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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 113.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of Two Acts of His preſent Majeſty, ſo far as relates to the eſtabliſhing a Nightly Watch, and for maintaining the Poor within the Pariſh of *Saint Clement Danes*, in the County of *Middleſex*. [27th *May* 1809.]

WHEREAS by an Act paſſed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a regular and Nightly Watch, and for maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor, within the Pariſh of* Saint Clement Danes *in the Liberty of* Weſtminſter *and County of* Middleſex, certain Powers were given to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Clement Danes*, for appointing Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch and Beadles of the ſaid Pariſh, and for the making Rates and Aſſeſſments on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh to defray the Wages of the Watchmen and Beadles, and other Charges incident thereunto; and other Proviſions and Enactments were made for the better ordering the ſaid Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for regulating the Poor, and enforcing Payment of the Poor Rates within the ſaid Pariſh: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Fourteenth Year of His ſaid preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the City and Liberty of* Weſtminſter *and Parts adjacent, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, certain further Proviſions and Enactments were made for the better ordering the ſaid Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for making Rates and Aſſeſſments for defraying the Expences attendant thereon: And whereas the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Clement Danes* have, ſince the paſſing the ſaid recited

4 G. 3. c. 55.

14 G. 3. c. 90.

recited Acts, proceeded in the Execution thereof, and the Nightly Watch and Beadles of the said Parish, and also the Poor, have been regulated according to the Provisions in the said Acts contained; but by reason of the Increase in Wages payable to Watchmen, and the Change of Times, it is found that the Rates or Assessments, which by the said recited Acts were granted for the Purposes of the said Acts, being limited and restrained not to exceed Sixpence in the Pound on the yearly Value of the Premises assessed, do not now raise a Fund sufficient to defray and satisfy the same: And whereas it would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and tend to the better and more effectual collecting the Poor Rates made in the said Parish, if the Inhabitants were enabled to nominate and appoint a fitting Person or fitting Persons to collect the same, and sufficient Authorities were given to such Person and Persons for enforcing the Payment of such Rates or Assessments: 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, the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Acts given for making a Rate or Assessment upon the Inhabitants and Occupiers of the said Parish, to raise and levy Monies for paying the Wages of the Watchmen and Beadles, and other Charges incident thereto, which are by the said recited Acts limited so as not to exceed the Rate of Sixpence in the Pound of the yearly Value of any Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings so to be assessed, shall extend and the same are hereby extended, to enable the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint Clement Danes* to make, rate, and assess, and it shall henceforth be lawful for the said Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint Clement Danes* and they are hereby empowered to make, rate, and assess such Rates or Assessments to such further or greater Amount as they shall see fitting, so as the same shall not in any One Year exceed the Rate of One Shilling in the Pound of the yearly Value of any Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings so assessed or charged, or to be assessed or charged by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act: And whereas the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint Clement Danes* have made a Rate or Assessment for the current Year at the Rate of Four-pence in the Pound on the yearly Value of the Houses and other Premises assessed, but the same will be very inadequate to the Expences of the current Year, and the Purposes of the said recited Acts cannot be effected during the Remainder of the current Year, unless Power be given to make a Supplementary Rate for the current Year to such Amount as shall cover such Deficiency; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Inhabitants, at any Time within One Calendar Month from the passing of this Act, to make and assess another Rate for the current Year by way of Supplement to the former Rate so made, and to rate, enforce, and recover the same, with the like Powers and by the like Means as any Rate or Rates, made or to be made by virtue of the said recited Acts, can or could or might have been recovered, so as that such Supplementary Rate shall not exceed Eight-pence in the Pound on the yearly Value of the Hereditaments, Tenements, and Premises so to be rated.

Power of making a Rate extended from 6d. to 1s.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Inhabitants of the said Parish in Vestry assembled, to appoint such Person

Vestry to appoint Collector of Watch Rates,

Perſon or Perſons to collect the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments as they ſhall think fitting, and to pay and allow out of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments ſuch reaſonable Allowance by way of Poundage on the Money actually collected or otherwiſe, for collecting the ſame, and for keeping the Accounts of the Diſburſements and Expenditure thereof, and for his or their Trouble therein as they ſhall ſee fitting; and alſo that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors and Governors from Time to Time to order and direct the ſaid Collector or Collectors to pay and diſburſe, out of ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments ſo to be collected by him, ſuch Sum or Sums as they ſhall adjudge fitting to be paid to the Watchmen and Beadles and others to be employed by the ſaid Directors and Governors in carrying into Effect the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and of this Act, and for defraying the Expences of paſſing this Act, which Orders of the ſaid Directors and Governors ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant to the ſaid Collector or Treaſurer for Payment thereof.

and allow him a reaſonable Reward.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry Meeting aſſembled, in purſuance of Notice given in the Pariſh Church, and alſo affixed upon the Church Door on Three ſucceſſive *Sundays* preceding ſuch Meeting, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons, being an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, to be and become a Collector or Collectors of the Poor Rates made or to be made within and for the ſaid Pariſh, or of any Part or Parts of ſuch Rates, and ſuch Collector and Collectors to diſcharge and diſplace as to them ſhall ſeem fitting; and to allow to ſuch Collector or Collectors, out of the ſaid Rates, ſuch Compenſation by way of Poundage or otherwiſe, as they the ſaid Inhabitants ſhall think reaſonable, not exceeding the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound, upon all Sums to be by him or them ſo collected; which ſaid Allowance ſhall be taken and deemed to be a lawful Expenditure, and allowed in paſſing the Accounts of the Overſeers of the Poor touching ſuch Rate; and that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Inhabitants to take from ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed, Sureties, by Bond or Obligation or otherwiſe, for the due Performance of the Truſt in him and them repoſed, and for duly accounting for and paying over all Monies to be by him and them collected and received under and by virtue of ſuch Appointment, ſuch Bond to be given and entered into to the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh.

Veſtry to appoint a Collector of Poor Rates, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Collector and Collectors to be appointed by virtue of this Act, who ſhall at any Time hereafter have, receive, or pay by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, any Sum or Sums of Money whatever, ſhall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them as ſhall be in Veſtry aſſembled, make and render to them true and perfect Accounts of all Monies received and diſburſed by him or them as ſuch Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid, and ſhall deliver up all Accounts, Books, and Papers to the ſaid Inhabitants in Veſtry aſſembled, or as they ſhall order or direct.

Collectors to account to Veſtry and deliver up Books, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Director or Governor of the Nightly Watch or Beadles for the Time being ſhall tranſact, do, or effect, provide, furniſh, or ſupply, for his or their own Profit, any Work, Labour, Goods, or

Governors not to derive any Profit under this Act.

or Materials for the Use of the said Nightly Watch or Beadles, or in the building, making, or repairing of any Watchhouse, Watchbox, or other Erection or Building for the Use or Accommodation of the said Watch or Beadles, during the Time of his being Director or Governor; and in case any Person or Persons, so being such Director or Governor, shall during the Time of his being such Director or Governor transact, do, or effect, provide, furnish, or supply for his or their own Profit any Work, Labour, Goods, or Materials for the Use of the said Nightly Watch and Beadles, or in the building, making, or repairing of any Watchhouse, Watchbox, or other Erection or Building for the Use or Accommodation of the said Watch or Beadles, every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence, one Moiety whereof shall go to such Person as shall inform and sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, to be recovered by Action at Law, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, in which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Paupers in the Workhouse to be punishable for Misbehaviour or Fraud.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person maintained in any Workhouse or Workhouses belonging to the said Parish, shall refuse to perform the Work which he, she, or they shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein, or shall embezzle or purloin the Goods belonging to such Workhouse or Workhouses, or any Materials for Work, or shall be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or Drunkenness, or of any lewd, or immoral, or indecent Behaviour, in all or any of the Cases aforesaid it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon due Complaint to him made thereof, and upon Proof of such Offence by one or more Witness or Witnesses, and such Justice is hereby required to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished, either by distinguishing them in Diet or Dress, or by committing such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction or other Prison, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; any Thing in the said recited Acts, or any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Public Act.

VII. 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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