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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 45.

An Act for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, in the Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and regulating the Poor thereof. [18th *April* 1810.]

WHEREAS the Poor within the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, in the Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, are very numerous, and are maintained and relieved at a great Expence: And whereas the Laws and Statutes now in force within this Realm, for the aſſeſſing and collecting of Monies for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor and other Purpoſes within the ſaid Pariſh, are found ineffectual, by reaſon that a large Number of Meſſuages, Houſes, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh are let to weekly Occupiers, and alſo let out in Parcels to Undertenants and to Lodgers in ſeparate Apartments both Furniſhed and Unfurniſhed, and others are let at ſmall Yearly Rents to Priſoners within the Rules of the King's Bench Priſon, and to other Perſons, whereby the Rates made in the ſaid Pariſh are in many Inſtances evaded and unproductive: And whereas it would tend to the Equalization and Reduction of the parochial Rates within the ſaid Pariſh, and to the great Alleviation of many induſtrious Families, if additional Powers were given for the aſſeſſing, compounding, and collecting of ſuch Rates, and for better maintaining and regulating the Poor thereof: 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, all and every Perſon or Perſons who do and ſhall inhabit, hold, uſe, occupy, poſſeſs, or enjoy any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Storehouſe, Cellar, Coach Houſe, Stable, Vault, Building, Tenement, Hereditaments, or Premiſes, of the Land-lords, Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees thereof reſpectively, ſhall be rated and aſſeſſed in and to the Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made from Time to Time by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, for and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for and in reſpect of ſuch Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Storehouſe, Cellar, Coach Houſe, Stable, Vault, Building, Tenement, Hereditaments, or Premiſes, at and by a fair equal Pound Rate upon or according to the annual Rent or Value thereof reſpectively, and not otherwiſe, except as herein-after is enacted.

Inhabitants to be rated by an equal Pound Rate.

How Houſes are to be rated which are let at ſmall Rents, for the better Recovery of the Rates.

II. And be it further enacted, That when the yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament within the ſaid Pariſh ſhall not exceed Twenty Pounds, or where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament ſhall be let to any Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or in ſeparate Apartments Furniſhed or Unfurniſhed, and the Rents thereof ſhall become payable and be collected at any ſhorter Period than Quarterly, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or the major Part of them at any Meeting to be holden for that Purpoſe, of which Meeting Notice ſhall be given in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh the *Sunday* preceding to compound (if they ſhall think proper) with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees of all and every or any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tene-ments, Hereditament or Hereditaments in the ſaid Pariſh, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments for the Relief and Main-tenance of the Poor, and all other the parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh which ſhall be made by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers or the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and with any of the People called *Quakers*, for the Poor Rates only, at ſuch a reduced yearly Rental as the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or the major Part of them for that Purpoſe in Veſtry aſſembled ſhall think reaſonable, ſo that no ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments be rated at leſs than One-half or more than Three-fourths of the Rack Rent at which the ſame reſpectively ſhall then be let, or of the annual Value of the ſaid Pre-miſes reſpectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees of all ſuch Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments as ſhall not exceed the yearly Rent of Twenty Pounds, or as ſhall be let to any Weekly or Monthly Tenant, or in ſeparate Apartments furniſhed or un-furniſhed, and from whence the ſeveral Rents thereof ſhall become due and be collected at any ſhorter Period than Quarterly, is and are hereby required to enter into ſuch Compoſition with the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or the major Part of them ſo aſſembled; and in caſe ſuch Land-lord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees ſhall refuſe to enter into ſuch Compoſition, he, ſhe, or they ſhall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes, and ſhall thereupon be rated to and from Time to Time ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid the Rates or Aſſeſſments charged upon their reſpective Premiſes, for the

the Relief of the Poor and all other the parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh made, as aforeſaid, according to a fair and equal Aſſeſſment by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or the major Part of them ſo aſſembled, or the ſaid Veſtry, and upon Nonpayment thereof or of the Amount of ſuch Compoſition, the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers or any of them are hereby authorized to levy the ſame by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees of the reſpective Premiſes aforeſaid, wherefoever they may be found, or of the Perſon or Perſons inhabiting the ſame reſpectively: Provided always, that no ſuch Landlord, Owner, or Leſſee ſhall be charged with or be 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 Rates heretofore chargeable upon the ſeveral Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes; and provided alſo, that the Goods and Chattels of all and every Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments whereof the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners is and are hereby made liable and ſubject to as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable at all Times to be diſtrained and ſold for Payment of ſuch of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and of all Arrears thereof as became due upon the ſaid Premiſes during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only, but no ſuch Occupier or Occupiers ſhall at any Time be required to pay or be ſubject or liable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Diſcharge of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments or any of them, and Arrears thereof, than the Amount of the Rent actually due or payable by ſuch Occupier or Occupiers to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees of the Premiſes ſo occupied by him, her, or them: Provided alſo, that each and every Occupier who ſhall pay any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments or any Arrears thereof, or upon whom the ſame ſhall be levied, ſhall and may from Time to Time deduct the ſame from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them to the reſpective Landlords, Owners or Leſſees of the Premiſes, (unleſs there ſhall be ſome Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant), and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Occupier or Occupiers, and to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall pay in the Manner directed by this Act: Provided alſo, that no ſuch Tenant or Occupier, by Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments in Manner aforeſaid, or which ſhall have been compounded for as aforeſaid, ſhall by ſuch Payment, Reſidence, or Occupation be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh, but in every ſuch Caſe the Landlord, Owner, or Leſſee of the Premiſes ſhall be deemed and conſtrued to have paid the ſame, and ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and provided alſo, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to affect the Right of any Perſon or Perſons to vote at any Election for a Member or Members to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Southwark*.

For Recovery of Rates on Refuſal.

III. And, for the better and more effectual raiſing and levying the Rates or Aſſeſſments for the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor, and all other the Rates and Aſſeſſments made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, or which are mentioned in or authorized and directed by this Act; be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the Landlords or Occupiers or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or

Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees of any Land, Ground, Dwelling Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vaults, Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh, herein-before made liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment made, laid, and aſſeſſed by virtue or under the Powers of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the Money rated and aſſeſſed upon him, her, or them reſpectively, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates or the Amount of any ſuch Compoſition or Compoſitions, it ſhall be lawful to and for any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting for the Eaſtern Half-Hundred of *Brixton* and Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to ſummon, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have refuſed or neglected as aforeſaid upon Oath, (or Affirmation if made by a Quaker) being made before him or them by any One of the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, or by a Collector of the ſaid Rate or Rates for the Time being, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling Houſe or laſt Place of Abode of all and every Perſon and Perſons then intended to be ſummoned, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Compoſition or Compoſitions of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and of ſuch Perſon or Perſons having refuſed or neglected to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates, Compoſition or Compoſitions, to appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in ſuch Summons, or before ſuch other Juſtice or Juſtices acting in and for the ſaid Eaſtern Half-Hundred of *Brixton* and Borough of *Southwark* as ſhall be ſitting upon the Return of ſuch Summons or Summonſes; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors, or for any One or more of them, or of the Conſtables or Beadles of the ſaid Pariſh, to ſerve all and every ſuch Summons and Summonſes upon all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay as aforeſaid, either by delivering the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons thereby intended to be ſummoned, or leaving the ſame at his, her, or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premiſes for which the Rates or Compoſition mentioned in ſuch Summons ſhall remain due and owing; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned ſhall refuſe or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in ſuch Summons, or if he, ſhe, or they ſhall attend and ſhall not ſhew good and ſufficient Cauſe to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices that they are not chargeable with ſuch Rate or Rates, Compoſition or Compoſitions, then and in every ſuch Caſe all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have been ſo ſummoned ſhall pay the reaſonable Coſts and Charges of ſuch Summons; and in all Caſes where the ſaid Rate or Rates, Compoſition or Compoſitions, or any of them ſhall not be paid upon the Return of ſuch Summons, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices who ſhall have iſſued ſuch Summons or Summonſes as aforeſaid, or ſome other Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid Eaſtern Half-Hundred of *Brixton* and Borough of *Southwark*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required upon Oath being made before him or them of the due Service of ſuch Summons or Summonſes by the Party who ſhall have ſerved the ſame, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand or Hands, Seal or Seals, authorizing or directing the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors, or any Conſtable or Beadle of the ſaid Pariſh, or any One or more of them, to collect or levy all and every ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, Compoſition or Compoſitions, and all Arrears thereof;

thereof, and the Expence of the Summons (if the ſame ſhall not have been before paid) and Warrant, by Diſtreſs of the Goods and Chattels of the Party ſo neglecting or refuſing, which ſhall be found either within the ſaid Pariſh or elſewhere; and if within Five Days next after any ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, Compoſition or Compoſitions, with all Arrears due thereon ſhall not be paid, together with the reaſonable Charges of the ſaid Summons (if ſuch Summons ſhall not have been before paid for) and Warrant, and of making ſuch Diſtreſs and keeping ſuch Goods and Chattels, the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors, Conſtable or Conſtables, Beadle or Beadles, or any One or more of them, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Goods to be appraiſed by One or more Appraiſer or Appraiſers, and to be ſold, or ſuch Part or Parts thereof as ſhall be ſufficient to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, Compoſition or Compoſitions, together with all Arrears due thereon and the reaſonable Charges aforeſaid, and the Charges of appraiſing and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her or them.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Diſtreſs for Non-payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made in or for the ſaid Pariſh, or any or either of them, or of ſuch Compoſition or Compoſitions, ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following: Form of Warrant of Diſtreſs.

Surrey, to wit. } ‘ To the Churchwardens, Overſeers, and Collectors of the Poor ‘ or other Rates of the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, ‘ *Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, and to all Conſtables, ‘ Beadles, and other Peace Officers for the ſame Pariſh.

‘ WHEREAS the under-mentioned Perſons, now or late Inhabitants, ‘ Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers or Enjoyers of Lands, ‘ Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, ‘ or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of ſome ‘ Building or Tenement within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, ‘ were and are truly rated and aſſeſſed or liable to pay the Rate and Rates ‘ duly made for the Purpoſe of an Act made in the Fiftieth Year of the ‘ Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*here ſet forth the* ‘ *Title of this Act*] or of the Act or Acts therein mentioned or referred to: ‘ And whereas the ſaid Perſons have refuſed or neglected to pay the ſeveral ‘ Sums of Money at and againſt their Names hereunder reſpectively ſet ‘ down for Money due from them, for or towards the Purpoſes in the ſaid ‘ Act mentioned, and the ſaid ſeveral Sum and Sums are ſtill remaining ‘ due in Arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to ‘ of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County; and the ſaid ‘ ſeveral Perſons having been ſummoned to appear before ‘ to anſwer the Premiſes, as alſo appeareth to ‘ the ſaid Juſtice [*or* Juſtices], upon Oath [*or*, Affirmation if a Quaker], ‘ and nor neither of them, having ſhewn any ‘ ſufficient Cauſe why ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhould not be paid; ‘ Theſe are therefore in His Majeſty's Name to will and require you or ‘ either of you forthwith to levy the ſaid ſeveral Sums due from the ſaid ‘ Perſons, and hereunto joined to or ſet againſt their Names reſpectively, ‘ by Diſtreſs and Sale of their reſpective Goods and Chattels (ſuch Goods

'and Chattels being kept before the ſame are ſold, until the Seventh Day 'after ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, including the Day on which it ſhall be 'made and the Day of Sale, and if ſuch Seventh Day ſhall happen to be '*Sunday*, then ſuch Sale ſhall be on the next or following Day) rendering 'to them reſpectively the Overplus (if any be), the reaſonable Charges of 'ſuch Diſtreſs, Sale and Keeping being firſt deducted, and if no ſufficient 'Diſtreſs can be had or taken, that then you certify the ſame to me [*or* 'us], to the End that ſuch further Proceedings may be had therein as to 'the Law doth appertain: And I [*or*, we] do hereby ſtrictly charge and 'command all and ſingular the Conſtables and other His Majeſty's Peace 'Officers for the ſaid County, to be aiding and aſſiſting in all Things re-'lating to the Premiſes. Given under my [*or*, our] Hand [*or*, Hands] 'and Seal [*or*, Seals] this Day of in the Year 'of our Lord

	SUMS DUE.
	£. s. d.
'*A. B.*	
'*C. D.*	
'*E. F.* The Landlord for divided Premiſes - -	
'*G. H.* The Landlord for Houſes in 'Street compounded for - -	
'*E. F.* Landlord [*or*, Receiver, &c. *as the Caſe may be*]	
'*K. L.* Tenant - - -	

Perſons receiving Rents to be deemed the Owners.

V. Provided always, and to prevent Diſputes touching the Deſignation of the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees intended to be made liable by this Act; be it enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons receiving or claiming to be entitled to the Rents of every ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditaments or Premiſes, immediately payable by the Tenants or Occupiers thereof reſpectively, ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſame for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall continue to be rated to and liable to the Payment of all and every ſuch Rates as aforeſaid, until ſome other Perſon or Perſons ſhall be rated to or pay the ſame, unleſs the real Landlord, Owner or Leſſee is known to or voluntarily compounds for the ſame with the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers as aforeſaid.

Compoſitions to remain in force until altered by the Churchwardens, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That from and after any Compoſition ſhall be made with the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers as herein-before mentioned, the Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments therein comprized, ſhall be rated and aſſeſſed according to the ſame reduced Rental in every future Pariſh Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers or the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, until the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers or Veſtry ſhall think proper otherwiſe to rate and aſſeſs the ſaid Premiſes.

How Rates may be collected from Parties removing or coming into the Pariſh.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall remove out of or from or quit the Poſſeſſion of any Houſe, Shop, Building, Tenement or other Premiſes, before any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments charged thereon reſpectively ſhall be paid and diſcharged, or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall enter into the Occupation of any Houſe, Shop, Building, Tenement, or other Premiſes in the ſaid Pariſh, out of or from which any other Perſon or Perſons ſhall have ſo removed,

moved, before ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments ſhall have been paid and diſcharged, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo removing out of or from or quitting the Poſſeſſion of, and the Perſon or Perſons entering into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Shop, Building, Tenement, or other Premiſes, ſhall be reſpectively ſubject and liable to the Payment of all ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments in Proportion to the Time that ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively poſſeſſed or occupied the ſame, in the ſame Manner as if the Perſon or Perſons ſo removing or quitting as aforeſaid, had remained in the Poſſeſſion or Occupation of ſuch Houſe, Shop, Building, Tenement, or other Premiſes, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo entering into the Poſſeſſion or Occupation thereof reſpectively had been originally rated and aſſeſſed to ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments or any of them, and ſuch Proportion ſhall be aſcertained by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and in caſe of any Diſpute reſpecting the Amount or Proportion thereof, the ſame ſhall be ſettled by any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Surrey*.

For levying Rates from Perſons removing out of the Pariſh upon the Eve of their being made.

VII. 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 which may be rated on them, reſpectively quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements or Hereditaments, and remove out of the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore further enacted, That when any Perſon or Perſons who hath or have been ſo rated and aſſeſſed, ſhall quit or be about to quit his or their Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, before he, ſhe, or they ſhall have paid the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment to the Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors, or any One of them, 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 *Surrey*, (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant), Oath (or Affirmation if by a Quaker) being firſt made by the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, Collector or Collectors, before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, 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, her, or their Goods and Chattels, and if ſuch Warrant is to be executed out of the ſaid County of *Surrey*, the ſame being firſt backed or counterſigned by ſome Magiſtrate of the County, City, or Liberty in which it is to be executed (which Warrant ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby required to back or counterſign), to diſtrain the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments wherever they may be found, and to ſell the ſame, rendering the Overplus (if any) after having deducted the reaſonable Charges and Expences attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively upon Demand thereof made.

IX. And

Expences of making Diſtreſs to be paid with the Rates.

IX. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for Nonpayment of any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh or the Veſtry thereof, or any Part thereof reſpectively, 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, upon the Goods and Chattels, over and above the Sum of Money due upon the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments for which ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be taken.

Omiſſions in Rates may be rectified.

X. And be it further enacted, That if it ſhall appear to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or to any Four of them, at any Time after making of any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as is herein-before mentioned, that the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons liable to be included in ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment hath or have been omitted therein, or the Sum or Sums which he, ſhe, or they ought to have been aſſeſſed hath or have been omitted to be carried out, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any Four of them, to add or cauſe to be added to ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons, together with the Sum or Sums for which he, ſhe, or they ought to be rated, and the Sum or Sums ſo omitted to be carried out, 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 and ſigned or allowed.

Veſtry Clerk to inſpect Land Tax Aſſeſſments.

XI. And be it further enacted, That for the better making the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made in or for the ſaid Pariſh as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for any Clerk or Clerks to the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the ſaid Veſtry, or the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, for that Purpoſe from Time to Time, at all convenient Times to inſpect the Book or Books of Aſſeſſments or Rates of the Land Tax or aſſeſſed Taxes for the ſaid Pariſh, and to take Copies thereof if neceſſary, the Expence whereof the Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh are to pay; and the Clerk or Clerks, Collector or Collectors for the Time being to the Commiſſioners of the Land Tax or of the Aſſeſſed Taxes, acting from Time to Time for the Diviſion wherein the ſaid Pariſh is ſituated, ſhall and are hereby directed and required to permit ſuch Clerk or Clerks, Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed, at all reaſonable Times to inſpect the ſaid Books and to take Extracts from them and to make Copies of the ſame; and the Inhabitants or Occupiers of all and every the Meſſuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh, are hereby required from Time to Time, as often as they ſhall be applied to for that Purpoſe, to inform the Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor or other Perſons authorized by this Act to aſſeſs or rate ſuch Premiſes, what Rent or Rents they pay for the ſame, and whether Weekly or otherwiſe, and who is or are the Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, Leſſee or Leſſees, or Receiver or Receivers of the Rents thereof reſpectively; and if any ſuch Inhabitant or Occupier ſhall upon any ſuch Enquiry wilfully and knowingly give falſe Information relative thereto, he, ſhe, or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings to the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for the

the Uſe of the Poor thereof, to be recovered before any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Surrey*, in ſuch Manner and Form and with ſuch Coſts as any other Penalty or Penalties inflicted by this Act may be recovered.

Agreements between Landlords and Tenants to remain in force.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued, deemed, or taken to impeach, alter, or make void any Agreement made between Landlord and Tenant in any Leaſe now granted or hereafter to be granted purſuant to any Contract or Agreement now exiſting, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Churchwardens and Overſeers may remit Rates overcharged, or for Poverty.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any Four or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, upon the Complaint or Requeſt of any Perſon or Perſons liable to the Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, who ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved thereby, to mitigate or reduce the ſame as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think juſt and reaſonable, and alſo for any Two or more of them to remit or excuſe the Payment thereof on account of the Poverty of any Perſon or Perſons liable to pay the ſame, and ſo complaining or requeſting the Remiſſion or Reduction of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, or any Part thereof.

Inhabitants may be appointed by Veſtry to aſſiſt the Churchwardens, &c. to make equal Rates.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That for the better enabling the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor to make fair and equal Rates and Aſſeſſments for the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and other the Rates and Aſſeſſments mentioned in this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry aſſembled Yearly, on *Tueſday* in *Eaſter* Week in each Year, upon the Requeſt in Writing of the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers for the Time being, or any Four or more of them, to nominate and chuſe Twelve ſubſtantial Inhabitant Houſeholders, each of whom ſhall have ſerved the Office of Overſeer of the Poor in and for the ſaid Pariſh, who together with the Churchwardens and Overſeers, or the Majority of them preſent at any Meeting for that Purpoſe, ſhall eſtimate and aſcertain the yearly Value or Rental of all and every or any of the Houſes, Meſſuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments liable to be aſſeſſed within ſuch Pariſh, and who are the Occupiers and Proprietors or Landlords, Leſſee or Leſſees, or Receivers of the Rents thereof, and ſuch Eſtimate or Valuation ſhall not be altered during the Year for which ſuch Perſons ſhall be choſen (except in Caſes of Appeal made by any Perſon or Perſons thinking himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment), but by a Majority of the Perſons hereby authorized to make the ſaid Eſtimate or Valuation, preſent at a Meeting, to which they ſhall be all ſummoned by the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks for the Time being: Provided always, that no Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall be entitled to a Vote or Voice at or in any Veſtry to be held for the ſaid Pariſh, who ſhall not have paid or ſhall not then pay all and every the Rates or Aſſeſſments made as aforeſaid upon him, her, or them, or for which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be liable, provided the ſame hath or have been or ſhall be then and there lawfully demanded of him, her,

or them, and no Notice of Appeal ſhall have been given againſt the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments ſo demanded.

Puniſhment for Perſons buying or taking into Pawn any Cloaths, &c.

XV. And whereas many Perſons maintained and clothed in the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh pawn and diſpoſe of their Cloaths and Apparel, and the Goods and Chattels depoſited in or belonging to the ſaid Workhouſe, and poor Perſons relieved by having Cloaths and Apparel given them pawn or ſell the ſame, and by the Laws now in being no Puniſhment can be inflicted on them, or on the Perſon or Perſons buying or receiving the ſame into Pawn; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy, pawn, or receive into Pawn, or ſecrete any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor who are or ſhall be received into and maintained in the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, or to whom the ſame ſhall have been given by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh or any of them, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the ſaid Workhouſe to be wrought up, manufactured, or uſed by the Poor there, or any of the Goods and Furniture of the ſaid Workhouſe, or ſhall receive or buy any of the Proviſions allotted to or provided for the Poor in the ſaid Workhouſe, or ſhall be aiding or aſſiſting therein, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, upon Conviction on Oath before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace acting in or for the ſaid County of *Surrey*, which Penalty ſhall be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, and One Moiety of ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Churchwardens and Overſeers for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh, to be applied by them as they may think fit in Aid of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found whereon to make ſuch Diſtreſs, or if the ſaid Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the County Gaol for the ſaid County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Penalty and all Expences ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Diſorderly Perſons may be puniſhed.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Perſon maintained in the ſaid Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall embezzle or purloin any of the Apparel provided for any of the Poor, or the Goods or Proviſions provided for or belonging to the ſaid Workhouſe, or any Materials for Work, or ſhall refuſe to work, or ſhall be guilty of profane Curſing or Swearing, or otherwiſe miſbehave himſelf or herſelf, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending to be puniſhed, either by Confinement for any Time not exceeding Forty-eight Hours in the ſaid Workhouſe, or by Diſtinction in Dreſs or Diet, as they may think will beſt tend to remedy and prevent ſuch Offences in future.

XVII. And

For receiving distreſſed Children.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor or any or either of them, from Time to Time to cauſe ſuch Child or Children as ſhall be under the Age of Fifteen Years, who ſhall be found wandering or begging within the ſaid Pariſh, to be taken up and ſent to the ſaid Workhouſe, there to be kept, detained and employed, until he or ſhe ſhall have attained the Age of Fifteen Years, unleſs he or ſhe ſhall be bound Apprentice or be removed to the Place of his or her legal Settlement, and alſo to cauſe any Perſon who ſhall be found wandering, begging, or committing any Act of Vagrancy, Tumult or Riot within the ſaid Pariſh, to be ſent to the ſaid Workhouſe, there to be detained, kept, and employed for ſo long a Time as the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor ſhall direct, or until he or ſhe ſhall be legally removed or otherwiſe diſcharged by due Courſe of Law; and in caſe of Miſbehaviour of any ſuch Perſon, the ſame Methods of Puniſhment may be uſed with them as the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers are hereby authorized to uſe with reſpect to any other Perſon within the ſaid Workhouſe.

Paupers may be removed by Beadles, &c. inſtead of Overſeers.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any poor Perſon or Perſons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants, ſhall be ordered or removed from the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, to the Pariſh or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, if they ſhall think fit, to cauſe ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, to be reſpectively removed in the uſual Manner of removing Paupers or Vagrants, by a Beadle or ſome Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, or any Two of them for that Purpoſe, by Writing under their Hands, and every Overſeer and other proper Officer of the Pariſh or Place to which ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, ſhall be ordered to be removed as aforeſaid, is hereby required to receive every ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he or they would have been bound to do if ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, had been delivered to him, her, or them by One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, or a Conſtable thereof; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Churchwardens may take Bonds to indemnify againſt Expences of Baſtard Children.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor to take, accept, and receive any Bond or Security from any Perſon or Perſons for indemnifying the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh againſt any of 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.

Bonds may be recovered in the Name of the Churchwardens for the Time being.

XX. 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 Churchwardens of the ſaid

Pariſh generally without naming them, and may be ſued or recovered upon in the Names of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being.

Power to borrow Money on the Credit of the Rector's Rate. 47 G. 3.

XXI. And whereas it may be expedient to borrow and take up Money at Intereſt, or by way of Annuity or Annuities for Lives, for the Purpoſes mentioned in an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for making better Proviſion for the Support and Maintenance of the Rector for the Time being of the Pariſh of* Saint George the Martyr, Southwark, *in the County of* Surrey; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, at any Time or Times hereafter to borrow and take up at Intereſt, or by way of Annuity or Annuities for Lives, with the Conſent of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry aſſembled, in Manner herein-after mentioned, any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act, not exceeding the Sum of Three thouſand Pounds.

Veſtry may borrow Money for the Purpoſes of the Act.

XXII. And whereas it may be expedient for the ſaid Pariſh to borrow and take up Money at Intereſt, or by way of Annuity for Lives, for the Purpoſes of rebuilding or repairing the Church or the Workhouſe of and belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, or for the Payment of Money on account thereof; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, with the Conſent of the Inhabitants in Veſtry aſſembled as herein-after is mentioned, to borrow and take up ſuch further Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding at any One Time the Sum of Three thouſand Pounds, for the rebuilding or repairing the Church or Workhouſe of and belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, or for the Payment of Money on account thereof.

No Money to be borrowed without Conſent of the Inhabitants in Veſtry aſſembled

XXIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That no Sum or Sums of Money whatever ſhall be taken up or borrowed without the Conſent and Approbation of a Majority of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh aſſembled in public Veſtry, and which Veſtry ſhall be expreſsly called for that Purpoſe, and of which Notice ſhall be given in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh during Divine Service on Two ſucceſſive *Sundays* previous to ſuch Veſtry being holden, and the Proceedings of which Veſtry ſhall be ratified and confirmed in like Manner at a ſubſequent Veſtry to be alſo holden for that expreſs Purpoſe, and of which laſt mentioned Veſtry Notice ſhall alſo be given in Church during Divine Service the *Sunday* preceding, and until ſuch Ratification and Confirmation, no Sum or Sums of Money whatever ſhall be taken up or borrowed; and in caſe the ſame ſhall be advanced otherwiſe than by way of Annuity or Annuities, then that each Bond, Warrant, or other Security ſhall be made for the Sum of One hundred Pounds and Intereſt, and no more; and that the Principal Money ſo ſecured by Bonds or Warrants ſhall be paid and diſcharged by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers by yearly Inſtalments or Payments of Five Pounds each, together with the Intereſt on the Money ſo advanced, or ſuch Parts thereof as ſhall from Time to Time remain unpaid, ſuch Inſtalment and Intereſt to be paid on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* Yearly, and without any Preference whatſoever; which ſaid Bonds or Warrants

and alſo the Bonds or Warrants for ſecuring any Life Annuity or Annuities, ſhall and may be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay),

'WE whoſe Hands and Seals are hereunto ſubſcribed and ſet, being or more of the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr, Southwark*, in the County of *Surrey*, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] in Conſideration of the Sum of advanced and lent by of to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, upon the Credit and for the Purpoſes mentioned or referred to in the ſaid Act, do hereby charge and make liable the Rates or Aſſeſſments made or to be made for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act or any the Acts therein recited, with the Repayment of the ſaid Sum of with lawful Intereſt for the ſame, to be paid to the ſaid Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, by Inſtalments or annual Payments of Pounds, together with Intereſt at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the ſaid principal Sum of or ſo much thereof as ſhall from Time to Time remain due on the Day of yearly, the Firſt Payment to be made on the Day of next enſuing [*or*, with the Sum of to the ſaid *A.B.* or his or her Aſſigns Yearly and every Year by Half-yearly Payments for and during the natural Life of the ſaid *A.B.* the Firſt Payment thereof to begin and be made on the Day of now next enſuing.] In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals the Day of in the Year of our Lord

And every ſuch Bond or Warrant ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Purpoſes thereby intended or therein expreſſed.

For altering the Mode of collecting the Rector's Rate.

XXIV. And whereas the Method of levying and recovering the Payment of the Rate or Aſſeſſment for the Support and Maintenance of the Rector for the Time being of the Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, as directed by the ſaid laſt recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty, hath been found very inconvenient, troubleſome, and unproductive; be it therefore enacted, That ſo much and ſuch Part of the ſaid recited Act as relates to the Method of levying the Rate or Aſſeſſment therein mentioned upon any Perſon or Perſons refuſing or neglecting to pay the ſame, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and that inſtead thereof the Payment of all and each and every Rate and Rates, Aſſeſſment and Aſſeſſments which have or hath been heretofore made or which ſhall hereafter be made under or by virtue or in purſuance of the ſaid Act, ſhall be enforced and recovered by ſuch Ways and Means and in ſuch and in the ſame Manner in all Reſpects as the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments for and towards the neceſſary Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, are herein-before directed to be enforced and recovered.

As to Exemptions from serving the Office of Overseer of the Poor. Recital of Act 23 G. 3.

XXV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to prevent Prisoners in the King's Bench Prison or the Rules thereof, or their Families or Servants gaining Settlements in the Parish of* Saint George the Martyr, *in the Borough of* Southwark *and County of* Surrey, *and for the Relief of the said Parish with respect to the Families of Prisoners in the said King's Bench or the Marshalsea Prison, or in the County Gaol or House of Correction belonging to the said County, for regulating the Manner of chusing Overseers of the Poor, and for appointing Collectors of the Poor Rates within the said Parish*, it is enacted, that the Inhabitants of the said Parish in Vestry shall nominate Four substantial Householders to serve the Office of Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, and shall cause a List of the Names of the said Four Persons to be delivered to the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Eastern Half Hundred of *Brixton* and Borough of *Southwark*, in the said County of *Surrey*, at the next ensuing Petty Session, for their Appointment of Two of the said Four Persons to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and which Nomination and Appointment is directed to be made on *Easter Tuesday* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* Yearly, unless the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* shall happen to be on a *Sunday*, and then the Nomination is to be on the next Day: And whereas it hath happened that the Persons so nominated or some of them, have at the Time of such Nomination possessed or been entitled to an Exemption from serving the said Office, or have between the Time of such Nomination and the next Petty Session purchased and had assigned to him or them a Certificate of a Judge of Assize, and thereby been exempted from serving the said Office of Overseer of the Poor, which has occasioned much Inconvenience and deprived the Justices of their Power of Appointment as intended by the said last recited Act, and if the Practice is continued may occasion an additional Burthen to the Persons who have served the said Office, by continuing them therein for a longer Period than they otherwise should be; And whereas the Vestry can only nominate Persons to serve the said Office on the Days mentioned in the said last recited Act; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no substantial Householder in the said Parish shall be exempted or discharged from serving the said Office of Overseer of the Poor thereof, when nominated thereto by the Vestry of the said Parish, unless such Person shall attend at the said Vestry and then and there claim and verify, or shall have attended at some Vestry holden previous thereto and claimed and verified such Exemption or Right or Privilege of being discharged of and from the Service of the said Office of Overseer of the Poor; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that when any Person so entitled to be exempted and discharged from the said Office, shall have once attended and claimed and verified the same at any such Vestry, and a Minute thereof hath been made by the Vestry Clerk for the Time being, such Person shall at all Times thenafter, so long as such Exemption or Right of Discharge continues, be privileged and discharged from serving the said Office of Overseer of the Poor within the said Parish.

Householders not exempted from serving as Overseers unless verified at some Vestry.

Collectors to account to Churchwardens, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That so much and such Part of the said recited Act of the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty,

Majeſty, as relates to or directs that the Collectors of the Poor Rates of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall reſpectively make up and render to the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh in Manner therein mentioned, an Account of all the Monies collected and received by them reſpectively, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and in lieu and ſtead thereof, be it enacted, that the ſaid Collectors ſhall reſpectively when and as often as they ſhall be thereunto reſpectively required by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, or any Three of them, make up and render to the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers a full, true, and perfect Account upon Oath (if required) which Oath the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any Three or more of them are hereby required and empowered to adminiſter, of all the Monies collected and received by them reſpectively as ſuch Collector or Collectors.

Apprentices to Priſoners not to gain Settlements.

XXVII. And whereas by the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, it is enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall gain or be adjudged or deemed to gain a Settlement within the ſaid Pariſh, by or by reaſon or on account of having lived or reſided with any Priſoner or Priſoners within the ſaid Priſon of the King's Bench, or the Rules thereof, as or in the Capacity of a hired Servant: And whereas it is not expedient that Perſons ſhould gain Settlements in the ſaid Pariſh by living with any ſuch Priſoner or Priſoners in the ſaid Pariſh under any Contract of Apprenticeſhip, unleſs as hereinafter is excepted; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, no Perſon ſhall gain a Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh by having lived with or ſerved any Priſoner or Priſoners within the Priſons in the ſaid Pariſh or either of them, or the Rules thereof, as or in the Capacity of an Apprentice, except and unleſs ſuch Apprentice ſhall during his Apprenticeſhip have actually lived and reſided with and in the Service of ſuch Priſoner within One of the ſaid Priſons in the ſaid Pariſh, or the Rules thereof, by the Space of One whole Year.

Perſons not to gain a Settlement by Occupancy, &c. within any of the public Charities in the Pariſh.

XXVIII. And whereas there are a great Number of charitable Inſtitutions and Societies within the ſaid Pariſh, in which many Children are kept as Apprentices or otherwiſe, and wherein many other Perſons are employed, and which Inſtitutions and Societies do not contribute any Thing to the Exigencies of the ſaid Pariſh; therefore, be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall gain or be deemed or adjudged to gain or acquire a Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint-George the Martyr*, by reaſon or means of any Occupation, Reſidence, Hiring, Service, or Apprenticeſhip in or to any of the public Schools, Hoſpitals, Aſylums, Reforms, or other charitable Inſtitutions or Societies, now or which ſhall hereafter be ſituated, eſtabliſhed, or be within the ſaid Pariſh, or to any Perſon or Perſons reſiding or dwelling within the ſaid Pariſh, with or to whom he, ſhe, or they may be bound, placed, or put out by the Governors, Manager, Directors, or Servants of any or either of ſuch Schools, Hoſpitals, Aſylums, Reforms, or other charitable Inſtitutions or Societies.

Auditors to be appointed to examine

XXIX. And whereas it hath for many Years paſt been cuſtomary in the ſaid Pariſh for the Veſtry thereof on *Eaſter Tueſday* in every Year, to nominate

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nominate Fourteen Inhabitant Houſeholders, having ſerved the Office of Overſeer of the Poor thereof, together with the Churchwardens for the Time being, to be Auditors or Examiners of all the Pariſh Accounts, and ſuch Auditors have from Time to Time examined and allowed the Accounts of all Perſons who have ſerved Offices in the ſaid Pariſh, and which Cuſtom hath been found very beneficial to the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry aſſembled, or the Majority of them, on *Eaſter Tueſday* in every Year to nominate and chuſe Fourteen ſubſtantial Inhabitant Houſeholders of the ſaid Pariſh, who have ſerved the Office of Overſeer of the Poor therein, who together with the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, ſhall be and are hereby appointed Auditors or Examiners of the Accounts of all and every Perſon and Perſons ſerving or having ſerved any Office in the ſaid Pariſh, or having any Pariſh Money in his, her, or their Hands, and ſuch Auditors are hereby required to meet every Third *Thurſday* in the Months of *January* and *July* in each Year (or oftener as herein-after is mentioned) in the Veſtry Room of or ſome other convenient Place within the ſaid Pariſh, and they ſhall then and there examine and audit all Accounts of and belonging or relating to the ſaid Pariſh as ſhall be ready or be produced to them for that Purpoſe, and no Sum or Sums of Money whatever ſhall paſs in any of ſuch Accounts, but ſuch as ſhall be allowed or paſſed by the ſaid Auditors: Provided always, that no Account ſhall be audited or examined, nor any Buſineſs done by the ſaid Auditors at any of their Meetings, unleſs Five of them at leaſt are preſent.

Auditors may ſummon Pariſh Officers to account.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Auditors or Examiners for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time by Writing under their Hands, to give Notice to and direct the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks for the Time being to ſummon a Meeting of the ſaid Auditors, to be holden at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be expreſſed in ſuch Notice, within One Calendar Month from the Date thereof, and alſo to ſummon and require to attend at ſuch Meeting the Perſon or Perſons having been or being Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overſeer or Overſeers of the Poor, or Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of the ſaid Pariſh for the paſt or the current Year, or any other Perſon or Perſons holding or having held any Office in the ſaid Pariſh, and whoſe Accounts ſhall be unſettled, as ſhall be named in ſuch Notice, and which Notice the ſaid Veſtry Clerk or Clerks is or are hereby required to ſerve or cauſe to be ſerved on ſuch Perſon or Perſons, either perſonally or by leaving ſuch Notice or Summons at his or their laſt or moſt uſual Place or Places of Abode within the ſaid Pariſh, at leaſt Seven Days before ſuch Meeting, and at which Meeting ſuch Perſon or Perſons having ſerved or being then ſerving either of the ſaid or any other Office within the ſaid Pariſh as aforeſaid, ſhall and they and each of them are hereby required to deliver into ſuch Meeting a juſt and true Account or Accounts in Writing of all Monies which they or either of them ſhall have received or paid on Account of their ſaid Offices reſpectively, and ſhall produce, ſhew, and deliver (if required) all the Vouchers of and for the Payments by them reſpectively charged and made, and ſhall if thereunto required, verify ſuch Account upon Oath or Affirmation (as the Caſe may be) before One

or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid County, and which Oath or Affirmation any or every ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter without Fee or Reward; and if the ſaid Perſon or Perſons having been or being Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overſeer or Overſeers of the Poor, or Surveyor or Surveyors of the ſaid Pariſh for paſt or the current Year, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, or either of them, ſhall refuſe or neglect to render ſuch Account or Accounts and to verify the ſame as aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon for every ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, One Moiety to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, to be applied in Aid of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor, and the other Moiety to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed, and the Balance and Balances or Sum and Sums of Money from Time to Time found due to or from the ſaid Pariſh upon the taking of ſuch Accounts or any of them, by any Five or more of the ſaid Auditors, ſhall be paid or recovered in ſuch and the ſame Manner as any Balance or Balances, Sum or Sums of Money found due to or from any Overſeer of the Poor, or Perſon having ſerved that Office, may by Law be paid or recovered, and the Perſon and Perſons liable to the Payment thereof, and every of them, ſhall be ſubject to the ſame Puniſhment, Penalties, Fines and Forfeitures, as they reſpectively by Law are or may be ſubject or liable to for the Nonpayment thereof or of any Part thereof.

Orders and Proceedings of Veſtry to be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpoſe.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Orders, or Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, or the Churchwardens and Overſeers thereof, or of the ſaid Auditors or Aſſeſſors at any of their Meetings, ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks for that Purpoſe, and ſhall be ſigned by him and Four of the ſaid Veſtry, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, or of the ſaid Auditors or Aſſeſſors, and ſuch Books ſo ſigned ſhall and may be produced and read as Evidence in all Courts whatſoever, of all ſuch Acts, Orders, and Proceedings.

Veſtry Books may be inſpected by Perſons intereſted.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons paying or contributing to the Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, or any of them, ſhall be at Liberty from Time to Time to inſpect the ſame, or any of them, or the ſaid Books or any of them, upon Payment of the Sum of Two Shillings, and to demand and have Copies or Extracts of or from the ſame or any of them, upon Payment of the Sum of Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words or Figures.

Laws reſpecting Churchwardens, &c. not hereby altered to continue in force.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Proviſions, Powers, Articles, Clauſes, Impoſitions, Diſtribution of Penalties and Powers of Recovery thereof, and all other Matters and Things in the ſaid recited Acts or either of them, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor and Surveyors of the Highways, contained and preſcribed and not hereby repealed, varied, or altered,

altered, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect, and shall be applied and extended to this Act as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were severally and respectively again herein repeated or re-enacted.

Penalty on Persons damaging Church or Church Yard, &c.

XXXIV. And whereas the said Parish hath lately been put to very great Expence, and the Parishioners thereof have paid many Rates for and towards the Repair and Amendment of the Church and Church Yards of and belonging to the said Parish; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, throw down, or otherwise damage any Tomb or Monument erected, placed, or set up, or to be erected, placed, or set up in the Church or Church Yard of the said Parish, or any Rails thereto affixed, or the Rails, Doors, Gates, Walls, Fences, or any other Thing of or belonging to the said Church or Church Yard, or any Burial Ground belonging to the said Parish, or shall dig, break up or remove the Ground or Soil thereof (not being thereunto properly authorized by the Churchwardens or Sexton of the said Parish for the Time being, or One of them) it shall be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Surrey*, or for any One or more Magistrate or Magistrates of the County, City, or Place wherein such Person or Persons so offending shall reside or be, and such Justice or Justices, Magistrate or Magistrates is and are hereby required, upon Oath being made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before him or them, of the Commission of any such Offence, to issue a Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Person or Persons accused thereof, or it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see any such Offence committed to apprehend, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in apprehending such Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant, to convey him, her, or them before any such Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Surrey*, or to deliver him, her, or them into the Custody of any Constable or other Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before such Justice of the Peace to be dealt with as herein-after is directed; and the Person or Persons so accused being brought before any such Justice or Justices, Magistrate or Magistrates, or who being duly summoned to appear shall neglect so to do, the said Justice or Justices, Magistrate or Magistrates shall and may, either on the Confession of the Person or Persons so offending, or on Proof of such Offence by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, convict such Offender or Offenders of the said Offence or Offences, and order or adjudge him, her, or them to forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds and not less than Forty Shillings, for each and every such Offence, and also the Expences and Charges of repairing and making good the Damage by him, her, or them occasioned or committed; which Expences and Charges shall be ascertained by the said Justice or Magistrate, Justices or Magistrates in and by the said Conviction, One Moiety of the said Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety together with the said Expences and Charges, to be paid to the said Churchwardens and Overseers, which last Moiety is to be by them applied for the Purposes of this Act, and the said Expences and Charges to go to the repairing and making good such Damages as shall by such Offender or Offenders have been occasioned or committed;

mitted; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not upon such Conviction pay such Forfeiture, together with the Expences and Charges so adjudged, such Justice or Justices, Magistrate or Magistrates is and are hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Expences, and Charges shall be sooner paid.

Form of Conviction.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence committed against this or the herein-before recited Acts or either of them, it shall be sufficient if the Conviction is in the Form or to the Effect following:

Surrey, to wit. } 'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before me '[*or*, us] One [*or*, Two] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the 'County of by virtue of an Act passed in the 'Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* '[*here set forth the Title of this Act*] for that he the said *A. B.* did on the 'Day of in the Year of our Lord '[*here state the Offence*] 'by reason whereof I [*or*, we] do hereby adjudge the said *A. B.* to have 'forfeited [*if the Offender is to be fined*] the Sum of [*insert the Penalty*] 'together with the Sum of for Costs and 'Charges [*if any given*] or [*if to be imprisoned, then*] do adjudge the said '*A. B.* to be committed to the [*naming Gaol*] for the Space of [*insert* '*the Time, and if the Commitment be for Nonpayment of a Penalty, then* '*add*] unless the said Sum of shall be sooner 'paid. Given under my [*or*, our] Hand and Seal [*or*, Hands and 'Seals] the Day and Year first above written.'

Punishment for giving false Evidence.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence in any Examination, Trial, Inquiry, or other Matter or Thing to be heard or determined by virtue of this or the said herein-before recited Acts or either of them, or where in pursuance of this or the said recited Acts or either of them, any Oath or Affirmation is required to be taken, each and every such Person and 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 such Pains and Penalties as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are by Law subject or liable to.

Parties making Distress not to be deemed Trespassers.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this or the said herein-before mentioned or recited Acts, 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 be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity

larity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceeding, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, and to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish for the Time being, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Places of Abode Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action, nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into the Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings or Order and Judgement shall be had, made, or given in and by such Court, as in other Actions when the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, nor any Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act or Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only.

Persons dissatisfied may appeal to Quarter Session.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or by reason of any Order, Judgement, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or of the said Auditors or any of them acting in Execution of this Act, or by any Matter or Thing done under or in pursuance thereof, then and in every such Case, he, she, or they may appeal to the next General or Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Surrey*, which shall happen next after the Expiration of Fourteen Days after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at least of such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof to the Party or Parties appealed against, and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, and the said Justices assembled at such General or Quarter Sessions upon due Proof of such Notice being given and of entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper, and also to order and award such Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall think reasonable.

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Relief may be granted without quashing Rates.

XL. Provided always, and be it enacted, That on Appeal from such Rates or Assessments or any of them, the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions shall and may amend the same in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief without quashing or altering such Rates or Assessments with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon Appeal from the whole Rate or Assessment it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Case the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made.

Justices to deliver Recognizances to Vestry Clerk.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Recognizance and Recognizances entered into by any Person or Persons on any Appeal as aforesaid, shall be delivered on Demand to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish by the Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same, and that the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, shall and may sue for, recover, and receive the Penalty and Penalties in any such Recognizance or Recognizances mentioned, in such and the same Manner as any Rate, Penalty, or Fine may be sued for and recovered by virtue of this or the said recited Acts, or either of them.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Appeals, Causes, and Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or the herein-before mentioned or recited Acts, or either of them, or in which the said Parish or the Inhabitants thereof shall be a Party or Parties, no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall be deemed an incompetent Witness on account of his, her, or their being charged with or liable to pay any such Rate or Assessment.

Limitation of Actions.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, after Three Calendar Months after the Fact committed, or the Cause of such Action shall have arisen, and every such Action shall be laid and brought in the County of *Surrey*, 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 upon the Trial of such Action or Suit it shall appear to be so done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought or laid in any other County than as aforesaid, 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 Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case 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.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

XLIV. 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 by the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint George the Martyr*, out of the Monies now in or which may hereafter come into their Hands belonging to the Pariſh, and the ſame ſhall be allowed in their Account.

Publick Act.

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

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