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An Act for more equally and effectually aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor Rates, within the Pariſh of *Saint Botolph* without *Aldgate*, in the County of *Middleſex*. [20th *June* 1810.]

WHEREAS the Poor within the Pariſh of *Saint Botolph* without *Aldgate*, 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

For better Recovery of the Rates on Houſes let at ſmall Rents, &c.

Hereditament within 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), being aſſembled in Veſtry according to the ancient Cuſtom of the ſaid Pariſh, 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, being ſo aſſembled as aforeſaid, 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 Non-payment 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 hereinafter mentioned and referred to.

II. And

Rates recovered of Tenants to be repaid by Landlords.

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, 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 Occupation 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.

Recovery of the Rates from Perſons removing.

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, Ware-houſes, 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, Ware-houſes, Coach-houſes, Stables, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, before he 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 any of them, 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 Overſeers 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 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

rant 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 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 Hereditaments 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 Hereditaments 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 Hereditaments, 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*.

Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen may rectify Omiſſions in the Rates.

V. And be it further enacted, That if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Five or more of them, at any Time after the making of any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made under the Authority of this Act, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force relating to the Relief of the Poor, that the Name of any Perſon or Perſons liable to be included in ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment hath been omitted therein, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen, or any Five or more of them, to add or cauſe to be added to ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment the Name of the Perſon or Perſons ſo omitted, together with the Sum for which he, ſhe or they ought to be ſo rated, and the Amount of ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment in reſpect thereof; and every ſuch Addition made to any of the ſaid Rates ſhall be as valid and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had been inſerted in the Rate at the Time the ſame was firſt made out.

Power in the Churchwardens, &c. to remit a Part of the Rates.

VI. And whereas it may be reaſonable to excuſe ſome Perſons from the Payment of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh on account of their Poverty, be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Veſtrymen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to grant to ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſuch Relief in the Payment of any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as they the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen ſhall think proper.

VII. And

Juſtices in caſe of Appeal againſt Rate may correct but not quaſh the whole Rate.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in caſes of Appeal to the Juſtices of the Peace at the Quarter Seſſions to be holden for the County of *Middleſex*, from the Determination of the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor and Veſtrymen relating to any Rate or Aſſeſſment made or aſſeſſed under or by virtue of this Act, or any other Act or Acts now in force relating to the Relief of the Poor, the ſaid Juſtices upon hearing ſuch Appeal, where they ſhall ſee juſt Cauſe of Relief, ſhall and are hereby empowered to correct, alter and amend the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments in ſuch Manner only as ſhall be neceſſary for giving Relief to the Perſon or Perſons ſo appealing, without altering ſuch Rate and Aſſeſſments with reſpect to any other Perſon or Perſons mentioned in the ſame, any Law, Statute or Uſage to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

For appointing Collectors.

VIII. 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 ſhall deem it neceſſary, from Time to Time to appoint a Collector or Collectors of the Poor Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, 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 Collector or Collectors, and ſhall and may from Time to Time remove ſuch Collector or Collectors; and ſhall and may, if they ſhall think fit, appoint in like Manner another or others in the Room and Stead of ſuch Collector or Collectors 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 ſuch Collector or Collectors ſuch Salaries, Poundage 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.

IX. 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 or Witneſſes, 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 Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every ſuch Refuſal or Neglect.

Requiring Collectors to account.

X. 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 upper Churchwarden for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the Veſtry ſhall from Time to Time order and direct; and that ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall from Time to Time, when required, give in a particular, true and perfect

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 upper Churchwarden, or such other Person as the Vestry shall from Time to Time order and direct 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 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.

Penalty on Neglect or Refusal.

Collectors to produce Lists of Defaulters.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Collector or Collectors for the Time being, to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall, if required by the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, or any Five or more of them, produce monthly or oftener to the said 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.

For Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XII. 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 Offender's 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 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 and may 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

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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, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied.

For Recovery of the Rates.

XIII. 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 such Manner as the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be recovered by an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth* for the Relief of the Poor, or by any subsequent Act or Acts 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.

XIV. And be it 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 Two Justices;

XV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in case any Person whomsoever 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 next happen 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.

but if dissatisfied may afterwards appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant or Inhabitants rated to the Relief of the Poor 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 his, her or their being such Inhabitant or Inhabitants, and included in any such Rates, in any Action, Suit, Complaint, Prosecution or Proceeding to be had, conducted, made, prosecuted or carried

carried on under the Authority of this Act, or of any other Act or Acts heretofore made and now in force for the Relief of the Poor, in ſuch and in 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, and not included in any ſuch Rates.

Overſeers to collect Rates until Collector appointed, and Poor Laws to continue in force except where altered by this Act.

XVII. 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, and when and as often 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 Botolph* without *Aldgate*, except where the ſame are altered by this preſent Act.

Limitation of Actions.

XVIII. 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 Calendar 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 have been 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.

XIX. 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 this Act.

Publick Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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