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An Act for more equally and effectually aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor Rates within the Pariſh of *Saint Anne* (commonly called *Saint Anne Limehouſe*) in the County of *Middleſex*. [12th *May* 1809.]

WHEREAS the Poor within the Pariſh of *Saint Anne* (commonly called *Saint Anne Limehouſe*) in the County of *Middleſex*, are very numerous, and are maintained and ſupported at a great Expence, and by means of very heavy Rates, and the Laws and Statutes now in force within this Realm, for the aſſeſſing and collecting of Monies for the Relief of Parochial Poor, are found inconvenient and ineffectual in the ſaid Pariſh, and the Payment thereof is much evaded, by reaſon that divers Houſes within the ſaid Pariſh are let at ſmall Rents or to weekly or monthly Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments, or let ready furniſhed; and it is deemed that the granting of further Powers in the Premiſes will tend to the Equalization and Reduction of the preſent Poor Rates within the ſaid Pariſh, to the great Alleviation of many Induſtrious Families who now pay the ſame, and of the reſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in general; 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, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, where the yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe, Tenement or Hereditament within

For better Recovery of Rates on Houſes let at Small Rents etc.

in the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall not exceed Twenty Pounds, or where the Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſhall be let weekly or to monthly Tenants, or at Rents which ſhall become payable and be collected at any ſhorter Period or Periods than quarterly, or ſhall be let out ready furniſhed, or in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments either furniſhed or unfurniſhed, it ſhall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Five or more of them (if they ſhall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all and every or any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements and Hereditaments in the ſaid Pariſh, for Payment of the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be made for the Relief of the Poor within the ſaid Pariſh, at ſuch reduced yearly Rental as the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen, or any Five or more of them ſhall think reaſonable, ſo that ſuch Houſes, Tenements or Hereditaments be not rated at leſs than Two-thirds or more than Four-fifths of the Rack Rent at which the ſame ſhall then be let, or of the annual Value of the ſaid Premiſes reſpectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of ſuch Houſes, Tenements or Hereditaments as ſhall not exceed the yearly Rent of Twenty Pounds, and of ſuch as ſhall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or from whence the Rents ſhall become due and be collected at any ſhorter Period or Periods than quarterly, and of ſuch as ſhall be let out ready furniſhed, or in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments furniſhed or unfurniſhed, is and are hereby required to enter into ſuch Compoſition with the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen as aforeſaid; and in caſe ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners ſhall refuſe or object to enter into any ſuch Compoſition, or the ſaid Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, and the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen, ſhall not agree as to the Amount of ſuch Compoſition, ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, ſhall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes, and ſhall thereupon be rated and aſſeſſed to, and ſhall from Time to Time pay or cauſe to be paid the ſeveral Rates or Aſſeſſments charged upon the reſpective Premiſes, for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, according to a fair and equal Aſſeſſment by the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, unto the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, or unto their Collector or Collectors for the Time being, who are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and collect the ſame, and upon Nonpayment thereof to levy the ſame by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of the reſpective Premiſes aforeſaid, whereſoever they ſhall be found, or of the Perſon or Perſons inhabiting the ſame reſpectively: Provided always, that no ſuch Landlord or Owner ſhall be charged with or liable to pay for any increaſed Rent reſerved or made payable to him for or on account of ſuch Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the ſeveral Rates or Aſſeſſments heretofore chargeable upon the Occupier, and that in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or ſo much thereof as ſhall remain unpaid, ſhall be and continue a Charge upon the Premiſes in reſpect whereof they ſhall be ſo rated, and ſhall and may be recovered of and from the Owner, Leſſee, Landlord, Renter or Tenant reſpectively, in Manner herein-after mentioned and referred to.

Rates recovered of Tenants to be repaid

II. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement or Hereditament,

Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Poor Rates of which the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners is or are hereby made ſubject and liable to, ſhall be liable at all Times to be diſtrained and ſold for Payment of ſo much of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and of all Arrears thereof, which accrued and became due upon the ſaid Premiſes during the Time of their Occupancy only, and all reaſonable Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending thereupon, and that each and every Perſon who ſhall pay any ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments as ought to have been paid by his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, or upon whoſe Goods and Chattels the ſame ſhall be levied in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may deduct the ſame from and out of the Rent due and payable to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords ſo letting out the ſame, unleſs there ſhall be ſome Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and the Tenant; and the Receipt and Receipts for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to every ſuch Perſon, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall have ſo paid, or which ſhall have been ſo levied on his, her or their Goods and Chattels in purſuance of this Act, and ſhall be allowed by ſuch Landlord or Landlords of ſuch Houſes, Tenements or Hereditaments, in Part or in full Payment, as the Caſe may be, of the Rent due or to become due to him, her or them, from ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid: Provided always, that no ſuch Tenant or Occupier ſhall be liable or required to pay for or in reſpect of any ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments or for or in reſpect of any ſuch Coſts, Charges and Expences, any Sum or Sums of Money beyond the Amount of the Rent which ſhall be then actually due in reſpect of the ſaid Premiſes, from him, her or them reſpectively: Provided alſo, that no ſuch Tenant or Occupier ſhall, by Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or by renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part thereof reſpectively, in manner aforeſaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh by ſuch Payment, or by ſuch Renting and Occupation as aforeſaid, but that the Landlord or Owner ſhall be deemed and conſtrued to all Intents and Purpoſes to have paid the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

by the Landlords.

III. And whereas it may happen that many Perſons liable to, and who may be rated and aſſeſſed for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, may before the Payment of the Sum or Sums which may be rated on them reſpectively, quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling-houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach-houſes, Stables, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore further enacted, that when any Perſon or Perſons who hath or have been ſo rated and aſſeſſed, ſhall quit or be about to quit his or their Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach-houſes, Stables, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements or Hereditaments, before he, ſhe or they ſhall have paid ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and ſhall afterwards refuſe to pay the ſame or any Part thereof when due and demanded by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or their Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeees of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or their Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid, or any one of them (Oath being made by him or them that he or they hath or have Cauſe to ſuſpect that ſuch

Recovery of Rates from Perſons removing.

Perſon or Perſons is or are removing or hath or have removed his or their Goods and Chattels) by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any one or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant), and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall have removed, ſuch Warrant being firſt backed or counterſigned by ſome Magiſtrate of the County, City or Liberty to which ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall have removed (which Warrant ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby required to back or counterſign), to diſtrain the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing, or neglecting to pay the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments or any Part thereof, and to ſell the ſame, rendering the Overplus (if any) after having deducted the reaſonable Coſts, Charges and Expences attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, upon Demand to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively.

For apportioning Rates.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or other Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall become Bankrupt, or ſhall aſſign his, her or their Effects to any other Perſon or Perſons, then and in ſuch Caſe the Aſſignee or Aſſignees of the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall be and continue liable to the Payment of the Rates and Aſſeſſments made for the Relief of the Poor, charged or to be charged on ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or other Hereditament, in ſuch and the ſame Way and Manner, to all Intents, Effects, Conſtructions, and Purpoſes whatſoever, as ſuch Perſon ſo becoming Bankrupt, or aſſigning his, her, or their Effects, and his, her, and their Goods, Chattels, Eſtate or Effects would have been or continued liable in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons had not ſo become Bankrupt, or ſo aſſigned his, her or their Effects; and alſo that in caſe any Perſon ſhall remove out of or from, or quit the Poſſeſſion of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament within the ſaid Pariſh, before any Rate or Aſſeſſment made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor ſhall be paid, or if any Perſon ſhall enter into the Occupation of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament out of or from which any other Perſon ſhall have ſo removed before Payment of any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, or which at the Time of rating or aſſeſſing the ſame ſhall be empty or unoccupied, then the Perſon ſo removing out of or from, or quitting the Poſſeſſion, and the Perſon entering into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament, ſhall be reſpectively liable to the Payment of every Rate or Aſſeſſment, in proportion to the Time ſuch Perſon or Perſons poſſeſſed or occupied the ſame reſpectively in like Manner as if the Perſon or Perſons ſo removing or quitting as aforeſaid had remained in the Poſſeſſion and Occupation of ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or aſſeſſed; which Proportion (in caſe of Diſpute) ſhall be aſcertained by any Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*.

For appointing Officers.

V. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in Veſtry aſſembled, or the major Part of them, in caſe they deem it neceſſary, from Time to Time to appoint a Treaſurer or Treaſurers, and a Clerk or Clerks and Collector or Collectors of the Poor Rates of

of the ſaid Pariſh, and ſuch other Officers as they may judge neceſſary, and ſhall take ſuch Security as they the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall think proper from ſuch Treaſurers, Clerk, or Collector, and ſhall and may from Time to Time remove ſuch Treaſurers, Clerks, Collectors and other Officers, and appoint in like Manner by Ballot others in room and ſtead of ſuch of them as ſhall be ſo removed; or as ſhall die or diſcontinue, or reſign his or their Office or Offices; and that the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall and may, out of the Monies ariſing and authorized to be collected by virtue of this Act, allow, to all ſuch Clerks, Collectors or other Officers, ſuch Salaries or other Allowances as they the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall judge neceſſary and proper.

Collectors required to collect Rates within a given Time.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be choſen Collector or Collectors by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to collect the Rates granted for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the ſpace of Twenty-one Days after the ſame ſhall be granted, and Complaint ſhall be made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being or by any one of them, and Oath made by ſome credible Witneſs before any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, of ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall unleſs he or they ſhall ſhew full and juſt Cauſe to the Satisfaction of ſuch Juſtice why ſuch Rates are not collected, forfeit and pay to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being to be appointed by virtue of this Act, a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor leſs than Forty Shillings, for every ſuch Refuſal or Neglect.

Requiring Collectors to account.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforeſaid ſhall from Time to Time pay over all and every the Sums of Money to be collected or received by them reſpectively by virtue of this Act, when and ſo often as the ſame ſhall amount to Ten Pounds or upwards, to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being to be appointed as aforeſaid; and that ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall from Time to Time when required give in a particular, true and perfect account in Writing, under his or their Hand or reſpective Hands, to the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen, on Oath if required (which Oath any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* is hereby empowered to adminiſter), of all Monies which he or they ſhall have reſpectively received, collected or levied by virtue of this Act or by reaſon or means of the ſaid Office, and ſhall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, pay all ſuch Monies as ſhall be in his, their or any of their Hands by virtue of this Act, to the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers to be appointed as aforeſaid; and if any ſuch Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid ſhall neglect or refuſe to make ſuch Accounts and Payments as are required to be made by him or them reſpectively by this Act, then any Two Juſtices of the Peace acting for the County of *Middleſex* ſhall and may upon Complaint thereof make enquiry of and concerning ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, as well by the Confeſſion of the Parties themſelves as by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes; and if any

Penalty on Neglect or Refusal.

such Collector or Collectors shall be convicted of such Neglect or Refusal before such Justices, then the said Justices shall upon Conviction commit the Person or Persons so offending to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall have made a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid.

Collectors to produce Lists of Defaulters.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Collector or Collectors for the Time being to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall produce Monthly to the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, a true List in Writing of the Names and Places of Abode of such Persons as shall have been rated for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish and shall not have paid the said Rate, together with an Account of the Sum or Sums of Money which shall remain unpaid by each Person respectively; and such List and Account last mentioned such Collector or Collectors shall if required verify on Oath before any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, who is hereby empowered to administer the same.

Treasurer to pay the Money received by him to the Churchwardens, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer and Treasurers to be appointed under and by virtue of this Act, shall and he and they is and are hereby required from Time to Time to pay all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as he or they shall receive by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, unto the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, or to such Person or Persons as they or any Five or more of them shall by any Writing or Writings under their Hands order or direct for the Purposes of this Act, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and such incidental Purposes as the Poor Rate is now by Law applicable unto.

For Recovery and Application of Penalties.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, and the Costs and Charges of the Recovery thereof, shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant on the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Information of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath; and all Penalties and Forfeitures when so recovered shall be paid to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, or to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Parish for the Time being; and if no such Goods or Chattels of such Offender or Offenders can be found, sufficient to answer and satisfy such Penalties and Forfeitures and the Charges of Distress and Sale, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit every such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Weeks nor less than Seven Days, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied.

For Recovery of the Rates.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Rates or Assessments by this Act imposed, shall and may, on refusal to pay the same, be recovered in

in such manner as the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be recovered by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* for the Relief of Poor, or by any subsequent Act or Act relating to the Relief of the Poor; which said several Methods of recovering the said Rates or Assessments for the Relief of the Poor, shall and they are hereby declared to be legal Methods and Ways of enforcing the Payment of the Rates or Assessments directed to be paid in pursuance of this Act as fully and effectually as if such Methods were repeated and re-enacted in the body of this Act.

Expences of making Distress to be paid with the Rates.

XII. And it is hereby further enacted, That when and as often as any Distress shall be made for Non-payment of any of the said Rates hereby directed to be made or authorized to be collected or any Part thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons making such Distress, to raise and levy the reasonable Charges of making such Distress and selling and disposing of the same, over and above the Sum of Money due upon the Rate or Rates for which such Distress shall be taken.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

XIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That in case any Person whosoever shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any Thing done by virtue of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for such Person to appeal to two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* and acting for the same, who shall have Power and they are hereby authorized to hear and determine the said Complaint, and, if they see just Cause, to order the Person so appealing to be relieved in such Manner as they shall think proper: Provided always, that in case such Person so appealing as aforesaid, or the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or the major Part of them, shall be dissatisfied with such Determination, that then it shall and may be lawful either for the Person so appealing, or for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor or the major Part of them, for and on the behalf of the said Parish to appeal to the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Middlesex* which shall happen next after the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the said Determination, upon Six Days Notice to be given by the Party appealing; and it shall be lawful for the said Justices assembled at such General or Quarter Sessions, or the major Part of them, to hear and finally determine the Matter of the said Complaint, and give Costs at their Discretion.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the said Parish shall and may, and he, she and they is and are hereby declared not to be an incompetent Witness or Witnesses, by reason of being such Inhabitant or Inhabitants, in any Action, Suit, Complaint, Prosecution or Proceeding to be had, conducted, made, prosecuted or carried on under the Authority of this Act or of any other Act or Acts heretofore enacted and now in force for the Relief of the Poor, in such and the same Manner as he she or they would or might have been, if he, she or they was or were resident in any other Parish or Place.

Overseers to collect Rates until Collector appointed, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That until and unless a Collector or Collectors shall be appointed by virtue of this Act, and during such Time as no Collector shall be appointed under this Act, the Rates for the Relief of the Poor shall be collected and received by the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, in the same Manner as the Rates made for

the Relief of the Poor are now by Law directed to be collected and received; and that the ſeveral Laws relating to the Overſeers of the Poor, and for the Relief and providing of the Poor, ſhall continue in force within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Anne*, except where the ſame are altered by this preſent Act.

Limitation of Actions.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premiſes, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Action ſhall be commenced within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be laid and brought in the County of *Middleſex*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Actions to be brought, may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to be ſo done, or if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place, then and in ſuch Caſe the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in other Caſes by Law.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

For paying the Expences of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all Coſts, Charges and Expences of paſſing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, or incurred in relation thereto, ſhall be borne, paid and defrayed out of the firſt Monies which ſhall ariſe or be collected by virtue of the ſame.

Public Act.

XVIII. 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 Judges, Juſtices and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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