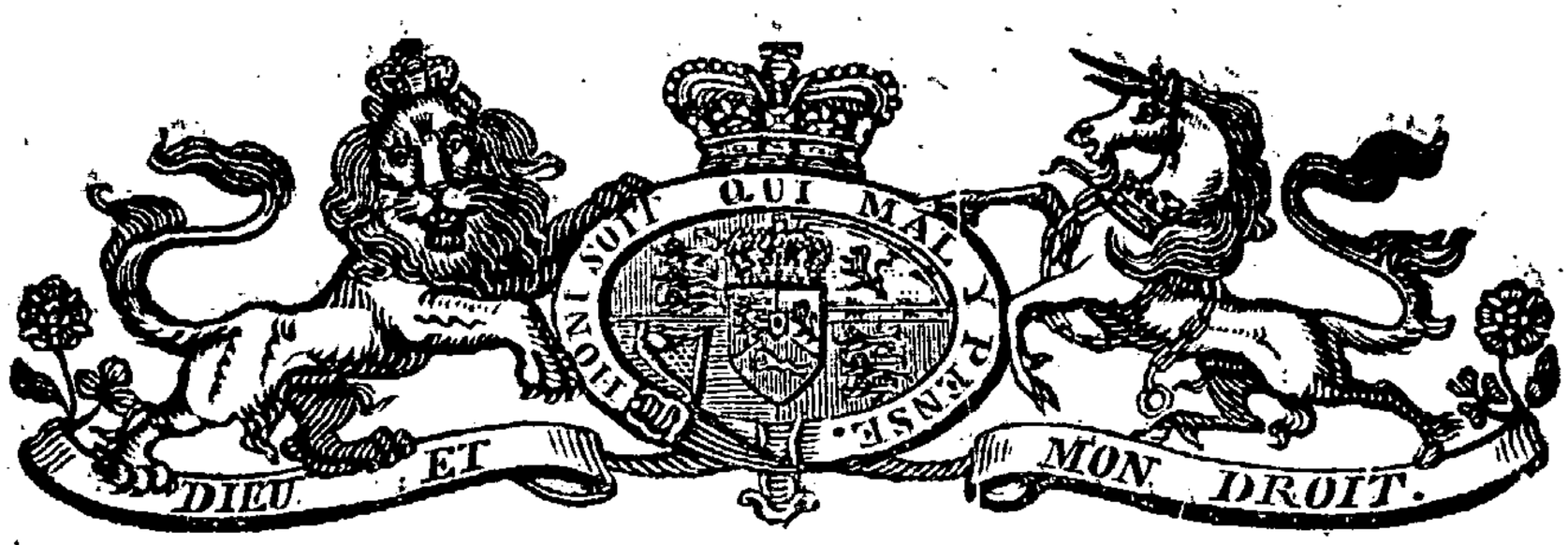


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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 38.

An Act for more effectually paving, cleansing, lighting, watching and regulating certain Parts of *Piccadilly* and *Park Lane*, in the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and also the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Public Passages and Places within the said Parish; and for altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, relative to the above Purposes, and to the Poor of the said Parish. [15th *April* 1813.]

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for putting the Road from* Clarges Street *to* Hyde Park Corner, *and from the South End of* Park Lane *to the North Side of* Hertford Street, *in the Parish of* Saint George Hanover Square, *in the County of* Middlesex, *now under the Directions of the Acts for repairing the Roads in the Parishes of* Kensington, Chelsea, Fulham, *and* Saint George Hanover Square, *in the County of* Middlesex, *under the Management of the Commissioners for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes and other Places in* Westminster, it was directed, that from and after the passing of the said Act the said 6 G. 3. c. 54.

Road leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the then present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, should be under the Care, Management, and Direction of the said Commissioners for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes and other Places within the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and other Places; and that in order to enable the said Commissioners effectually to pave, cleanse, light, keep in repair, and regulate the said Roads leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the then present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, the Trustees for the Time being to an Act of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, and to an Act of the Fourteenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and to any future Act or Acts of Parliament for repairing the several Roads in the Parishes of *Kensington*, *Chelsea*, and *Fulham*, in the County of *Middlesex*, by the said Acts directed to be repaired, should pay or cause to be paid yearly and every Year, during the Continuance of the said Acts, to the said Commissioners for putting in Execution the several Acts of Parliament for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes and other Places in the said Acts mentioned, or any Three or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as should be by them authorized and appointed to receive the same, the Sum of One thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free from all Deductions whatsoever, by Four even or equal Quarterly Payments in the Year, to be applied by the said Commissioners in paving, cleansing, lighting, repairing and regulating the said Roads, leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the then present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, and the several other Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places under the Care and Management of the said Commissioners, as directed by the said first recited Act: And whereas the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty have not been found sufficient for keeping the said Road leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in good and substantial Repair, but the said Roads have been and are now in a State of great Decay for want of due Reparation and Amendment of the same, for which Purpose the said Commissioners have no adequate disposable Fund, in as much as there is a Debt of Twenty thousand Pounds charged upon the said Sum of One thousand Pounds *per Annum*, bearing Interest at the Rate of Four *per Centum per Annum*, and after Payment of such Interest, leaving only a Surplus of Two hundred Pounds *per Annum* in the Hands of the said Commissioners, applicable to the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square* are still liable by Law to keep the said Roads in good and sufficient Repair as a common Highway, and to amend the same, notwithstanding such Roads were so put under the Management of the said Commissioners as aforesaid; and it is therefore expedient that the Care and Management of the said Roads should be transferred from the said Commissioners, and that they should be entirely exonerated therefrom, and that the same should be put under the Care, Management, and Direction of the Committee of Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George*

Hanover Square, in the said County of *Middlesex* for the Time being, duly appointed by virtue and in pursuance of an Act, passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of* Saint George Hanover Square, *within the Liberty of the City of* Westminster; *for repairing the Highways, regulating the Beadles, Watch, and Patrol; for paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances within several of the Streets and other public Passages and Places within the said Parish; and for other Purposes relating to the said Parish;* and that the said Sum of One thousand Pounds, directed to be paid by the said Trustees to the said Commissioners should remain subject to the said Debt of Twenty thousand Pounds charged thereon, and instead of being paid to the said Commissioners should be paid to the said Committee of Paving of the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, for the Purposes herein-after specified; and that the said Committee of Paving should be invested with the Powers and Authorities herein-after mentioned: 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 so much of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty as relates to the putting and placing the said Roads under the Care, Management, and Direction of the said Commissioners, and to paying the said Commissioners the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and that from thenceforth the Care, Management, and Direction of the said Roads, leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, shall be and the same are hereby transferred from the said Commissioners to the said Committee of Paving for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square;* and the said Commissioners shall be wholly exonerated and discharged from the Burthen thereof, and all their Liability thereto; and the same Roads shall be and are hereby placed under the Care, Management, and Direction of the said Committee of Paving for the Time being, who shall cause the same to be well and sufficiently paved, repaired, lighted, and cleansed, from Time to Time, and so often as Need shall require.

So much of 6 G. 3. repealed as relates to repairing the Road from Clarges Street to Hyde Park Corner, &c. and the said Roads put under Committee of Paving of St. George Hanover Square, Westminster Commissioners exonerated.

II. And be it further enacted, That in order to enable the said Committee of Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, more effectually to pave, cleanse, light, keep in Repair, and regulate the said Roads leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street* in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, and the other Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places under the Jurisdiction of the said Committee of Paving, the Trustees for the Time being for executing the said recited Acts of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, and the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and to any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, or any future Act or Acts of Parliament for repairing the several Roads in the Parishes of *Kensington*, *Chelsea*, and *Fulham*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, by the said Acts directed to

Trustees of Hyde Park Turnpike to pay the Sum of 1000*l.* annually to the Commissioners of Paving for St. George Hanover Square.

to be repaired, or any Five or more of them, shall pay or cause to be paid, yearly and every Year during the Continuance of the said Acts of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, and the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, or which may hereafter be made and passed for repairing the same Roads in the Parishes of *Kensington*, *Chelsea*, and *Fulham*, to the said Committee of Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as shall be by them authorized and appointed to receive the same, the Sum of One thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free from all Deductions whatsoever, by Four even or equal Quarterly Payments in the Year; (that is to say) the Nativity of *Saint John the Baptist*, the Feast of *Saint Michael the Archangel*, the Birth of our Lord *Christ*, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*; the first Payment to begin and be made on such of the said Quarter Days as shall happen next after the passing of this Act; and if the said Payments, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be behind and unpaid for the Space of Twenty-one Days after the same shall become due, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee of Paving, or for such Person or Persons as they or any Five or more of them shall, by Writing under their Hands and Seals appoint, to seize and take Possession of any Turnpike Gate or Gates upon any Part or Parts of the said Roads, and to collect and receive the Tolls by the said recited Turnpike Acts, any or either of them, authorized to be taken thereat, until the Sum or Sums remaining due and unpaid, and all reasonable Charges attending such Seizure, Collection and Reception, shall be fully paid, satisfied, and discharged, and no longer.

Power to seize Gates and receive Tolls in case of Default until paid.

For continuing a Turnpike and collecting Tolls to secure the Payment, in case the Turnpike Acts shall not be continued.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees shall not continue to pay the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds, or the Terms of the said Acts of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the First, and the Fourteenth Year of His late Majesty, which have been from Time to Time continued and are now in force, shall not be further continued by Act of Parliament from the Expiration of the present subsisting Term thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, or any Five or more of them, immediately after the Expiration of such present subsisting Term, to cause any Gate to be erected or continued at or near the Place where the present Turnpike stands at *Hyde Park Corner*, and to take and receive the respective Tolls authorized by the said Acts now in force to be taken and received at the said Turnpike, in Manner and under the Penalties, Authorities, and Indemnities in the said Acts mentioned, and to apply the same in Payment of the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds so granted by the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for the Purpose of paving, cleansing, lighting, repairing, and regulating the said Roads leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane*, to the North Side of *Hertford Street* in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, and the Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Parish, until the said Sum of One thousand Pounds *per Annum*, and all Arrears thereof, and all Expences of erecting or continuing the said Gates, and collecting and receiving the said Tolls, shall be fully paid, and no longer; and when and so soon as the said Committee shall have received in each and every Year (commencing on the

the First Day of *January*), from the Produce of the said Tolls, the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds, and all Arrears thereof, and all Expences attending the erecting and continuing the said Gate or Gates, and collecting and receiving the said Tolls, and the same shall be fully paid and satisfied, in each and every Year, the said Gate or Gates shall be thrown open during the Remainder of every such Year.

Reserving to Westminster Commissioners Powers of recovering Arrears.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall lessen, prejudice, or defeat, or be construed in any Manner to interfere with the Right, Title, or Interest of the said Commissioners in any Debt or Debts, Arrear or Arrears, Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever of Right claimable by them by virtue of the said recited Acts, any or either of them; and they shall retain all such and the same Powers, Authorities, and Remedies for recovering the Amount thereof as they had before the passing of this Act, but the said Committee of Paving shall be fully entitled and are hereby required to demand and receive from the said Commissioners, all Books, Papers, Writings, and Documents, in anywise howsoever relating to the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, and every Part thereof; and that the said Commissioners shall be liable to pay on Demand to the said Committee of Paving, or any Five or more of them, or any Person or Persons appointed by them to receive the same, any Arrears or Balance in the Hands of the said Commissioners, it being intended that the said Committee of Paving shall have the said annual Sum from such of the said Quarter Days as shall next follow the passing of this Act, clear of all Incumbrances, except the accruing Interest on the said Debt of Twenty thousand Pounds, at Four *per Centum per Annum*, and the Expences of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and regulating as aforesaid, from the Quarter Day next after the passing of this Act, and the Appropriation of an annual Sinking Fund of One hundred Pounds towards the Discharge of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds in manner herein-after mentioned.

Directing how the annual Payment shall be applied, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds shall be applied by the said Committee of Paving as follows; (that is to say), the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds shall continue to be applied in Payment of the Interest of the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds borrowed and taken up at Interest by the said Commissioners upon the Credit of the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds directed to be paid to them by virtue of the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and that the Sum of One hundred Pounds *per Annum* shall be from Time to Time set aside and laid out in Exchequer Bills, or other Government Securities, as a Sinking Fund to extinguish the said principal Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds so borrowed and taken up at Interest by the said Commissioners upon the Credit of the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds; and that the Residue of the said Sum of One thousand Pounds shall be applied by the said Committee of Paving in repairing, cleansing, lighting, and regulating the said Roads leading from the End of *Clarges Street* to the present Turnpike Gate near *Hyde Park Corner*, and from the South End of *Park Lane* to the North Side of *Hertford Street*, in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, and the several other Streets, Lanes, and Places under the Care and Management of the said Committee, and for no other Purpose whatsoever.

So much of 29 G. 3. c. 75. as excepts Part of Piccadilly and Park Lane repealed.

VI. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act, passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of* Saint George Hanover Square, *within the Liberty of the City of* Westminster; *for the repairing the Highways, regulating the Beadles, Watch, and Patrole; for paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances within several of the Streets, and other public Passages and Places within the said Parish; and for other Purposes relating to the said Parish,* as exempts and excepts such Part of *Piccadilly* as lies between *Clarges Street* and *Hyde Park Corner*, and such Part of *Park Lane* as lies between *Piccadilly* and the North Side of *Hertford Street*, from the Powers and Provisions contained in the said Act, relating to the paving, repairing, cleansing, or lighting any Street, or other public Passage or Place, or removing or preventing Nuisances or Annoyances, or the making or collecting of any Rate for any of those Purposes, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Powers of rating extended to Part of Piccadilly and Park Lane, formerly exempt.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Inhabitants of such Part of *Piccadilly* as lies between *Clarges Street* and the Turnpike at *Hyde Park Corner*, and such Part of *Park Lane* as lies between *Piccadilly* and the North Side of *Hertford Street*, and also the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, as Owner or Owners of such Part of the Wall of the *Green Park* as adjoins *Piccadilly*, in respect of such Part of the said Wall as may, at the Time of making the said Rate or Rates, be used for a Fence to the Park only, and not in Part as a Fence to any Ground inclosed within the said Park, and holden by any Tenant under the Crown, and such Part of the Wall and Gates of *Hyde Park* as abut on the North Side of *Piccadilly* to the said Turnpike, and all other Persons rateable for the said District, and every Part of the same, shall in all Respects whatsoever be liable to be rated and assessed in like Manner as the Inhabitants of the other Part of the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, which is now under the Management and Direction of the said Committee of Paving, are at present liable to be rated and assessed; and such Rates shall and may be collected, levied, and recovered in like Manner, and by the same Proceedings, as such Rates in that Part of the said Parish which is now under the Management of the said Committee may be collected and levied.

Allowing the Rector, &c. and Eight Vestrymen to do certain Acts.

VIII. And whereas it is provided by the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty that all Acts, Matters, and Things which can be done by the Vestry of the said Parish, may be done by the Rector, or in his Absence his Curate, and One Churchwarden, and any Eight or more of the Vestrymen of the said Parish: And whereas it would greatly facilitate the Transaction of Business of the said Parish if the Rector, or in his Absence, his Clerk in Orders, Curate or Assistant Curate, a Churchwarden, or in his Absence a Pro-churchwarden, appointed as herein-after mentioned, and any Eight or more of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, were authorized to do all Acts, Matters, and Things which can be done by the Vestry of the said Parish; be it therefore enacted, That all Acts, Matters, and Things which can be done by the Vestry of the said Parish may be done by the Rector, or in his Absence his Clerk in Orders, Curate or Assistant Curate, One Churchwarden, or in his Absence such Pro-churchwarden, being always some past Churchwarden specially appointed by the Churchwardens for the Time being, or One of them, by

Writing under their or his Hand or Hands for each particular Vestry, as the Pro-churchwarden, in any Case of sudden Emergency happening in the Absence of both the Churchwardens (on the Requisition of Five Vestrymen, in Writing under their Hands, to the Churchwardens for the Time being, or One of them), and any Eight or more of the Vestrymen of the said Parish; and all such Acts, Matters, and Things shall be as good, valid, and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Rector and the Churchwarden for the Time being had been present at such Vestry, any Law, Statute, Instrument, or other Matter or Thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Chairman at all Meetings to have a casting Vote.

IX. And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the Chairman at any Meeting holden by virtue of the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, when the Votes upon any Question are equal, including his own Vote, can give a Second or casting Vote, be it therefore enacted, That at any of the Meetings of the said Governors and Directors of the Poor of the said Parish, or of the Committee of the Watch, or of the Committee of Paving, or any Sub-Committee, when and so often as it shall happen that there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any Question (including the Vote of the Chairman), then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Chairman, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to give a Second or casting Vote.

Power for Vestry to alter the Extent of the present Wards, and to divide the Parish into new Wards.

X. And whereas it would be of Benefit to the said Parish if the Number of the Wards thereof were increased, and the Number of Overseers of the Poor, to be from Time to Time appointed for the said Parish, were equal to the Number of Wards of which the said Parish shall consist; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry of the said Parish, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to divide the said Parish into as many Wards as the said Vestry shall from Time to Time think fit, and to fix the Extent of such Wards, and at their Discretion to alter the Extent of the present or future Wards; and that the Number of Overseers of the Poor, to be from Time to Time appointed for the said Parish, shall be equal to the Number of Wards of which the said Parish at the Time of such Appointment shall consist, such Overseers to be appointed in manner prescribed by an Act, passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, taking One of such Overseers out of each Ward of the said Parish.

Respecting the Expences of the Workhouse.

XI. And whereas it is enacted by the said recited Act, made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, that it shall be lawful for the said Vestry from Time to Time, if they think proper, to hire any House or other Place within the said Parish, to be made use of for employing any of the said Poor in such Trades and Manufactures as the said Governors and Directors shall think proper, and to fit up and furnish the same in such Manner as they shall think necessary; and the said Governors and Directors shall at all Times hereafter cause the said Workhouse, and the Chapel, and all other Buildings belonging to the said Workhouse, and all Houses and Places to be used for employing the Poor, to be kept in good Repair; and all the Charges and Expences attending the Hire of any such Houses or Places as aforesaid, and of fitting up and furnishing the same, and of keeping the said Workhouse and Chapel, and the several other Buildings belonging to the said Workhouse, and the

several Houses and other Places aforesaid in Repair, shall be paid by the said Governors and Directors of the Poor out of any Money raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish: Provided nevertheless, that the Whole of such Expences shall not exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds in any One Year: And whereas it hath been found by Experience that the Whole of such Expences in One Year does, from unavoidable Causes, frequently exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds; be it therefore further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty as provides that the Whole of such Expences shall not exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds in any One Year, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Power to take Security for Expences in Cases of Bastardy.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors of the Poor, or any Three of them, and they are hereby fully authorized to take, accept, and receive any Bond or Security, or any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Indemnity, from any Person or Persons, for defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Maintenance previous to and during the Lying-in of any pregnant single Woman in the said Parish, and the Maintenance and Support of any Bastard Child or Children respectively born or to be born therein.

Securities may be given to Vestry generally, and sued upon in Name of Clerk.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as well all and every such Bond and Bonds, Security and Securities, as all and every other Bond and Bonds, Security and Securities, taken or given to or for the Benefit or Indemnity of the said Parish, or the Parishioners thereof, may be taken and given to the said Vestry, Governors and Directors, or Members of the Committee for the Watch, or Committee of Paving generally, without naming them, and may be sued or recovered upon in the Name of the Clerk for the Time being to the said Vestry, Governors and Directors, or Committees respectively, and any Action or Actions so commenced in the Name of the said Clerk shall not abate or discontinue in case of the Death of the said Clerk, or his Removal from Office.

Vestry may appoint Churchwarden, Sidesman, Governor of the Poor, &c. in case of Death, Removal, Insolvency, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Churchwarden, Sidesman, Governor, and Director of the Poor, or any Member of the Committee for the Watch, or of the Committee of Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, shall die or remove out of the said Parish, or become insolvent, or otherwise incapable of acting, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry of the said Parish (if they think fit) to appoint a fit Person to supply the Place of such Churchwarden, Sidesman, Governor, and Director of the Poor, or Member of the Committee for the Watch, or of the Committee of Paving of the said Parish respectively, so dying, removing, or becoming insolvent, or otherwise incapable as aforesaid; and all and every Person and Persons who shall be appointed as aforesaid, and qualified as the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty directs, is and are hereby invested with the same Powers for putting the said Act and this Act into Execution as the Person or Persons in whose stead he or they shall be respectively appointed were invested with.

Disqualification of Vestrymen, by Non-resi-

XV. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Expiration of Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of any Person ceasing to be really and *bonâ fide* a resident Householder within the said Parish,

Parish, he shall be considered to all Intents and Purposes removed therefrom, and thereby disqualified to act as a Vestryman of the said Parish; and any Member of Vestry hereafter to be chosen, who shall not have attended in Vestry within the Space of One Year from his Election, having been duly summoned in the usual Manner, shall be considered as having vacated his Seat in the said Vestry, and disqualified, and a Vacancy in the same shall be thereupon declared.

Residence or Non-attendance.

XVI. And whereas the Salaries authorized by the said Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty to be paid by the Vestry to the Collectors of the several Rates made by virtue of the said Act are restrained within the Amount of Three hundred and fifty Pounds, which Sum has been found very inadequate to the Trouble and Expences of collecting the same; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the said Vestry to order such Allowance to be paid to the said respective Collectors, out of the said Rates, and also out of the Rates which may be made in pursuance of this Act, as the said Vestry shall think fit, not exceeding the Sum of Three-pence in the Pound on each Collection; provided the Sum to be paid to all the said Collectors shall not in the Whole exceed the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds in any One Year.

Increasing the Allowance to Collectors of the Rates.

XVII. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty the said Committee of Paving are authorized and empowered to cause any Bars or Chains to be placed and continued across certain Streets within the said Parish, called *Maddox Street* and *Mill Street*, for One Hour before and until the Expiration of One Hour after the Time of Divine Service within the Church of the said Parish, upon every *Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, and *Good Friday*, for preventing the Passage of Coaches and other Carriages along the said Streets: And whereas it is expedient that the said Committee shall be authorized and empowered to place such Chains and Bars across the said Streets, on all public Fasts and Thanksgiving Days, as well as on *Sundays*, *Christmas Day* and *Good Friday*; be it therefore enacted, That the said Committee of Paving shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause any Bars or Chains to be placed and continued across the said Streets for One Hour before, and until the Expiration of One Hour after the Time of Divine Service within the Church of the said Parish, upon every public Fast or Thanksgiving Day, as well as upon every *Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, and *Good Friday*, for preventing the Passage of Coaches and other Carriages along the said Street.

Powers to place Bars across Maddox Street, on Fast and Thanksgiving Days.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Committee of Paving shall in their Discretion think fit to substitute Gravel for the Pavement in *Park Lane*, from the North Side of *Hertford Street* to *Piccadilly*, and to enter into any Contract or Agreement with any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of such Street or Lane for that Purpose, they are hereby authorized and empowered so to do from Time to Time, as they shall think expedient, subject to the previous Approbation of the Vestry of the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in each particular Instance, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Power to substitute Gravel for Pavement in a certain Part of Park Lane.

For borrowing Money on the Credit of the Rates.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee of Paving for the Time being, by and with the Consent of the said Vestry duly assembled as aforesaid, and the said Committee are hereby empowered from Time to Time, when they shall judge it necessary, for the Purposes of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and regulating the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Parish, to borrow and take up at Interest (according to the Regulations and Restrictions herein-after mentioned), such Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding Ten thousand Pounds, as any Person or Persons is or are willing to lend and advance upon the Credit of any of the Rates or Assessments authorized by the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Third, or this Act, to be made for paving, repairing, cleansing and lighting, or on the Credit of the Residue of the said Sum of One thousand Pounds *per Annum* herein-before mentioned; and by any Writing or Writings upon Vellum or Parchment, signed by any Three or more of the Members of the said Committee for the Time being, to assign such Rate, Assessment, or other Fund, upon the Credit of which any Money shall be advanced and lent, to any Person or Persons who shall advance and lend such Money thereon, as a Security or Securities for the several Sums so borrowed, with Interest for the same, which Interest shall be payable and paid Half-yearly by the Treasurer of the said Committee of Paving for the Time being, out of the Monies to arise by or from such Rate, Assessment, or other Fund.

Clerk to enter Securities in a Book, and all Transfers, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That there shall be entered in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose provided and kept by the Clerk of the said Committee of Paving, all Securities for Monies borrowed by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and all Assignments and Transfers thereof, and also all Securities and Transfers respecting the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, expressing in Words at length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions, of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Securities, and the Sums received upon such Securities, to which Book or Books the Persons entitled thereto, and all and every Person or Persons liable to the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments, shall at all seasonable Times have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same, without Fee or Reward.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Securities for the Monies to be raised for the Purposes of this Act shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of Security.

‘ WE (being Three Members of the Committee of Paving of
‘ the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in the County of
‘ *Middlesex*) by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the Twenty-ninth
‘ Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An*
‘ *Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of* Saint
‘ George Hanover Square, *within the Liberty of the City of* Westminster;
‘ *for the repairing the Highways, regulating the Beadles, Watch and Patrole;*
‘ *for paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and removing and preventing Nui-*
‘ *sances and Annoyances within several of the Streets and other public Passages*
‘ *and Places within the said Parish, and for other Purposes relating to the*
‘ *said Parish;* and also of an Act, passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign
‘ of His said Majesty, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in Con-
‘ sideration of the Sum of paid to us by before the Delivery

' of these Presents, do assign unto the said his Executors,
' Administrators or Assigns, the Rate or Assessment made and to be made,
' [*here set forth the Rate or Fund on the Credit of which the Money has*
' *been lent*] on the said Parish: To hold unto the said
' his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, until the said Sum of
' together with Interest at the Rate of *per*
' *Centum per Annum* (such Interest to commence or be calculated from the
' Day of), 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 Security shall be good, valid, and effectual, 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 thereto belonging, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, provided the same be not for a greater or less Sum than One hundred Pounds.

Books in which Entries made good Evidence.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books in which any Minute or Minutes, Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings whatsoever of any of the Vestrymen, Governors and Directors of the Poor, Committee for the Watch, and Committee of Paving for the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, acting by or under the Authority of this or any of the before recited Acts, such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of this or the said recited Acts, shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient legal Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever.

Power to borrow by Annuity or Tontine.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Committee of Paving for the Time being shall think it advisable to raise all or any Part of the Money hereby authorized to be borrowed, by granting Annuities for Lives, or for Terms of Years, or by Way of Tontine instead of Assignments as aforesaid, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, by and with the Consent of the Vestry assembled as aforesaid, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered so to do, and by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of the Members of the said Committee, to grant an Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Committee, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of an Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every such Contributor, or during the natural Life of any Two such Contributors, and the Life of the Survivor, or the natural Life of such Person, or the natural Lives of any Two such Persons, and the Life of the Survivor, as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, so as that no such Annuity do exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* upon a single Life, or upon the Lives of such Two Persons, or the Life of the Survivor; and the Expence of every such Annuity shall be paid by the said Committee out of the Monies so contributed; and that in case the said Committee shall raise any of the Money necessary for the Purposes of this Act by Way of Tontine, then such Tontine shall be in such Classes, at such Interest, and with such Benefit of Survivorship, and subject to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as the said Committee shall make respecting the same, which shall be binding and conclusive

conclusive upon all the Contributors thereto; and the Grant of every such Annuity shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of the Grant of Annuity.

'WE being Three of the Committee of Paving 'of the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, in the County of '*Middlesex*, acting in pursuance of an Act, made in the Fifty-third Year 'of His Majesty King *George* the Third, [*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 'an Annuity or yearly Sum of 'to be paid out of the Rates, Assessments, Sum and Sums of 'Money received on account of paving, cleansing, lighting, repairing, and 'regulating the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other public Pas-'sages and Places in the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, 'and on account of the Rates, Assessments, Sum and Sums to be 'raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act; which Annuity or 'yearly Sum of shall be paid to the said 'or his [*or* her] Assigns, during the Term of his 'or her natural Life [*or, as the Case may be*] to the said 'his or her Executors, Administrators or Assigns, during the natural Life 'of or during the natural Lives of 'and and the Life of the Survivor, 'upon the Day of the Day 'of the Day of and the 'Day of in every Year, during the natural Life or Lives 'of him, her, or them the said at the ; 'the first Quarterly Payment thereof to be made upon the Day 'of next ensuing the Date hereof. In Witness whereof we 'have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Day of 'in the Year .'

Grant valid without Enrolment in Chancery.

And every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law without any Enrolment or Registry of the Memorial thereof in the High Court of Chancery or elsewhere, except as herein-after mentioned; and every such Annuity so to be granted as aforesaid shall be and is hereby charged upon and shall be payable and paid by the Treasurer to the said Committee, out of the said Rates, Assessments, Sum or Sums respectively, according to the Grant of such Annuity.

Power to transfer Securities.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed on legal Interest as aforesaid, or to be raised by granting of Annuities as aforesaid, or any of the Holders of Securities for any Part of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds so borrowed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns (as the Case may be), at any Time, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, by Indorsement on such Security, or otherwise, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and every such Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect following:

'I being entitled to the Sum of [*or*, an 'Annuity of] secured to 'and Assigns [*or*, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, '*as the Case may be*] by virtue of an Assignment [*or*, Grant of an Annuity] 'bearing Date the Day of under the Hands and

'Seals

'Seals of Members of the Committee of Paving of the Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, acting in the Execution of certain Acts of Parliament therein specified, upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments granted or payable by the said Acts, do hereby transfer all my Right and Interest in and to the same Sum [*or* Annuity], and all Interest and other Money now due and owing thereon, unto his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the Day of .'

And a Copy of any such Security or Assignment, together with the Number or Numbers thereof, and of every Grant of Annuity which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and an Extract and Memorial thereof, and of every Transfer herein-before referred to respectively, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Committee, which Extract or Memorial shall specify and contain the Date, Names of the Parties and Sums of Money thereby secured, assigned, or transferred, to which Book any Person interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the entering of every such Transfer the said Clerk shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and every such Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom the same shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Registry or Enrolment thereof.

Clerk to be paid for Entry of Transfer.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Committee can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Assignments or Securities which shall be then in force shall bear, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, from Time to Time, by and with the Consent of the Vestry, to charge the said Rates or Assessments in Manner aforesaid with such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, and the Interest thereof, at such low Rate as aforesaid, and to pay off and discharge the Assignments or Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, according to the Directions and Regulations hereby prescribed for paying off Assignments or Securities.

Power to borrow at a lower Rate of Interest, to pay off Securities at a higher Rate.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors of the Poor for the Time being, by and with the Consent of the Vestry, to pay over, by Way of Loan, at Interest, to the said Committee of Paving any Sum or Sums of Money which now are or hereafter may be in the Hands of the Treasurer for the said Governors and Directors of the Poor, or at their Disposal, as the Surplus of the Poor and Highway Rate, for carrying the several immediate Purposes of this Act into Execution.

Governors, with Consent of Vestry, to grant Loan of Surplus Money to Committee of Paving.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in order to discharge the said Principal Monies so to be borrowed, and Interest, and the Annuity or Annuities so to be granted, as well as to reinstate the said Funds from which such Sums shall have been taken, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee of Paving, by and with the Consent of the Vestry, and they are hereby authorized and required, yearly and every Year, from and out of the Rate and Assessment levied and collected for the Purpose of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the said Parish, to appropriate such Sum and

Vestry may make Rate to be applied in discharge of Sum borrowed.

Sums of Money as will be sufficient to discharge annually One Tenth Part of the Total of the Principal Monies which shall have been borrowed as aforesaid, with the Interest thereon, and the full Amount of all existing Annuities granted as aforesaid.

Notice to be given of Money to be paid off.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the said Committee shall be enabled to pay off any such Money as aforesaid, they may, if they think proper, ascertain by Lot the particular Securities or Assignments to be then paid off; and the said Committee shall cause Notice, signed by their Clerk, to be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off, either in full or part Payment of their respective Assignments or Securities as aforesaid, of the Intention of the said Committee to pay him or her as aforesaid; and every such Notice shall express the Sum to be paid off, together with the Interest due thereon, and that the same shall be paid on a Day and at a Place to be specified in such Notice, such Day not being sooner than Six Calendar Months after the Day of giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid; and the Interest of the Principal Money to be paid off shall from and after the Time so specified, cease and be no longer paid or payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice, and not paid; but the Principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest thereof to the Day so specified, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand; but nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to require the said Committee to pay off any Principal Monies lent on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments by Way of Annuity.

When sinking Fund of 100*l.* per Annum amounts to 500*l.*, divide by Lot.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Committee shall be enabled to pay off the Sum of Five hundred Pounds or upwards, in Part of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds borrowed by the said Commissioners on the Credit of the said annual Sum of One thousand Pounds, out of the Accumulations of the said Sinking Fund of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, they shall proceed in like Manner to ascertain by Lot, and pay off from Time to Time, the particular Securities or Assignments so ascertained, until the Whole of the said Principal Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall be discharged and satisfied; and when and so soon as the said Sum shall be discharged and satisfied, and all Arrears of Interest on the same, then the said Committee shall have and take the Whole of the said Sum of One thousand Pounds *per Annum* in Manner aforesaid, and apply the same as herein-before directed in regard to the Residue thereof, after Payment of the Interest on the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds.

To prevent Annoyances in the Streets, &c.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall within any of the Squares of the said Parish beat or dust any Carpet, or stand and ply with any Hackney Coach for a Fare, or drive any Carriage for the Purpose of breaking Horses, or ride any Horse for the Purpose of exercising or airing such Horse, in any of the paved Squares of the said Parish (otherwise than by passing through such Squares); or if any Person shall in or upon any of the Carriage or Footways in the said Squares, or within any of the Streets or other public Passages and Places aforesaid, place or lay, or cause, permit, or suffer to be placed or laid, any Ashes (except in Time of Frost), Rubbish, Dirt, or other Annoyance, or any Stall, Board, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Casks, or Goods of any Kind, or hoop, wash, or cleanse

cleanse any Pipe, Barrel, Cask or Vessel, or drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, any Coach, Cart, Waggon, Dray, or other Carriage, upon any of the said Carriage Ways, so as to occasion any Obstruction or Annoyance, or upon any of the said Footways (except for such Time as shall be reasonable or necessary for washing such Carriages where they have heretofore usually been washed upon the Footways); or if any Person shall run, drive, or draw, or cause to be run, driven or drawn, any Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck, or any Carriage whatsoever, upon any of the said Footways, or shall set or place any Carriage upon the Foot-crossing within the said Square, or within any of the said Streets or other public Passages or Places, for the Purpose of loading or unloading thereof, for a longer Time than shall be necessary for that Purpose; or shall set or place any Horse, Mule, Ass, or any other Cattle upon any of the said Footways; or shall sift, screen or slack, or cause to be sifted, screened or slacked, any Lime in any of the said Carriage or Footways, or set or place, or cause to be set or placed, in any of the said Carriage or Footways, any Timber, Stones, Bricks, Lime, or other Materials used in Buildings, (unless within some Hoard to be erected as mentioned in the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty), every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; for the Second Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and for the Third, or any subsequent Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed, to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing, the Offender or Offenders, by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey and deliver him, her, or them into the Custody of a Constable or Peace Officer in order to be secured and conveyed before a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, or the City or Liberty of *Westminster*, to be dealt with according to Law.

Penalty on Persons collecting Dust, &c. other than Scavenger.

XXXI. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is enacted, that no Person, other than the Scavenger employed by the said Committee of Paving, shall collect, take, or carry away any Cinders, Ashes, or Dust from any of the Inhabitants of the said Streets, or other public Passages or Places, upon pain of forfeiting, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings: And whereas the Amount of the said Penalty has been found insufficient to prevent the committing of the said Offence; be it therefore further enacted, That every Person so offending shall be subject and liable to forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for the First Offence, and for the Second or any subsequent Offence, any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

For appointing Deputy Constables.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, Persons applying to be appointed Deputy Constables of the said Parish, and producing a Certificate or Testimonial in Writing, signed by any Three of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, signifying that such Person has been approved by them, shall be considered eligible, and shall not be required to produce any Certificate or Testimonial signed by the Churchwardens of the said Parish, or either of them.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act, or the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of

of His present Majesty imposed, the Manner of recovering and levying whereof is not otherwise particularly directed, shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, or City and Liberty of *Westminster*, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, which Oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered and required to administer, without Fee or Reward, (and the Informer is hereby rendered a competent Witness) be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the City, County, or Place where such Persons shall be or reside, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to grant upon Conviction, either on the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), rendering the Overplus (if any) of the Money arising by such Sale, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold, after deducting the Charges of such Distress and Sale, and all other reasonable Charges to be allowed by such Justice or Justices; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered shall, if not directed to be otherwise applied, be paid to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish, and applied as directed by the said recited Act; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful for the said Vestrymen, at any regular Meeting, to order any Part of such Penalty or Penalties which they shall in their Discretion think fit, not exceeding One Half, to be paid to the Informer; and in case it shall appear to such Justice, by the Oath of any credible Witness (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), or the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, that such Offender or Offenders hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels within the Jurisdiction of such Justice, whereon the Penalty, Forfeiture and Charges of levying the same can be raised, or in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, after such Warrant shall have been issued, or if such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for such City, County, or Place, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months for the First Offence; and for any Time not exceeding Four Calendar Months for the Second Offence; and for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months for the Third or any subsequent Offence, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Costs and Charges (at the Discretion of such Justice) shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Justice of the Peace, before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form or to the like Effect; (that is to say);

Form of Conviction.

‘ to wit. } BE it remembered, That on the Day of , in the Year is ‘ convicted before One of His Majesty's Justices ‘ of the Peace for the said City and Liberty [*or* County] by virtue of an ‘ Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His ‘ Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of the Act, and specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the*

'*same was committed*]. Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year 'first aforesaid.'

Distress not deemed unlawful for Want of Form.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage only in an Action on the Case.

Chairman at Meetingsmay administer an Oath to Persons examined.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That at any Meeting of the said Vestry, of the said Governors or Directors of the Poor, or Committee for the Watch, or Committee of Paving, or any Sub-committee appointed thereby, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Chairman, or to and for any Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Middlesex*, or the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, who is or are then present, to administer an Oath to any Person or Persons, for the more certain Information and greater Satisfaction of the Vestrymen or Members of such Committee, in any Matter of Business then depending; and if any Person or Persons shall upon, his, her, or their Examination on Oath before the said Vestry, Governors and Directors, or Committee of the Watch, or Committee of Paving, or any Sub-committee appointed thereby, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be, and he, she, and they is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to all such Prosecutions, Pains, and Penalties, as by any Law now in being Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* are subject and liable to.

Proceedings not to be quashed for want of Form.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Judgment, or other Proceeding made touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari*, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; any Usage, Law, or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Inhabitants competent Witnesses.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes, and Proceedings relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or in which the said Parish, or the Inhabitants thereof, or the said Vestry, Governors and Directors, or Committees, or any of them, shall be a Party or Parties, no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of his or her being rated by virtue of this Act, or made liable to pay any Rate or Assessment relative to the said Parish, in anywise howsoever, or by being an Inhabitant of the said Parish, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Powers of former Act extended to this Act.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things whatsoever contained

contained in the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, so far as the same are not hereby expressly altered and repealed, shall extend and be construed to extend, operate and be in force, with respect to all Matters and Things whatsoever which may happen or arise in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and made Part thereof.

For paying the Expences of this Act.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences, attending the obtaining and passing this Act, and incident thereto, shall be paid out of any Money raised or to be raised for the Relief of the Poor, for repairing the Highways, for defraying the Expence of the Beadles, Watchmen, and Patroles, and for paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Streets and other public Passages and Places within the said Parish of *Saint George Hanover Square*, and out of the first Monies which shall be collected after the passing of this Act, in such Proportions as the said Vestry shall think expedient to order and direct.

Public Act.

XLI. 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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