all Bonds, Mortgages, Annuities, and Assignments given or granted as a Security for any Monies lent or advanced on the Credit of such Act shall be charged and they are hereby respectively charged upon the Rates or Assessments herein directed to be made for the Purposes of this Act; and the Person or Persons from Time to Time entitled to the same respectively shall have, receive, and enjoy all Interest due and to grow due on such Bonds, Mortgages, Annuities, and Assignments respectively until the same shall be paid off and discharged as herein directed: Provided always, that any Contract or Contracts, Bond

or Bonds, Agreement or Agreements, made or entered into by virtue of the said recited Act, shall be and be deemed to be as good and valid, and the Performance thereof and Compliance therewith compelled by the same Ways and Means, until the Expiration thereof, as if the said recited Act had not been repealed.

Annual Meeting of Inhabitants for electing Governors and Directors.

V. And be it further enacted, That on *Friday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, and on the *Friday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every succeeding Year, the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and other Persons assessed and rated to the Relief of the Poor thereof, shall assemble at the Workhouse belonging to the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, (Notice of the Time and Place of such Meeting having first been given in all the respective Parish Churches of the said Parishes, and also in *Saint John*'s Chapel in the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, on the *Sunday* next preceding such Meeting,) when and where such Persons, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and elect Twenty-five Gentlemen not carrying on any retail Trade, and Twenty-five Tradesmen, being substantial Inhabitants of or Occupiers of Premises within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, every One of whom shall have been respectively assessed to the Rates herein-after mentioned at not less than Thirty Pounds *per Annum*, of whom Fifteen Gentlemen and Fifteen Tradesmen shall be chosen from the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, and the remaining Ten Gentlemen and Ten Tradesmen shall be chosen from the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*; and such Persons so elected as aforesaid, together with such of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* as are resident Householders of Premises within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and the respective Rectors, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor thereof for the Time being, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* for the Year then next ensuing, and for the Purposes of carrying this Act into execution; and such Governors and Directors shall and may from Time to Time make such Orders, Rules, and Regulations for the better Government, Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the said Poor, and (subject to the Provisions, Directions, and Restrictions herein-after mentioned and contained) for the ascertaining, charging, collecting, managing, and regulating of the Poor Rates for the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and for the Appointment, Regulation, and Management of the Watchmen and Beadles herein-after directed to be employed, and also for the Regulation of the Constables duly appointed to serve for the same, as to them shall appear necessary and expedient: Provided always, that if it shall at any Time happen that the said *Friday* hereby appointed shall be *Good Friday*, then the said Inhabitants and Occupiers shall in like Manner assemble for the Purpose aforesaid on the *Monday* then next following.

VI. And

Power to demand a Poll.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Ten or more of the Inhabitants then present, and entitled to vote at any such Meeting, shall be dissatisfied with the Nomination and Election of such Persons or any of them as shall then and there have been declared, nominated, and elected upon the View and Show of Hands, and shall by Writing signed by them, and delivered to the Chairman of such Meeting, specifying the Names of every Person with whose Election they shall be dissatisfied, and also the Names of an equal Number of other Inhabitants or Occupiers, as aforesaid, proposed as Candidates in the Stead of such Persons so objected to, and preserving the same Distinctions as herein-before is mentioned between Gentlemen and Tradesmen and Parishes, demand a Poll for the Purpose of determining the Election of the several Persons named in such Writing, then upon such Demand being so made as aforesaid, the Person or Persons on whose Behalf the Poll shall be so demanded first signifying his or their Consent thereto, the Chairman of such Meeting, or such other Persons as shall be by him for that Purpose appointed, shall forthwith proceed to take a Poll in the Workhouse of the said Parishes as aforesaid for the Election of such Persons only as shall be named in such Writing, which Poll shall commence immediately after the Business of the Meeting is over, and continue till Five o'Clock of that Day and during the Two next following Days, exclusive of *Sunday*, and shall be kept open on each of those Two Days from the Hours of Nine o'Clock in the Morning till Five o'Clock in the Evening; and that such of the said several Gentlemen and Tradesmen respectively in favour of whom the Majority of Votes shall be given, together with the several Gentlemen and Tradesmen whose Election shall have been determined by the View or Show of Hands at the said General Meeting, and against whom no Poll shall have been demanded, shall be deemed to be duly elected Governors and Directors for the ensuing Year: Provided always, that no Inhabitant within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* as aforesaid, rated or liable to be rated for the Relief of the Poor thereof as aforesaid, who shall be in arrear Three Months after Demand made for any Sum of Money payable by him in respect of any previously made Rate, shall be entitled to attend or vote at any such Meeting or Poll: Provided also, that any Governor and Director going out of Office as a Governor and Director shall (except as herein-after mentioned) be eligible to be elected as Governor and Director for the then next ensuing or any future Year.

Governors, &c. dying, &c. others to be appointed in their Stead.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the said Governors and Directors so to be elected as aforesaid shall die or resign, (which Resignation every such Governor and Director is hereby declared competent to make,) or after such Election shall prove to be ineligible, or remove out of the said Parishes, or, having had due Notice of his having been elected, shall not attend the weekly Meeting herein-after mentioned for the Space of Four Calendar Months, unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Accident, or in case any of them shall be appointed an Overseer of the Poor as herein-after mentioned, then and in any of the said Cases the said Inhabitants or Occupiers shall, at the next Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, nominate and appoint some other Person, qualified as aforesaid, to be a Governor and Director in the Stead of the Person so dead, or who shall have so resigned, removed, declined to

to act, or be incapable of acting as aforesaid: Provided always, that in every such Appointment as aforesaid a Gentleman shall be appointed in the Stead of a Gentleman, and a Tradesman in the Stead of a Tradesman, and shall be chosen from such of the said Parishes in which the Vacancy has occurred; and any Governor and Director who shall have so resigned, removed, or declined to act, or become incapable of acting as aforesaid, shall be incompetent to be elected a Governor and Director for the then next ensuing Year.

Appointment of Overseers.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall, on the *Wednesday* next after their Election, meet together at the said Workhouse, or at such other Place within the said Parishes as they shall think proper, and shall then and there make out a List of Sixteen substantial Inhabitants of or Occupiers of Premises within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, which List shall be returned to Two or more Justices of the Peace residing in or near the said Parishes, at a Petty Session to be held by them at the Workhouse as aforesaid, or at such other Place within the said Parishes as they shall think proper, of which Petty Sessions public Notice shall be given in the respective Parish Churches of the said Parishes, and also in *Saint John's* Chapel as aforesaid, on the *Sunday* next preceding the holding of such Petty Session, out of which List of Sixteen substantial Inhabitants or Occupiers the said Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint Four Persons to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* as aforesaid for the Year then next ensuing: Provided always, that any Number not exceeding Two of the Governors and Directors liable to serve the Office of Overseer, and not having previously served such Office, may be included in the said List of substantial Inhabitants or Occupiers, and be so presented to the said Justices as aforesaid.

Governors and Directors to meet weekly.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall meet on *Wednesday* in each Week, or on such other Day or Days in each Week as they shall appoint, at the said Workhouse, or at such other Place within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* as they shall judge proper, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution; and the Chairman for the Time being, in case of an Equality of Voices, shall have a second or casting Vote.

Property vested in Governors and Directors, who are to sue and be sued in the Name of any One of them, or of their Clerk.

X. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Messuages or Tenements, Poor Houses, Workhouses, Watch Houses, Edifices, Lands, and Hereditaments which now are or hereafter may be occupied or used by or for the Accommodation of the Poor, and the Watchmen and Beadles of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and all Monies and Rates and Assessments raised, collected, or lawfully assessed by the Authority of the said hereby repealed Act or by the Authority of this Act, and all other Monies, Fixtures, Furniture, Materials, and other Things which now are or which shall hereafter be provided for the Use of the Poor, and the Watchmen and Beadles of the said Part of the said Parish

Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and for carrying into execution the several Purposes of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Governors and Directors for the Time being for the Purposes of this Act, who are hereby empowered to bring or cause to be brought, and to defend or cause to be defended, any Suit or Suits, Action or Actions, relating to or in anywise affecting such Property, or otherwise relating to the due Execution of this Act, and to prefer or cause to be preferred any Bill or Bills of Indictment, or to lay or cause to be laid any Information or Informations, against any Person or Persons who shall injure, destroy, steal, take, or carry away any of the said Property, or any Part thereof respectively; and such Property shall be laid or described to be the Property of the Governors and Directors of the Poor of that Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the said County, and without mentioning or specifying the Names of all or any of the Governors and Directors; and the said Governors and Directors may sue and be sued, and otherwise proceed or be proceeded against at Law or otherwise in the Name or Names of any One or more of the said Governors and Directors, or of the said Clerk, for the Time being; and all Actions or Suits or other Proceedings which shall be brought for the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum of Money due or payable by virtue of this Act, or for or in respect of any Matter or Thing relating to this Act, shall be brought and prosecuted in the Name or Names of any One or more of such Governors and Directors, or of the said Clerk, for the Time being; and no Action or Actions which shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against the said Governors and Directors, or any of them, or by or against the said Clerk as aforesaid, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name or Names of One or more of the said Governors and Directors, or of the said Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such One or more of such Governors and Directors or Clerk, or either of them, or by the Act or Default of such Governor and Director or Clerk, or either of them, but One or more of the said Governors and Directors, or the said Clerk, for the Time being, shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants (as the Case may be): Provided always, that every such Governor and Director, or their Clerk, in whose Name or Names any Action or Suit or other Proceedings shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences as he or they shall sustain, be put unto, or become chargeable with by reason of his or their being so made Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants therein; provided that no such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended, except by the Order of the said Governors and Directors.

Seven Governors and Directors to be a Quorum.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all Powers hereby given to or Duties to be performed by the said Governors and Directors may (except as herein-after mentioned) be exercised and performed respectively by the major Part of such Governors and Directors assembled at any Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, there not being less than Seven of such

Governors and Directors present at any such Meeting; and all Orders and Directions given and all Contracts and Engagements entered into by the Governors and Directors present at any such Meeting, or the major Part of them then assembled, shall be as valid and effectual as if the same were done by all the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, and shall be binding and conclusive on all such Governors and Directors.

Meetings of Governors and Directors to ascertain the Sums to be charged for the Poor and Watch.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall meet on the First *Monday* in *August* and the First *Monday* in *February* in every Year, or within Seven Days next following, or oftener if necessary, to calculate, ascertain, and settle the Amount of the several Sums of Money which shall be considered requisite to be assessed and charged, as well for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and for regulating and maintaining a nightly Watch and Beadles within the same, as for discharging any Debt or Debts previously incurred or remaining unsatisfied by reason of the Deficiency of any former Rate or Rates.

Meetings of Inhabitants to make Rates for Relief of the Poor, and for the Watch and Beadles.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of and Occupiers of Premises within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, or the major Part of them present at any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, within Twenty Days after the several Sums of Money shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid, and of which Meeting Notice shall be given by the Order of the Governors and Directors on the *Sunday* preceding such Meeting in the said Churches and Chapel before mentioned, shall make Two distinct Rates or Assessments, to be raised by an equal Pound Rate upon every Person who, by any of the Laws now in force, or by this Act, is or may be chargeable or rateable towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, the gross Amount of which said Rates or Assessments shall not exceed the gross Amount of the Sums so settled and ascertained after allowing for all reasonable and usual Deficiencies in collecting the same; one of such Rates to be for and to be applied towards the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and the other of such Rates to be for and to be applied towards defraying the Expences of the Watch and Beadles to be employed for and within the same, and otherwise incident thereto; which said Rates shall be respectively entered in One or more Book or Books, in which shall be specified the Names of every Person rated, the Sum at and the Property in respect of which he or she is rated, and which Book or Books shall be signed by the Chairman, or any Five of the Inhabitants of or Occupiers aforesaid present at the Meeting at which such Rates shall be made; and such Book or Books shall be also signed, and such Rate or Rates respectively allowed and confirmed, by Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and shall be collected in manner following; (that is to say,) one Moiety thereof immediately on the Allowance of such Rate, and the other Moiety thereof immediately upon the Expiration of Three Calendar Months from the Date of every such Rate.

XIV. And

Notice of Rates being signed and allowed to be given in the Churches, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That after any such Rates shall have been made, signed, and allowed as aforesaid, Notice thereof shall be given in the said Churches and Chapel on *Sunday* next after the Allowance thereof; and in case any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved thereby, he or she may appeal therefrom to Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, at a Petty Session to be held for that Purpose (of which Notice shall in like Manner be given), within Fourteen Days next after such Notice so given as aforesaid; and such Justices are hereby empowered to hear and determine such Appeal in such Manner, and to give such Relief in the Premises, as to them shall seem meet.

Governors and Directors authorized to inspect the Inhabited House Duty Books.

XV. And in order that the said Rates may be made fairly and equally in proportion to the full annual Rent or Value of the Premises to be rated, be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, or any Person or Persons duly authorized by them, by any Writing under their Hands, at any of their weekly Meetings, shall and may, from Time to Time, and at all seasonable Times, have free Access to and Liberty to inspect and take Copies of or Extracts from all Book and Books of Rates and Assessments now made or to be made by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament for laying or charging a Rate or Duty upon inhabited Houses and Premises within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*; and if any Person or Persons having the said Book or Books in his or their Custody or Power shall refuse such Inspection, Copies, or Extracts, then and in every such Case for every such Offence he or they shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Rates of Houses not exceeding 20*l.*, or let furnished or in separate Apartments, to be paid by the Owner thereof.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Owners of all Tenements within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, the yearly Value of which shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, and also the Owners of all Tenements which shall be lawfully rated by virtue of this Act, of whatever yearly Rent or Value, which are or shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or which are let furnished, or in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, or at Rents which shall become payable at any shorter Period than quarterly, shall be liable to be rated in or by any Rate or Rates to be made by virtue of this Act; and all Persons so rated shall from Time to Time pay every such Rate in respect of such Tenements, and upon Nonpayment thereof the Goods and Chattels of every such Owner, wheresoever the same shall be found, as also the Goods and Chattels of the Occupiers of such Tenements, may be distrained and sold for the Payment of such Rate, and also for the Payment of such Costs as in consequence of the Nonpayment of such Rate shall be incurred: Provided always, that the said Governors and Directors may remit to any such Owner such Part, not exceeding One Third of any such Rate or Rates, as they the said Governors and Directors shall think reasonable; and may also for any Number of Years not exceeding Three Years compound with any such Owner of any such Tenement as aforesaid, for Payment of the Rates to be made in respect of any such Tenement, at such certain yearly Sums, not being less than Two Thirds of the Rate or Rates hereafter to be made in respect of such Tenements, as the said Governors and Directors and Owners may by mutual

mutual Consent agree upon, and may vary, discontinue, or renew any such Composition in such Manner as they shall mutually think proper.

Goods of Occupiers liable only for Rates during the Time of Occupancy, and Occupiers paying Rates may deduct the same out of Rents.

XVII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of every such Occupier as last aforesaid shall be liable to be distrained and sold for the Payment only of such Rates and Arrears as shall become due during the Time of their respective Occupancy; and every such Occupier who shall pay or be obliged to pay such Rate may deduct the same, together with all Costs incurred and paid by such Occupier, out of the Rent due and payable or to become due and payable from such Occupier; and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge for such Occupier to his Landlord for so much Money as he shall pay or be obliged to pay under or by virtue of this Act.

Occupiers not liable to pay more than the Amount of Rent due.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such Occupier shall at any Time be required to pay or shall be subject or liable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, than the Amount of the Rent actually due or payable by such Occupier to the Landlord of the Premises so occupied by him or her.

Who are to be deemed Owners.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That every Person receiving or claiming to be entitled to the Rents of every such Tenement immediately payable by the Occupier thereof shall, for the Purposes of this Act only, be deemed the Owner of such Tenement, and shall continue to be rated to and be liable to the Payment of every such Rate as aforesaid until some other Person shall be rated to or pay the same: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall invalidate or alter any Contract or Agreement already made or hereafter to be made between any Landlord and Tenant, nor to render liable any Receiver or Collector of Rents appointed for any charitable Institution, nor his Goods and Chattels, to the Payment of the said Rates, but that the Person or Persons to whom such Receiver or Collector is required to immediately account and pay over the Monies he receives by virtue of his Office shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be such Owner as aforesaid, and liable to be rated and pay the Rates imposed by this Act.

Occupiers paying Rates for Tenements whose Owner compounded deemed to be rated.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Person occupying any Tenement in respect of which the Owner shall have compounded for the Rates, who shall nevertheless actually pay to the Collector the Rates made in respect of such Tenement, shall be deemed to be a Person rated and paying the Rate of such Tenement in like Manner in every respect as if no such Composition had been made in respect of such Tenement.

How Rates of Houses, &c. occupied by Ambassadors are to be paid.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That every Rate to be made in respect of any Tenement occupied or to be occupied by any Ambassador or public Minister of any foreign Prince or State, or by any Servants of any Ambassador or public Minister, shall be paid by the Owner of any such Tenement, who is hereby declared liable to the Payment thereof.

Houses partly within and partly

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any House or Premises shall be situate partly within the Limits to which this Act is applicable,

without the Limits of this Act.

applicable, and partly in any Street or Place not within such Limits, such House or Premises shall be assessed to the Rates to be raised by virtue of this Act for a proportionable Part only of the Rent thereof, equal to that Portion of the Premises which is situated within the Limits to which this Act is applicable; and it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, or any Person appointed by them, at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, and they or he are and is hereby respectively authorized and required, to apportion and settle at how much and what Proportion of the Rent of such House and Premises the same shall be assessed.

Proportion of Rates to be paid by Persons removing.

XXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person shall come into or occupy any Tenement as aforesaid out of or from which any other Person who shall have been lawfully rated by virtue of this Act for the same shall be removed, or which at the Time of making any Rate was empty or unoccupied, and which by Law was liable to be rated by virtue of this Act, the Person coming into or occupying the same shall be liable to pay such Rate in respect thereof, in proportion to the Time that he or she occupied the same; which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained and settled by One or more Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*: Provided nevertheless, that no Person who shall have removed from any House or Tenement in respect of which such Person shall have been rated shall by reason of the Proviso herein-before contained be in anywise discharged from any Liability to which he might otherwise be subject in respect of such Rate.

Collectors empowered to demand and levy Rates instead of Overseers.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Governors and Directors as Collector or Collectors of the said Rates or Assessments, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, to receive, levy, and collect the same; and for the better enabling such Collector or Collectors to receive, levy, and collect all such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Collector or Collectors to execute all such Warrants of Distress as shall be granted from Time to Time by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Manner herein directed, against any Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, in the same Manner, and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as Overseers of the Poor, by any Law or Laws in force and effect, can or may execute the same.

Manner of recovering Rates.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Owner or Occupier of any Tenement within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, who is lawfully chargeable or rateable by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated upon him, or which he shall be liable by virtue of this Act to pay, any One of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* may and is hereby required to summon, by Writing under his Hand, on Complaint made by any of the said Governors or Directors, or by any Person appointed by them, against any such Person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, to appear at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons before such Justice, or before any other Justice of the Peace for the same County (which Summons shall be served upon every

Person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person thereby intended to be summoned, or by leaving the same at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Person, or on the Premises in respect whereof the Rate mentioned in such Summons is then remaining due); and if any such Person so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if attending shall not show to the Justice then present, either that he is not chargeable with such Rate, or that from Poverty he is unable to pay the same, then every such Person shall pay the Rate in respect of which such Summons was issued, and the Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in default of such Payment such Justice or any other Justice of the Peace of the same County may and is hereby required, upon Oath made before him of the Service of such Summons as aforesaid by the Person who shall have served the same, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to authorize any Collector of the Rates of the said Parishes to be appointed as hereinafter is mentioned, or any Constable or other Person, to levy such Rate or Rates, and all Arrears thereof, and the Costs and Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expences of executing the said Warrant, by distraining the Goods and Chattels of any such Person so refusing or neglecting, which shall be found either in the said Parishes as aforesaid or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any such Distress the said Rate and Arrears, together with the Costs and Charges of the said Summons and Warrant respectively, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of executing the said Warrant, and of making such Distress, and of keeping such Goods and Chattels, shall not be paid, then the said Collector, Constable, or any other Person authorized as aforesaid, shall cause the said Goods and Chattels, or a sufficient Part or Parts thereof, to be appraised and sold, either by public Sale or private Contract, either on the Premises where the same shall be distrained or elsewhere, and shall apply the Money to arise by such Sale in the Payment of such Rate and Arrears, and of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Summons, Warrant, Distress, Removal, and Custody of such Goods and Chattels, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same, (the Amount of all such Costs, Charges, and Expences being, in case of Dispute, to be settled by any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*,) and shall pay the Overplus (if any) to the Persons whose Goods were so distrained, appraised, and sold, upon Demand thereof by such Person made.

Form of Warrant of Distress.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for Nonpayment of any Rate made by virtue of this Act shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'Middlesex. } To of the Collectors of the
' } Rates made for the Relief of the Poor and other
' the Purposes mentioned in an Act passed in the Sixth Year of
' the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An*
' *Act for the better ascertaining, charging, and collecting of the Rates*
' *for the Relief of the Poor within that Part of the Parish of* Saint
' Andrew Holborn *which lies above the Bars in the County of* Middle-
' sex *and the Parish of* Saint George the Martyr *in the said County;*
' *for the better Maintenance, Employment, and Regulation of the*
' *Poor thereof; and for regulating the Nightly Watch thereof*, and to
' all

'all Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Peace Officers in 'the County aforesaid:

'WHEREAS the under-mentioned Person [*or* Persons, *if more than One*], 'now or late Owner or Occupier [Owners or Occupiers, *if more* 'than One] of the Tenement [*or* Tenements, *if more than One Person be* 'included in the Warrant] within the said Parish, was and is [*or* were and 'are, *as the Case may be*] rated [*or* is or are, *as the Case may be*] liable 'to the Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money set opposite to his [*or* 'their] Name [*or* Names, *as the Case may be*] hereunder written, by 'virtue of a Rate or Rates duly made under and by virtue of an Act 'passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* 'the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]: And whereas 'the said Person [*or* Persons] has [*or* have, *as the Case may be*] refused or 'neglected to pay the Sum [*or* the several Sums] of Money set at and 'opposite his [*or* their] Name [*or* Names, *as the Case may be*] hereunder 'written, and due from him [*or* them] by virtue of such Rate [*or* Rates, '*as the Case may be*], and the said Sum [*or* Sums] of Money [*as the* '*Case may be*] still remain due and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to 'me, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County; and 'the said Person [*or* several Persons, *as the Case may be*] having been 'summoned to appear to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to me the 'said Justice upon Oath, and neither he [*or* they, *as the Case may be*] 'having shown any sufficient Cause why such Sum [*or* Sums] of Money '[*as the Case may be*] should not be paid by him [*or* them respectively, '*as the Case may be*], as also appeareth to me upon Oath: Now these are 'therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you or either of you forth- 'with to levy the said Sum [*or* Sums] of Money [*as the Case may be*] 'due from the said Person [*or* Persons, *as the Case may be*], and hereunder set 'opposite to his or their Name or Names respectively [*as the Case may be*], 'and also the several Sums of [*inserting the Amount of the Costs* '*and Charges for the Summons and for the Warrant, or for either of them,* '*as the Case may be*] for the Costs and Charges of the said Summons and 'of these Presents, by Distress and Sale of his or their respective Goods 'and Chattels [*as the Case may be*], such Goods and Chattels being kept 'for the Space of Five Days before the same are sold, rendering to him '[*or* them respectively, *as the Case may be*] the Overplus (if any) on 'Demand, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress, and of any Removal 'or keeping possession, Appraisement or Sale thereof, being first deducted; 'and if no sufficient Distress can be had or taken, then that you certify the 'same to me, to the end that such Proceedings may be had therein as 'to the Law doth appertain: And I do hereby strictly charge and com- 'mand all and singular the Constables, Headboroughs, and other His 'Majesty's Peace Officers for the said County, to be aiding and assisting 'in all things relating to the Premises. Given under my Hand and Seal, 'this Day of in the Year of our Lord

	£	s.	d.
'A. B. - - - - - - - -			
'C. D. - - - - - - - -			
'E. F. for a House offered to be let in separate 'Tenements - - - - - -			
'G. H. - - - - - - - -			
'I. K. for a House offered to be let ready furnished			
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XXVII. And

Governors and Directors to rectify Omissions.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the said Governors and Directors, after any Rate shall have been made in pursuance of this Act, that the Name of any Person liable to be included in such Rate hath been omitted therein, or that any Tenement unoccupied at the Time of making such Rate shall afterwards become occupied, or that any Mistake hath been committed in the making of such Rate, the said Governors and Directors may, at any ordinary or special Meeting, cause to be added to such Rate the Name of every or any Person so omitted, and also the Name of the Person or Persons who shall have become the Occupier or Occupiers of any such previously unoccupied Tenement as aforesaid, and the Amount of the Rate and Description of the Property for which such Person or Persons ought to be rated, or may rectify such Mistake; and every such Addition, Alteration, or Amendment so made to any such Rate shall be as valid and effectual, and the Monies charged in consequence thereof shall be demanded and recovered in the same Manner as if the Name of such Person, the Amount of such Rate, and the Description of such Property, had been made and inserted in the Rate at the Time when such Rate was first made, or as if such Mistake had not been made: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the Governors and Directors to alter the Amount in the Pound of any Rate which shall have been made.

Governors and Directors may appoint Officers;

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall and may, when they shall think proper, appoint any of the Inhabitants within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* to be a Clerk to such Governors and Directors; and also One or more Person or Persons, being resident Householders within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates to be raised by virtue of this Act, whose Duty and Office it shall be to collect from Time to Time the Rates made under and by virtue of this Act from the several Persons rated in the said Rates; and also One or more Person or Persons to be a Treasurer or Treasurers; and also One or more Assistant Overseer or Overseers, Inspector or Inspectors of the Poor, together with such other Officers and Servants as they shall deem necessary for the due Execution of this Act; and the said Governors and Directors shall and they are hereby required to take good and sufficient Security from the said Treasurer, and from all and every the Collectors and Receivers of the different Rates or Assessments hereby authorized to be raised, and shall, if they shall think fit, take such Security for the due Execution of the said respective Offices as they the said Governors and Directors shall think fit, and shall and may remove such Clerk, Collectors, Treasurers, and other Officers and Servants, at their Will and Pleasure; and out of the Rates to be collected by virtue of this Act shall make such Allowances to the said Collectors of the said Rates, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound, upon the Money to be by them collected respectively; and also to pay and make such Salaries, Remunerations, and Allowances to the Clerk and other Officers and Servants (except the Treasurer or Treasurers) as they the said Governors and Directors shall in their Discretion think proper.

and may make Allowances to such Officers.

Officers to account.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector, and other Officers and Servants, appointed or to be appointed by the

the said Governors and Directors, shall at all Times, when thereunto required by the said Governors and Directors, render a full and perfect Account of all Monies by them respectively received and paid by virtue of their said Offices, and shall pay over the Money remaining in their Hands (if any) upon any such Account to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as the said Governors and Directors shall at any weekly or Special Meeting authorize to receive the same; and in case any such Clerk, Collector, or Treasurer shall refuse or neglect to render such Account and to pay over such Balance, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to levy the Amount so due by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person, together with the Costs of such Distress and Sale; and if no Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person can be found sufficient to answer the said Money and the Charges as aforesaid, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Person shall have refused or wilfully neglected to give such Account as aforesaid, such Justice may commit such Defaulter or Defaulters to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they shall have made up and rendered a true Account, and shall have satisfied or paid such Sums of Money as upon the said Account shall appear to be respectively remaining in his or their Hands: Provided always, that no Person who shall be committed by virtue of this Act on account of not having sufficient Goods and Chattels shall be detained in Prison for any longer Term than Three Years.

Five Persons to be appointed by Vestry yearly to audit the Accounts of Governors and Directors.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That on the said *Friday* after every Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or the *Monday* then next following as aforesaid, in every Year, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inhabitants and Occupiers of the said Parishes, or the major Part of them then assembled, to nominate and elect (subject to the same Right to demand a Poll as is herein-before provided for the Election of Governors and Directors) Five fit and proper Persons to be Auditors of the Accounts of the said Governors and Directors, every One of whom shall have been assessed by the Rates for the Relief of the Poor for at least Three Years preceding at not less than Sixty Pounds *per Annum*; but no Person so to be nominated shall be a Governor and Director in the Execution of this Act; neither shall any Person so to be nominated be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any Contract, Office, Business, or Employ, or in providing or supplying any Articles or Materials under the Provisions of this Act; and the Auditors so to be nominated, or any Three or more of them, shall meet twice at least in each Year, that is to say, in the Months of *September* and *March*, at the Board Room of the Workhouse of the said Parishes, and proceed to audit the Accounts of the said Governors and Directors, in the Presence of their Clerk, to that Period; and the said Governors and Directors are hereby required, by their Clerk, to produce and lay before the said Auditors at every such Meeting a true and just Statement or Account in Writing, accompanied with proper Vouchers, of all Sum and Sums of Money which have come to the Hands of the Governors and Directors, or of their Treasurer, by virtue of this Act, and also of all Monies paid, laid out, or expended by them during the said Period, and in and about the obtaining and carrying this Act into execution, and other Expences incident thereto; and in case the said Auditors should think there is just Cause to disapprove of any Part of the

Accounts so to be presented, it shall be lawful for the said Auditors, or the major Part of them, if they shall think fit, to appeal against the same, to such Person or Persons, within the Time and subject to the Regulations and Provisions herein-after mentioned in respect of such Appeal against Rates in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that no Appeal against such Accounts shall be made or proceeded in by any Person or Persons, except the same shall be directed and agreed upon by the said Auditors or the major Part of them, during such Time as they shall be engaged in such Accounts; and all such Accounts so audited shall be left at the said Board Room for the Examination of the said Auditors only for Three successive Days, and shall afterwards remain in the same Room Seven successive Days for the Inspection and Information of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes.

No Person to act as Clerk and Treasurer.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Governors and Directors to continue or appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or the Partner of such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of or Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or the Partner of such Treasurer, to be the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors; or if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of such Clerk, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or of the Partner of such Clerk, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of or Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of the Partner of such Treasurer, shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any Treasurer shall hold any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act (other than that of Treasurer), every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Annual Meeting for appointing Watchmen and Beadles.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall meet on the First *Monday* in *July* after the passing of this Act, or within Fifteen Days then next following, and on the same Day in every succeeding Year, or within Fifteen Days then next following, or oftener if necessary; and the said Governors and Directors so assembled shall appoint a sufficient Number of Watchmen and Beadles to be employed for the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, which said Watchmen and Beadles, together with the Constables duly appointed to serve for the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, or either of them, shall be under the Direction and Controul of the said Governors and Directors, who shall order and direct from Time to Time what Number of Constables, Watchmen, and Beadles, and which of them, shall attend every Night, and in what Parts of the said respective Parishes within the Limits to which this Act is applicable;

and

and the said Governors and Directors may cause proper Watch-houses to be erected and set up therein.

Copy of all Nominations, Orders, &c. to be written and signed by the Clerk.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That a true Copy of all Nominations, Appointments, Acts, Rules, Orders, and Regulations which shall be made from Time to Time for the Guidance, Direction, and Controul of the said Constables, Watchmen, and Beadles, shall be fairly written, and signed by the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors, and shall be delivered to the said Constables, Watchmen, and Beadles for the Time being, who shall attend every Night by Turns, and keep Watch and Ward according thereto, and shall use their best Endeavours to prevent Fires, Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and other Outrages and Disorders; and in case any of the said Watchmen shall neglect their Duty or misbehave himself, the said Constables shall give Notice to the said Governors and Directors of such Neglect or Misbehaviour; and every such Watchman, being convicted, by his own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the Use of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*; and if such Penalty shall not be paid on Conviction, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month, unless the Penalty and Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and if any of the said Constables shall wilfully neglect his Duty, and be thereof convicted, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and shall be liable to such further Prosecutions or Penalties as he would be liable to in case this Act had not been made; and the said Governors and Directors may, out of any of the Monies from Time to Time to be raised by virtue of this Act, give such Reward to any of the said Watchmen and Beadles for meritorious or long Service, or who may become wounded or disabled in the Discharge of their respective Duties, as the said Governors and Directors shall think reasonable.

Punishing Misbehaviour of Watchmen, &c.

Watchmen, Beadles, and Patrols to be sworn in Constables.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Watchmen, Beadles, and Patrols shall and may be sworn in as Constables before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and shall and may act as such while in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities of this Act; and they are hereby invested with and shall have and enjoy the same Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Immunities as any Constable or Constables is or are invested with, or shall or may have and enjoy by Law.

Victuallers not to suffer Watchmen, &c. to be in their Houses during the Hours of Duty.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if the Master or Keeper of any Tavern, Wine Vaults, Public House, or Cellar shall knowingly harbour or entertain any Constable, Beadle, or Watchman belonging to the said Parishes, or permit or suffer any of them to remain in his, her, or their Houses, Vaults, or Cellars during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty as aforesaid, every Person so offending shall for the first Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for

for the Second and every other Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Governors and Directors empowered to repair, &c. Watch-house out of the Money to be raised.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors may, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act for defraying the Expence of the said Watch and Beadles, repair the present Watch-house, or hire, rent, purchase, or erect any other or others, as Occasion may require, for the Reception of the said Constables and Watchmen, and may convey or accept a Conveyance of the Land necessary to be bought or sold for the Purposes aforesaid, subject to the Proviso herein-after contained.

Governors and Directors to appoint Persons to remove Paupers.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors may, at any of their weekly Meetings, by Writing under their Hands, appoint a proper Person or Persons to remove and convey any poor Person or Persons who may be ordered to be removed from the said Parishes to the Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, and after any such Appointment made the Overseers of the said Parishes shall not interfere in conveying such poor Person or Persons; and the proper Officer and Officers of the Parish or Place to which such Order of Removal shall be directed is and are hereby required to receive every such poor Person or Persons, in like Manner as if he, she, or they had been delivered to them by any of the Overseers of the said Parishes as aforesaid.

Children and others found in the Streets begging may be apprehended, and sent to the Workhouse to be employed until removed.

XXXVIII. And whereas idle Persons, and Children who have lost their Parents or are deserted, are frequently found wandering and begging in the Streets, and which might be in a great measure prevented if Power were given to apprehend such Persons, and convey them to the said Workhouse, to be maintained and employed in the same Manner as the Poor of the said Parishes until Provision could be made for them, or until they were duly removed to the Place of their legal Settlement; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Beadles of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, or the said Governors and Directors, or any Person appointed by them for that Purpose, to apprehend and convey any such Child, Person or Persons, whom they shall find wandering and begging, or committing any other Act of Vagrancy within the same, to the said Workhouse, there to be detained and employed until some Provision can be made for them, or until they or any of them can be removed to their respective Places of Settlement.

Proceedings of Governors and Directors to be entered in Books, and to be given in Evidence.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Proceedings of the said Governors and Directors at the several Meetings held relative to the Execution of this Act shall be entered into a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, together with the Names of the Governors and Directors who shall be present at the respective Meetings; and all such Entries shall be read by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman for the Time being at the next weekly Meeting, and shall be deemed Originals; and such Book or Books shall and may be read in Evidence in all Cases touching any Matter or Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Governors and Directors may make Rules and Regulations.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors at any of their Meetings, not less than Twenty of such Governors and Directors then being present, may from Time to Time make such Rules and Regulations, as well for the better Regulation of their own Proceedings, the Manner of convening and holding their Meetings, where the same are not ordered or controlled by thi sAct, as for the better Maintenance and Management of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and for drawing the Monies from the Hands of the Treasurer, and for applying the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, and for the more effectually carrying the Purposes of this Act into effect, as to them shall seem expedient; and all such Rules and Regulations, when made, shall be binding upon all Persons concerned who shall have had Notice thereof, provided the same be not inconsistent with any existing Law or with the Provisions of this Act; and none of such Rules or Regulations shall be repealed or varied, either by the then existing or any subsequent Governors and Directors, except at some Meeting to be held for that Purpose, Five Days Notice whereof in Writing at the least shall be given to or left at the usual Place of Abode of each of such Governors and Directors, and except Twenty in Number at least of such Governors and Directors shall be present at the Time of making such Repeal or Variation, and Two Thirds of such last-mentioned Number shall concur in such Variation or Repeal.

Notices to be published for Tradesmen willing to serve the Poor with Provisions.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors are hereby required to cause Notices to be given by Advertisements in One or more of the public Newspapers Three several Times for Tradesmen willing to serve the Poor with Provisions and other Necessaries, and, if the said Governors and Directors shall think fit, for Persons willing to contract for lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing the said Poor or any Part thereof, and for furnishing Materials for such Employments; and the said Governors and Directors are hereby empowered to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for the same.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or other strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the Workhouse for the Reception of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, unless with the Permission of the said Governors and Directors, or by the special Order of the Medical Attendant appointed to attend such Workhouse; and if any Person shall offend in any of the Cases aforesaid, and shall be thereof convicted, such Person shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings, which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers who is and are hereby declared to be a competent Witness or Witnesses.

Governors and Directors may cause the Workhouse to be repaired and enlarged, or build a new one.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors may cause the Workhouse and Infant Poor House belonging to the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* to be repaired and enlarged, or, if they shall judge it more proper and expedient, may erect and build a new Workhouse sufficient for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and from Time to Time furnish the said Workhouse and Infant Poor House respectively with Beds, Bedding,

and other necessary Furniture and Materials for the comfortable Support, Maintenance, and Employment of the said Poor: Provided always, that no Repairs or Alterations shall at any Time be made to the present or any future Workhouse, the Expence whereof shall exceed the Sum of Thirty Pounds, until an Estimate shall have been made by some experienced Workman, and an Order for the doing thereof given by the Governors and Directors; and if it shall appear by such Estimate that the Expence of any intended Repair or Alteration will exceed the Sum of Thirty Pounds, then public Notice shall be given, and Proposals advertised for, in the Manner herein-before directed.

No Repairs exceeding 30*l.* to be made without advertising for Proposals.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors may at any Time hereafter sell and convey all or any of the Lands and Houses now belonging to the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* as aforesaid, and may also contract and agree with the Owners and Occupiers of and all other Persons interested in any Lands or Tenements in or out of the said Parishes for the Purchase of any Lands or Tenements not exceeding Two Statute Acres in Quantity, or for so much thereof as they shall think necessary for the Purposes of enlarging the present Workhouse or of building a new Workhouse, (upon giving Twenty-one Days previous Notice thereof to the Churchwardens and Overseers of any Parish where such Purchase shall be made, and upon obtaining the Consent in Writing of Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*,) and may purchase the same and take a Conveyance thereof to them and their Successors for ever, and may pay the Purchase Monies and all Expences attending such Purchases out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act; and the said Governors and Directors may also contract for the Hire of any House or Houses in or out of the said Parishes, upon such Notice and Consent as aforesaid, for the Purposes of this Act; and may cause such Contracts, and all Matters and Things relating thereto, to be made in the Name of the said Governors and Directors; and may pay the Rent of the Premises so contracted for, and all other Expences consequent upon and attending such Contract, out of the Monies to arise as last aforesaid: Provided always, that the Settlement of every Person, either by Birth, Residence, or otherwise, within any Workhouse to be built, purchased, or hired out of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and all Questions, Matters, and Things relating thereto, shall be deemed, taken, construed, and considered in such and the like Manner as if such Workhouse were locally situate within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*.

Governors and Directors may purchase Lands, &c. for enlarging the present or building a new Workhouse.

XLV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall not purchase any Lands or Tenements, for the Purpose of building a new Workhouse or enlarging the present Workhouse, until a Valuation of the said Lands and Tenements so to be purchased shall have been made by Two or more able Surveyors, delivered in Writing, and signed by the Persons making the same, to the Governors and Directors for the Time being at some Meeting to be held for the Purpose of receiving the same; and after such Valuation and Purchase the said Governors and Directors shall not begin to build a new Workhouse, or to enlarge the present Workhouse, until a proper Plan shall be made for such new Workhouse, or for enlarging the present Workhouse, and

Premises not to be purchased until a Valuation has been made.

and agreed to by the said Governors and Directors at a Meeting to be held for the Purpose of taking such Plan into consideration, nor until an exact Estimate shall be made of the Expence of erecting and fitting up such new Workhouse, or enlarging the present, according to the Plan to be agreed upon as aforesaid, nor until a proper Agreement or Agreements shall be entered into by One or more able and experienced Surveyor or Surveyors, Workman or Workmen, with Two sufficient and responsible Sureties on his or their Behalf, for the due Execution and Performance of such Works as shall be contracted for and agreed upon for the Purposes aforesaid: Provided also, that no new Workhouse or Watch-house shall be erected or built, nor any Sale or Conveyance of any of the said Lands or Tenements, nor any Purchase of other Lands or Tenements, be made without the Sanction and Authority of the major Part of the Inhabitants of and Occupiers within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, present at a General Meeting to be held for that Purpose, of which Meeting Seven Days Notice at least shall be given in the said respective Parish Churches and *Saint John*'s Chapel as aforesaid.

Contracts, &c. not to be entered into until after Fourteen Days Notice in Two or more Newspapers.

XLVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Contract shall be made or Agreement entered into by the said Governors and Directors for the Purposes aforesaid until after Fourteen Days Notice at the least shall have been given in Two or more of the public Newspapers, circulating within the said County of *Middlesex*, of the Intention of the Governors and Directors to build or enlarge the Workhouse of the said Parishes, and to receive Proposals from Persons willing to contract for and perform and execute the same, according to such Plan as shall be agreed upon in manner aforesaid; and no Governor and Director shall be permitted to or be capable of contracting for, or agreeing to do or perform, any of the said Works; and if any of the said Governors and Directors shall engage in or be anywise concerned or interested in any Contract or Agreement made by any Person or Persons for the Performance of any of the Works to be done under this Act, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Person who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety thereof to the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and be incapable of acting in future as a Governor and Director for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to or make liable to the said Penalty any Governor and Director signing and executing any Contract or Agreement, for and on the Behalf of the said Parishes, with any Workman or other Person contracting or agreeing to perform any of the Works for the Purposes aforesaid.

Governors and Directors not to be concerned in Contracts.

Bodies Politic, &c. may sell to the said Governors and Directors.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, or for any other partial or qualified Estate or Interest, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Husbands, Guardians, and Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Executors, Administrators, and Guardians, or other Trustees whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics or Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons whomsoever, and all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and every other Person whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed,

possessed of or interested in the Lands or Tenements which shall be thought necessary for the Purposes of this Act, may, by and with the Consent and under the Order of the High Court of Chancery for that Purpose first obtained, upon a Petition to be presented in a summary Way, though no Cause be therein depending respecting the same, to treat with and sell to the said Governors and Directors, and convey to the said Governors and Directors, their Successors or Assigns, or to any other Person or Persons and their Heirs in Trust for them, all or any of the said Lands, Tenements, Estates, and Interests, or any Part or Parts thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, Conveyances, and other Assurances which shall be made by virtue of and in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act shall, without any Fine, Recovery, or other Assurance in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment or Registry, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Party or Persons so conveying, but also to convey all the Right, Estate, Interest, Trust, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their several Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or having Title to claim by, from, through, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any particular Estates, and the same shall be considered and deemed to bar and shall bar all Dower of the Wife or Wives of such Party or Parties, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of the same Party or Parties claiming under them or any of them respectively, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Spiritual or Lay, and all Tenants for Life, Fee Simple, or in Fee Tail, General, or Special, and all Feoffees in Trust, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, and Trustees, Executors and Administrators, and all other Persons whomsoever, are and shall and they are hereby fully indemnified for what they shall respectively do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application of Compensation Money amounting to 200*l.*

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid, or agreed or awarded to be paid, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person or Persons whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Governors and Directors for executing this Act, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at* Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and* 1 G. 4. c. 35.

for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; and shall, when so paid in, there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court made upon a Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be applied, either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts or other Incumbrances affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as the said Court of Exchequer shall authorize to be purchased or paid, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary; or until the same shall, upon the like Application, be laid out in a summary Way, by Order of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Order can be made, the said Money may, by Order of the said Court, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or in Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall from Time to Time be paid, by the Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 200*l.* and not less than 20*l.*

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them, present at any weekly or special Meeting, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to One or more Trustee or Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons who for the Time being

being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased and settled, such Nomination to be approved of by the said Governors and Directors, and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Produce arising thereon and therefrom, shall be by them applied in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to the Money so to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without obtaining or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 20*l.*

L. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as last herein-before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, for his, her, or their own Use and Benefit; or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto.

In case of not making out Titles, or Persons entitled not being found.

LI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under or by virtue of the Powers of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Governors or Directors, in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (describing them), subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court; which said Court, on the Application of any Person making claim to such Sum or Sums of Money or any Part thereof by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying therein for what and for whose Use the same is or are received,

to

to such Person or Persons as shall pay any Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid.

Persons in possession presumptively entitled.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, or to any Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

The Court may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Governors and Directors.

LIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, or to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Governors and Directors, out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

On Payment of Money, Lands to vest in Governors and Directors.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That every Sum of Money to be agreed on for the Purchase of any Lands or Tenements as aforesaid shall be paid out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act to the Party or Parties respectively entitled to such Monies, or to their Agents; and upon Payment thereof, or in case of Refusal to accept the same, on placing the same in the Bank of *England* in the Manner by this Act directed, whether any Conveyance shall or shall not have been executed, all the Estate, Right, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or in Equity of the Person or Persons respectively unto whom or to whose Credit or Use the same shall have been paid, in, to, and out of such Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Governors and Directors,

Directors, and their Successors, in Trust for effecting the Purposes of this Act, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin or Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Person having any Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery of Seisin, Fine, Common Recovery, Surrender, or any other Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever; and such Payment shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Person or Persons to whose Use or Credit such Payments shall have been made as aforesaid, but also shall extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue or Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Governors and Directors may borrow Money not exceeding 6,000*l.*

LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum and Sums of Money as any Person or Persons is or are willing to lend and advance, not exceeding the Sum of Six thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of any or either of the said Rates; and by any Writing or Writings upon Vellum or Parchment, signed by the said Governors and Directors or any Five of them, at a Special Meeting to be held for that Purpose, to assign such Rate or Assessment to any Person or Persons who shall advance and lend such Money thereon, as Security for the Sum or Sums so borrowed, with Interest for the same, which Interest shall be payable and be paid quarterly by the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being out of the Monies to arise by or from such Rates or Assessments; and which Assignment shall be in the Form following; that is to say,

'WE being of the Governors and Directors of the Poor of that Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars in the County of *Middlesex* in the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the said County, appointed by and in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of advanced and lent by of to us, upon the Credit and for the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby assign unto the said Executors, Administrators, and Assigns [*here set forth the Rate upon which the same is charged, made and to be made in pursuance or by virtue of the said Act*], to hold unto the said his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, until the said Sum of together with Interest for the same after the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, to be paid quarterly, shall be fully paid and satisfied. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Day of in the Year of our Lord

And every such Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Purposes thereby intended, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profit and Advantage thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall be numbered commencing with Number One, and so proceeding in an arithmetical Progression ascending whereof the common Excess and Difference shall always be One.

Governors and Directors may grant Annuities.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to grant Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of their Treasurer for the Time being any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of any Contributor, or the natural Life of such Person or Persons as shall be nominated by or on behalf of such Contributor at the Time of Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money; and the Grant of every such Annuity shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

'WE being
'of the Governors and Directors of the Poor of that Part of the
'Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars in the County
'of *Middlesex*, and the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the said
'County, appointed by or in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in
'the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth,
'intituled *An Act* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in consideration of
'the Sum of paid by
'to the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby
'grant unto the said Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, an Annuity or yearly Sum of
'payable out of the Rates and Assessments made and to be made in pursuance or by virtue of the said Act [*here set forth the Rates upon which the same is to be charged*], which Annuity or yearly Sum of
'shall be paid to the said Executors, Administrators,
'and Assigns, at upon the Four most usual Quarter
'Days of Payment in the Year, during the natural Life of
', and the first Payment thereof shall be made
'upon the next ensuing the Date of these
'Presents. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and
'Seals, the Day of in the Year of our
'Lord .'

And every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and every Annuity so to be granted as aforesaid shall be and is hereby charged upon and shall be payable and paid out of the said Rates or Assessments; and the Purchaser of every such Annuity, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and be entitled to such Annuity out of the said Rates or Assessments during the Term of the natural Life of the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives such Annuity shall be payable, and be paid by the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being out of the Monies to arise by or from such Rates or Assessments: Pro-

vided always, that no Governor and Director, by reason of executing any such Grants, Assignments, or Annuities, nor any of his Estates or Effects, shall be charged with or responsible either in Law or Equity for any of the Monies or Annuities thereby secured or granted.

Securities may be transferred.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons entitled to any of the said Securities at any Time to assign and transfer the same to any Person or Persons by Endorsement on such Security in the Words following; *viz.*

'I do transfer the within Security, and the Principal Money and 'Interest *or* the Annuity [*as the Case may be*] thereby secured, unto 'Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness 'Hand and Seal, the Day of in the Year of our 'Lord '

And a Copy of every such Transfer shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Treasurer of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, and no Transfer shall be deemed valid or effectual until it shall have been so entered; and for the Entry of such Transfer such Treasurer shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and every such Transfer, when so entered, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

Restrictions as to Grants of Annuities.

LVIII. And for preventing any improvident Grants of Annuities, be it further enacted, That the Amount of every Annuity to be granted by virtue of this Act shall be regulated according to the Price of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities at the Time of granting the same, in the Manner and according to the Rate prescribed by Two several Acts, One passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities*, and the other passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending Two Acts, passed in the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Years of His present Majesty, for enabling the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities.*

52 G. 3. c. 129.

Money borrowed on the Credit of the Rates to be paid off by Ballot.

LIX. And in order that no undue Preference may be given to any of the Persons entitled to the Principal Money which shall be borrowed and secured on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, in discharging such Principal Money in pursuance of this Act, be it further enacted, That when and so often as the Money to be raised by the said Rates or Assessments shall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds, over and above what shall be necessary to pay the growing Interest of the Money borrowed, and the Annuities which may be secured or granted in pursuance of this Act, and all and every the other Matters and Things to be paid and performed in respect thereof, the said Governors and Directors shall cause the Number of all the Mortgages or Securities so granted or made and then in force for securing the Principal Monies borrowed, of which Part shall be then intended to be paid off, to be written upon distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers to be fairly rolled up in the same Form, as near as may be, and put into a Box or Glass,

Glass, and One Number of the said Mortgages or Securities shall be drawn out of the said Box or Glass by the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors: Provided always, that if it shall happen that any Mortgage or Security, the Number whereof shall be drawn out as aforesaid, shall be for a greater Sum than One hundred Pounds, no more than One hundred Pounds shall be discharged in consequence of such Number being so drawn.

Governors and Directors to give Notice of paying off Sums borrowed.

LX. And be it further enacted, That after any Ballot shall be had as aforesaid the said Governors and Directors shall cause a Notice signed by them to be given or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Security intended to be paid off, which Notice shall express the Sum to be paid, together with the Interest due thereon, and that the same will be paid at the Place to be mentioned in such Notice at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid.

Annuities to be charged upon and payable out of Rates.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased under and by virtue of this Act shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time out of, the Monies arising by the Rates and Assessments in this Act mentioned; and all and every the Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money in manner aforesaid for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, out of the Rates or Assessments by this Act appointed for the Payment thereof, during the Term of the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each such Purchaser or Contributor as before mentioned; and all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have good, sure, and absolute Estates and Interests in the Annuity or Annuities so by him, her, or them respectively to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

Governors and Directors may borrow Money at a lower Rate of Interest, and pay off Securities of a higher Rate.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Governors and Directors can at any Time borrow any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Mortgages and other Securities which shall be then in force shall bear, the said Governors and Directors may charge the Rates to be raised in manner aforesaid for the Maintenance, Employment, and lodging of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, all such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, and the Interest thereof at such lower Rate as aforesaid, and may pay off the Mortgages and Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest.

Governors and Directors may pay off Debts, and borrow Money.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors may from Time to Time pay off and discharge either the Whole or any Part of the Debt for the Time being charged upon the said Rates, and from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, raise and borrow any further or other Sum, in the Manner and according to the Powers herein-before contained; but so nevertheless that the Principal Sum or Sums raised under the said recited Act, or to be raised under

under and by virtue of this Act shall never at any one Time exceed in the whole the Sum of Six thousand Pounds.

No Governor and Director to hold any Place of Profit under this Act, &c.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Governor or Director shall hold or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage under this Act, nor enter into or be in any Manner interested or concerned, by himself, Partners, or Agents, in any Contract or Agreement to be made or entered into under or by virtue of this Act, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds.

Governors and Directors not to have a Voice in any Matter wherein they shall be interested.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Difference shall arise between the said Governors and Directors at any of their Meetings in respect of any Matter or Thing relating to the Execution of this Act or the Matters therein contained, wherein any of them shall or may be concerned or interested, the Governors and Directors so concerned shall have no Voice, but shall, after he or they shall have been adjudged by the major Part of the Governors and Directors then present to be concerned or interested in any Matter relating to such Difference, withdraw during the Debate of such Difference, and in case he shall refuse or neglect so to do he shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied as herein-after is mentioned.

How Penalties are to be recovered.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying, recovering, and applying whereof is not herein otherwise directed,) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any Justice of the Peace for the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall have been committed (as the Case may require), either by the Confession of the Party offending or by the Oath of any credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is in every such Case fully authorized to administer), be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information and Conviction, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to grant), and the Overplus (if any) after such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice for his, her, or their Appearance before such Justice on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Five from the Time of taking such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had whereupon to levy the said Penalty or Penalties and such Costs as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice, upon the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or otherwise, that he, she, or they hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereupon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Costs, and Expences could be levied if a Warrant of Distress were

were issued, such Justice shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress, and thereupon it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the City, County, or Place (as the Case may require), there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines respectively, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and the Monies arising by such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines respectively, when paid or levied, if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act, shall be from Time to Time paid, one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the said Governors and Directors in aid of the Rates imposed by this Act.

Justices may proceed by Summons in the Recovery of Penalties.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before a Justice of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to whom Complaint shall be made of any Offence against this Act to summon the Party complained against before him, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed to recover the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken by or before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing was exhibited.

Form of Conviction.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Justice or Justices before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act shall cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or in any other Form of Words to the like Effect:

'BE it remembered, That on this Day of
'*A. B.* is duly convicted before
'of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* of
'having [*here state the Offence against the Act, as the Case may be*], con-
'trary to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided; and I
'[*or* we, *as the Case may be*], do declare and adjudge that the said *A. B.*
'hath forfeited for his [*or* her, *as the Case may be*,] said Offence the Sum
'of . Given under my Hand and Seal, [*or* our Hands
'and Seals, *as the Case may be*,] the Day and Year first above written.'

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment made, or by any Penalty imposed, or by any Conviction or other Matter or Thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Person so aggrieved may appeal therefrom to the Justices of the Peace, at their First General or Quarter Sessions for the County of *Middlesex* which shall be held after the Expiration of One Month after the Time of making such Rate, or of imposing such Penalty or Conviction, provided that such Appellant shall first give or cause to be given Fourteen Days Notice at the least in Writing of his Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to such Justices, and also to the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors, and shall enter into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the same County to try such

Appeal at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Sessions; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon Proof of such Notice having been given, shall hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and may award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and such Determination of the said Justices shall be binding and conclusive upon all Parties: Provided always, that upon any Appeal from any Rate or Assessment to be made in pursuance of this Act, the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to which such Appeal shall be made may either set aside the same, and order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein-before mentioned, or may alter and amend any such Rate or Assessment in such Manner as they shall think necessary for giving Relief to any Party aggrieved.

Rates may be amended without being quashed.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That no Action shall be commenced against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act until Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing has been thereof given to the said Clerk, and also to every Person against whom such Action is intended to be commenced, nor after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Satisfaction has been made to the Party aggrieved, nor after Four Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action shall be brought; and every such Action shall be brought and tried in the County in which the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and every Defendant in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and every special Matter in Evidence on any Trial which shall be had thereupon; and if the Matter complained of shall appear to have been done in pursuance of this Act, or if it shall appear that such Action was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or that such Action was not commenced within the Time before limited, or was brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant; and if a Verdict shall be found for any such Defendant, or if any Plaintiff in any such Action shall become Nonsuit or discontinue such Action, or if, upon any Demurrer in any such Action, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant therein, then such Defendant shall have Double Costs, and such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant may have for Costs of Suit in any other Case at Law.

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment made by virtue of the said recited Act, or to be made by virtue of this Act, nor any Proceeding had or to be had touching any Rate made or to be made as aforesaid, or touching the Conviction of any Offender against this Act, or the said recited Act hereby repealed, or any Warrant, Conviction, or Order made, or any other Matter or Thing done or to be done in or relating to the Execution of this Act or the said recited Act hereby repealed, shall be quashed for Want of Form, or be removed into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Certiorari or by any Process whatsoever.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall, on being required by a Requisition presented to them at any of their

Notices for calling SpecialMeetings.

their weekly Meetings, signed by at least Twenty-five Inhabitants of or Occupiers within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, assessed and rated at a Sum exceeding Twenty Pounds (such Requisition stating some precise Business relating to the Affairs of the said Parishes for the Consideration of the Parishioners), cause to be inserted in the Notices published for convening any Meeting required to be held for the Purpose of putting this Act into execution a Notice that the Business mentioned in such Requisition will at such Meeting be taken into consideration.

Rated Inhabitants to be competent Witnesses.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* shall be deemed an incompetent Witness in any Suit, Action, Information, Complaint, Appeal, Prosecution, or Proceeding to be had, made, prosecuted, or carried on under the Authority of this Act, by reason of such Person being rated or assessed or liable to be rated or assessed under and by virtue of this Act.

The Provisions of this Act not to extend to Red Lion Square.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained with respect to watching shall extend or be construed to extend to *Red Lion Square* within the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, nor shall any thing in this Act contained extend or be construed to extend to make chargeable or liable to be rated in any Manner for any of the Purposes of this Act any Person or Persons, Lands or Tenements, who or which were not or was not chargeable or liable to be so rated for any such Purpose before the passing of this Act, except in Cases where the same are distinctly specified by this Act.

Expences of Act.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Charges incident and relating thereto, shall be defrayed out of the first Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, or out of any Monies at the Time of passing this Act then raised under or by virtue of the said Act hereby repealed.

Public Act.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Persons whomsoever without being specially pleaded.

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