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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 112.

An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor and for the Enlargement of the Burial Grounds in the Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch* in the County of *Middlesex*; and for other Purposes relating to the said Parish.

[3d *June* 1813.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor within the Parish of* Saint Leonard Shoreditch *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for building a Workhouse, and for purchasing a Piece of Land for a Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the better Relief and Employment 'of the Poor within the Parish of* Saint Leonard Shoreditch *in the County 'of* Middlesex, *and for building a Workhouse, and for purchasing a Piece of 'Land for a Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish:'* And whereas the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as to building a Workhouse, and purchasing a Piece of Land for a Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish, in Manner therein mentioned, have long since been carried into Execution: And whereas since the passing of the said Acts, the Number of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and the Amount of the Sums collected for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof have greatly increased, and Debts to a considerable Amount are now owing by the said Parish for

14 G. 3. c. 29.

15 G. 3. c. 55.

Sums of Money borrowed and expended under the Provisions of the said recited Acts, and for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish: And whereas many of the Provisions of the said recited Acts are inadequate to the carrying into Execution the Purposes thereof in relation to the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and the raising the Rates for that Purpose, and it is necessary that the same should be altered, amended, and enlarged: And whereas it would greatly benefit the said Parish, and facilitate the Execution of the Powers heretofore granted and now become necessary, if the same were included in One Act, and additional Powers were given for better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Parochial Rates within the said Parish: And whereas the Church Yard or Burial Ground of the said Parish, from the great Increase of the Inhabitants and Population of the said Parish, is not sufficiently capacious for the Interment of the Dead, and the said Church Yard or Burial Ground being incommoded in some Parts thereof by Ground and Houses abutting thereon, or contiguous thereto, it may be expedient to enable the Trustees of the Poor appointed by virtue of this Act, to purchase such Ground and Houses for the Purpose of enlarging and making the said Church Yard or Burial Ground more commodious, or to purchase other Ground for that Purpose: 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 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Two several recited Acts, and all the several Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Former Acts repealed.

All Conveyances executed and Annuities granted under the said Acts confirmed and secured.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Assignments, Leases, Grants, Conveyances made or granted to or by any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or any other Persons whomsoever, acting by virtue of, or on the Credit, or under the Authority of the said Two several recited Acts made in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Two several Acts had not been repealed; and all Bonds, Mortgages, Assignments, and Annuities, given or granted as a Security for any Monies lent or advanced on the Credit of the said Two several Acts, or either of them, in pursuance of and in compliance with the Powers therein contained, shall be charged, and they are hereby respectively charged upon the Rates or Assessments herein directed to be made for the Purposes of this Act; and the Person or Persons from Time to Time entitled to the same respectively, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and by virtue of this Act be entitled to have, receive, and enjoy, all Interest due and to grow due on such Bonds, Mortgages, and Assignments respectively, (until the same shall be paid off and discharged, as herein-after provided,) and all Interest due and to grow due on the said respective Annuities, out of the Rates and Assessments herein directed to be made, during the Term of the natural Lives of the Persons for whose Lives such Annuities respectively were granted.

Names of Annuitants to be entered in a Book.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Trustees of the Poor to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required

quired to provide a Book, in which shall be fairly written in Words at Length, the Names, proper Additions, and Places of Abode of all and every Person and Persons, who are possessed of or entitled to any Annuities chargeable upon the Rates directed to be made by the said recited Acts or either of them, as also the Sums to which such Person or Persons are respectively entitled, and the Names, Additions, and Places of Abode of the Persons for whose Lives such Annuities may be payable; and also an Account of all Monies which shall be paid to each of such Annuitants from Time to Time; and which Book shall be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees; and also that it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Annuitants, and their respective Executors, Administrators, Assigns, and Agent or Agents, from Time to Time, and at all seasonable Times, to inspect the said Book or Books, or to take an Extract or Extracts therefrom, without Fee or Reward.

Annuities may be transferred.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for every Person or Persons now entitled to such Annuities, granted to them by virtue of the said recited Acts, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to assign such Annuity or Annuities, or any Part thereof, or his, her, or their Interest therein, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and so *toties quoties*, and a Memorandum or Entry of all such Assignments, and the Days whereon the same were brought to be so entered, shall be made in the said Book hereinbefore required to be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the Trustees, to be appointed by virtue of this Act, for which Entry the Sum of Five Shillings shall be paid, and no more; and such Entry or Entries shall and may at all seasonable Times be inspected by any Persons interested therein; but no such Assignment shall be deemed good and effectual, until such Memorandum or Entry shall be made as before directed.

Fees for Interment in Burial Grounds continued.

V. And be it further enacted, That the same Fees shall be respectively paid to the said Parish, and to the Vicar, Clerk, and Sexton thereof, for the Time being, for the burying in the Burial Grounds belonging to the said Parish, as are expressed and directed, or mentioned or referred to, in the Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for rebuilding the Parish Church of* Saint Leonard Shoreditch *in the County of* Middlesex, or in the Table of Fees made in pursuance thereof.

Arrears of former Rates may be collected;

VI. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment made and assessed, and now due and payable, or to become due and payable, or ordered to be collected and levied under and by virtue of the Authority of the said recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall continue to be due and payable, and shall and may be collected and levied by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as any Rates or Assessments directed to be made in pursuance of this Act are directed in and by this Act to be collected and levied, and shall be received and applied by the Trustees to be appointed by this Act, to and for the Purposes of this Act; and also that all Debts and Penalties incurred and due under and by virtue of the said Two several recited Acts, of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, from any Persons whomsoever, shall and may be demanded and recovered from such Persons, and applied

Debts and Penalties recovered;

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and Contracts enforced.

by the Trustees under the Powers and Authorities of this Act, for the Purposes of this Act; and also that all Contracts or Agreements heretofore entered into with any Person or Persons whomsoever, under the Authority and in Execution of the said Two several recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall continue, and be valid and effectual, and shall and may be enforced and compounded by the Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act, as if entered into by and with them the said Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act.

Officers appointed under former Acts to hold their Employments until removed under this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Treasurer, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant nominated and appointed by virtue of or acting under the Authority of the said recited Acts, or either of them, shall hold and enjoy his, her, or their several and respective Offices and Employments, together with the several and respective Salaries, Gratuities and Allowances thereto annexed, until he, she or they shall be removed therefrom respectively by the Trustees acting in the Execution of this Act; and every such Treasurer, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant, shall be subject to the like Pains and Penalties and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, and shall be invested with the same Powers and Authorities, as if he, she or they had been nominated and appointed by virtue of this Act.

Appointment of Trustees.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That *John Amos*, *John Austin*, *Robert Armstrong*, *James Alldern*, *Henry Briggs*, *Thomas Boot*, *William Bradley*, *William Branston*, *George Brittain*, *Nathaniel Crawford*, *John Crookshank*, *John Charlesworth*, *Joseph Chapman*, *James Cooke*, *James Dupree*, *John Dyke*, *William Dunkley*, *William Ditchman*, *William Francis Eld*, *George Etheridge*, *Alexander Field*, *Edward Francis*, *Samuel Forsaith*, *Thomas Gratton*, *Matthew Gambell*, *John Hornby*, *John Harlow*, *Richard Hunt*, *Thomas Hutchinson*, *William Hackblock*, *William Inman*, *William Ingle*, *William Jennings*, *William Jones*, *George Ireland*, *Alexander Illman*, *Kemp Joad*, *Thomas Iameson*, *Francis Kain*, *Thomas Longbotham*, *Edward Loader*, *William Lefevre*, *Richard Langley*, *Thomas Landifield*, *Thomas Lane*, *Isaac Morgan*, *John Martin*, *William Neal*, *Thomas Newton*, *James Parkinson*, *Thomas Pointer*, *Joseph Price*, *Oliver Pask*, *Richard Palmer*, *Thomas Price*, *John Pickering*, *Jacob Prime*, *John Richards*, *Thomas Ramsden*, *Robert Roffey*, *Richard Rusbridger*, *Richard Richardson*, *Robert Simpson*, *Henry Stratton*, *David Soutter*, *James Sherwin*, *Richard Stilwell*, *Robert Stewart*, *William Sadgrove*, *Thomas Taylor*, *Thomas Turner*, *Thomas Titterton*, *Matthew Wall*, *George Wildbore*, *James Watts*, *Robert Young*, and *Samuel Yardley*, being Seventy-two Inhabitant Householders within the said Parish, and their Successors, to be nominated and appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, shall be Trustees for carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution, and shall be called "The Trustees of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch* in the County of *Middlesex*."

The Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers to be Trustees.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the present Vicar and Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and the future Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and each and every of them, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, within the true Intent and Meaning

Meaning of this Act, and shall have full Power and Authority, together with the several Trustees hereby appointed, and their Successors, (to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed as herein mentioned), to act as such Trustees to all Intents and Purposes, as if they had been appointed by this Act or elected and chosen in Manner and Form herein prescribed, but only during the Period they shall continue to occupy such Offices respectively.

Qualification of Trustees.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Person, except the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, and the Persons nominated and appointed in and by this Act, shall be elected or appointed to act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall occupy and be in Possession of one entire Messuage or Tenement, Warehouse, or Hereditament within the said Parish, of the Rent or Value of Thirty Pounds *per Annum*, and shall be charged to and pay the Rate to be made in pursuance of this Act for that Sum.

No Victualler, &c. to be a Trustee.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Victualler, or any Person who shall sell Ale, Wine, or any spirituous or other strong Liquors by Retail, shall be elected a Trustee in the Execution of this Act.

Penalty on Persons not being qualified acting as Trustees.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person not being qualified in manner herein-before mentioned to act as a Trustee, or if any Person duly elected to act as a Trustee, and becoming and being disqualified as herein-before mentioned, shall presume to act as a Trustee in the Execution of the Powers hereby given, or any of them, every such Person shall for every such Act forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered on the Information or Prosecution of any Person or Persons whomsoever, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed; and every Person so sued or prosecuted shall prove that he was qualified as aforesaid at the Time of such acting, or otherwise he shall pay the said Penalty, with full Costs of Suit, without any other Proof or Evidenc being given on the Part of the Plaintiff or Prosecutor than that such Person had acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act; and the Money so to be recovered shall be paid as follows; (that is to say), one Moiety thereof to the Informer or Prosecutor, and the other Moiety thereof to the Treasurer for the Time being of the Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act, to be by him applied to the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that all Acts and Proceedings done by such Trustee in the Execution of this Act, previous to such Prosecution, shall be as valid and effectual as if such Trustee had been duly qualified according to the Provisions of this Act.

First Meeting of Trustees appointed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees hereby appointed shall and they are hereby required to meet together in the Vestry Room of the said Parish on the *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, at the Hour of Four in the Afternoon, and shall then and there proceed to the Execution of this Act, and shall then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn the Meeting, and meet at the Place aforesaid, or at the Workhouse of the said Parish, or at any other Place or Places within the said Parish, as the said Trustees shall think proper and convenient:

Meeting Once in every Calendar Month.

nient: Provided always, that a General Meeting of the said Trustees for the Purposes of this Act shall be held Once at the least in every Calendar Month.

Other qualified Persons may act as Trustees.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons being respectively Inhabitant Householders within the said Parish, and being seised in Fee Simple, in Possession of a Messuage or Messuages, Land, Ground, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, of the annual Value of Forty Pounds or upwards, clear of all Taxes whatsoever in respect thereof, shall and may act as and be Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish: Provided nevertheless, that every such Person shall, previous to his acting as such Trustee, deliver to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being, at some public Meeting of the Trustees, a Schedule or Inventory in Writing, describing the Situation and the Occupiers or Tenants of such Messuage or Messuages, Land, Ground, or Hereditaments, previously verified on Oath before some Justice of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Middlesex;* and the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being is and are hereby required to enter forthwith such Schedule or Inventory in a Book to be provided for that Purpose by the said Trustees.

Persons incapacitated from being Trustees.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed a Trustee, or acting as a Trustee under this Act, shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract, or be appointed to or enjoy any beneficial Employment under and by virtue of this Act, or shall become Bankrupt or Insolvent, or shall sell any Goods or Articles to the said Trustees, or shall perform any Work or Labour for the said Trustees under this Act, or shall cease to be an Inhabitant Householder within the said Parish, or shall refuse to act as such Trustee, or shall neglect to attend at the least Four Times in any one Year at the General or Weekly Meetings of the said Trustees, every such Person shall be thereupon disabled and disqualified from acting as a Trustee of the Poor of the said Parish under this Act.

Annual Meetings to supply Vacancies among Trustees.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Vacancies which shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter arise and be occasioned among the Trustees hereby appointed, and their Successors, by the Death, Removal, Insolvency, or other Disqualification of any such Trustee or Trustees, shall be supplied in manner hereafter provided; that is to say, that the Parishioners of the said Parish in Vestry assembled shall assemble and meet upon the First *Tuesday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon in the Vestry Room, or in the Church of the said Parish, and shall then and there elect One Half of the Number of Persons necessary to fill up and supply the Vacancies which have occurred among the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish during the preceding Year by the Death of any of the said Trustees, or in consequence of any of the said Trustees having become Bankrupt or Insolvent, or having ceased to be Inhabitant Householders within the said Parish, or having otherwise become disqualified from acting as Trustees under and according to the Provisions of this Act; and that the continuing and remaining Trustees, or their Successors, shall also meet upon the same *Tuesday* after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each and every Year, at Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Vestry Room

of the said Parish, and shall then and there elect the remaining Number of Persons necessary to fill up and supply the Vacancies which have occurred among the said Trustees during the preceding Year from the Causes herein-before mentioned; and that such Person and Persons so from Time to Time elected (if duly eligible as herein provided) shall from and after such Election have and they are hereby vested with all and every the same Powers and Authorities for the Execution of this Act, as Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, as shall or may be possessed by the Persons hereby appointed to be such Trustees, to all Intents and Purposes, and in every Respect: Provided always, that in case on *Tuesday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year there shall be but One Vacancy, or there shall be an odd Number of Vacancies among the said Trustees, then the Person to be elected to supply such One Vacancy, or such odd Vacancy, shall be elected by the said Parishioners of the said Parish in Vestry assembled, at the Time and in the Manner herein-before mentioned.

Trustees to divide themselves into Committees and establish Rule for Attendance.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor at their First Meeting under this Act, and at their First Meeting after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every succeeding Year, shall divide themselves into distinct Committees, each of the said Committees to consist of Six Trustees, exclusive of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being of the said Parish, who shall be Members of each of such Committees, and shall then fix and establish an annual Rule or Rotation for the Attendance of each of the said Committees, and One of the said Committees shall meet on a certain Day to be appointed by the said Trustees in every Week, and shall attend weekly on that Day for so long Time as shall by the said Rule or Rotation be so fixed and established; and afterwards the next Committee on such Rule or Rotation shall attend weekly on that Day in like Manner, until such annual Rule or Rotation shall be perfect and complete, and this Act shall be carried into Execution at such Meetings by the said Committees respectively.

Clerk to summon Weekly Committee.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees shall, Two Days previous to such Weekly Meeting, send a written or printed Notice to or for every Trustee being a Member of such Committee, whose Turn it shall or may be to attend according to the Rotation so fixed and established, such Notice expressing that such Trustee is appointed to attend at such Weekly Meeting; and in case any such Trustee shall neglect to attend at each of such Meetings, without procuring the Attendance of another Trustee not being at the Time required to attend in Rotation, as a Substitute for such Trustee, or without giving sufficient Reason for such Non-attendance to the Trustees assembled at the next Monthly Meeting, he shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, to be levied and recovered as other Penalties and Forfeitures directed and imposed by this Act.

All the Trustees may attend Weekly Committees.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all or any of the Trustees of the Poor for the Time being may, if they think fit, attend any such Weekly Meetings so to be appointed as aforesaid, and may act, proceed, and vote at any such Meeting, in such Manner as if he or they was or were on the Committee then attending in Rotation.

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No Business valid unless Nine Trustees be present at a General Meeting.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Business transacted at the said Monthly Meetings, or at any General Meeting of the said Trustees, nor any Order made by any Trustees at such Monthly or General Meeting shall be good, valid, or effectual, unless Nine at least of the Trustees of the Poor shall be present at such Monthly or General Meeting, and unless the same shall be confirmed at the next Monthly or General Meeting, except in such Cases as from the Exigency of the Occasion it may be necessary to act upon such Order previous to such Confirmation.

In case of Nonattendance, Clerk may adjourn the Meeting.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in case Nine Trustees of the Poor shall not attend at any such Monthly or General Meeting within One Hour after the Time appointed for such Meetings respectively, it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk or Clerks to such Trustees to adjourn such Monthly or General Meeting to any Day within Two Days after such Meeting was appointed to be or ought to have been held, and shall forthwith give Notice of such Adjournment to every Member of such Committee, or to every Trustee, as the Case may require.

Chairman to be appointed.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That at each and every of the said Meetings of the said Trustees any one Trustee then present, who shall be nominated by the Majority of the Trustees present at any such Meeting, shall preside at every such Meeting, and take the Chair as President or Chairman of such Meeting; and in case of an Equality of Votes on any Transaction, including the Vote of the Chairman or President, such Chairman or President shall have another or the casting Vote; and also that all and every Question, Matter, and Thing determined by the said Trustees at any Meeting held by virtue of this Act, shall be determined by the Majority of Trustees present at such Meeting.

Trustees may call a General Meeting.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Nine or more of the Trustees appointed under or by virtue of this Act shall on any Occasion think it necessary or expedient to call or convene a General Meeting of the said Trustees of the Poor, it shall be lawful for such Trustees to order their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being to summon such General Meeting of the said Trustees respectively to meet at the Time the said Trustees shall then require, by a Notice specifying the particular Occasion of such Requisition, and of which Meeting of the said Trustees, a written or printed Notice shall be given to each of the said Trustees, or left for him at his last or usual Place or Places of Abode, Two Days at least before the Time appointed for such Meeting.

Trustees may make Bye-Laws.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or the major Part of them present at any General Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act (the Number present not being less than Twenty-one), from Time to Time to make such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better Regulation of their own Proceedings at any of their Meetings, and for the Attendance of the said Trustees, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor at the Workhouse of the said Parish, or of a sufficient Number of them weekly, to examine into the State of the Poor therein, and of their Complaints, Provisions, and Necessaries, and of the Conduct of the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse, and to afford pecuniary or other Relief to the Paupers of the said Parish applying for the same, and for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the

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said Parish, and for the Application of the several Monies that may be levied, collected, or received by virtue of this Act to the Purposes thereof; and likewise from Time to Time to vary, alter, amend, or repeal all or any of such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to fix and appoint all such reasonable Fines and Penalties for the Breach or Non-performance of any such Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, or any Part thereof, as to them shall seem right and proper, so that no such Fine or Penalty shall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when made, and all Alterations, Variations, and Amendments thereof, shall be printed and be affixed on the Walls of the several Places of Meeting of the said Trustees, and one Copy thereof delivered or given to each of the said Trustees, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, or Regulations, when so made, printed, and affixed, shall be good and binding upon all Persons concerned; provided that the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, nor inconsistent with or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained; and any Person or Persons thinking himself or themselves aggrieved thereby, may appeal against the same as herein-after is provided.

Bye Law not to be repealed without Notice.

XXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Bye Law, Rule, or Regulation, when so made by the said Trustees, shall be varied, altered, amended, or repealed, save and except at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, of which Meeting, and of the Purpose thereof, Three Days Notice at the least, either written or printed, with the Name of the Clerk or Clerks to the Trustees annexed thereto, shall be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of each and every Trustee.

Trustees to bear their own Expences.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That at all Meetings of the said Trustees, or of the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Inhabitants of the said Parish, the said Trustees, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Inhabitants respectively, present at such Meetings, shall pay and defray their own Expences, unless the Vestry of the said Parish shall from Time to Time allow any Sum or Sums of Money to be expended out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act at any of such Meetings; and that a List of all Sums of Money, the Expenditure whereof at such Meetings the Vestry shall from Time to Time allow, shall be signed by the Vestry Clerk or Clerks, and printed and kept affixed in some public Part of the Vestry Room of the said Parish.

Trustees may appoint Treasurers.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Twenty-one or more of them present at a Monthly or General Meeting, shall and may from Time to Time appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers, for receiving all the Monies to be raised and collected in pursuance and for the several Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time, as they shall think necessary, shall and may remove such Treasurer or Treasurers, and appoint such other Person or Persons in his or their Stead, as they the said Trustees, or any Twenty-one or more of them present at a Monthly or General Meeting shall think proper; and such Treasurer and Treasurers is and are hereby directed to keep distinct Accounts of the Monies by him or them received and paid for the different Purposes of this Act; and from Time to Time to pay and discharge all such Sums of Money as the said

Trustees, or any Nine or more of them present at any Meeting held by virtue of this Act, shall draw upon him for, or order him to pay; and the said Treasurer or Treasurers shall account once in every Quarter of the Year, and at any other Time, if thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, for all the Monies by him or them received and paid pursuant to the Directions of this Act; and the said Treasurer or Treasurers shall pay all such Monies as upon the Balance of the said Accounts respectively shall appear to be remaining in his or their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, shall, by Writing under their Hands, authorize to receive the same, to be applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes for which the same was collected, raised, received, or levied; and in default of rendering and making such Account and Payment as aforesaid, such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be liable to such Proceedings, and upon Conviction shall be liable to such Penalties and Punishments as are by this Act imposed or directed to be imposed on Collectors and Overseers of the Poor neglecting or refusing to account at the Times and in the Manner directed by this Act.

Treasurer to give Security.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor shall and they are hereby required to take such good and sufficient Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers as they the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, present at a General or Monthly Meeting, shall approve.

Trustees may appoint Clerks and other Officers,

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Twenty-one or more of them, shall at their First Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, appoint a Clerk or Clerks, and may at their First or any subsequent Meeting appoint such Officer or Officers for the Execution of this Act as the said Trustees shall think proper, and from Time to Time remove them or any of them, and appoint others, as they shall find it necessary or convenient; and by and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, may and are hereby empowered to appoint and pay such Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances to such Clerk or Clerks, Officers, and all other Persons by them the said Trustees employed in the Execution of this Act, as they shall think reasonable; and the said Trustees may take Security for the due Execution of the respective Offices by such Person and Persons as aforesaid, as the said Trustees shall think proper: And all and every such Person and Persons, from Time to Time appointed, and each and every of them, shall, as often as ordered so to do by the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, make up and render unto the said Trustees, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of all Monies, Matters, and Things committed to their Charge by the said Trustees, or by virtue of this Act; and if thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, shall verify the Truth of all Accounts and Statements so delivered, rendered, and made by them from Time to Time respectively upon Oath, and which Oath any Justice of the Peace for the said County, or the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, is and are hereby empowered to administer: And that if any Clerk, Officer, or Person appointed as aforesaid, shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath, if thereunto required as aforesaid, all and every such Statements and Accounts, or to produce and deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Trustees, or to such Person or

who shall duly account.

Persons as they shall appoint, within Three Days after being thereunto required by such Trustees, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in their respective Hands, to the said Trustees, or as they shall direct and appoint, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid, all and every such Clerk, or other Person appointed as aforesaid, shall be liable to such Proceedings, and upon Conviction shall be liable to such Penalties and Punishment as are by this Act imposed on Collectors and Overseers of the Poor neglecting or refusing to account at the Times and in the Manner directed by this Act.

Collectors of all Parochial Rates may be appointed and allowed a Compensation.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and also for the Trustees for any Parochial Rates in the said Parish, and especially for the present or any future Trustees appointed by virtue of a certain Act, made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better repairing the Highways and cleansing the Streets within the Parish of* Saint Leonard Shoreditch *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for the better enlightening the Open Places, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Courts there, and regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Parish;* and of a certain other Act, passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers and to explain and amend an Act, made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled* ‘*An Act for the better repairing* ‘*the Highways and cleansing the Streets within the Parish of* Saint Leonard ‘Shoreditch *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for the better enlightening the* ‘*Open Places, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Courts there, and regulating* ‘*the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Parish;*’ *and for paving, repairing, and regulating certain Footways, Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places in the said Parish, and for removing Nuisances, Obstructions, and Annoyances therein,* or any Twenty-one or more of them, at some public Meeting of such several Trustees, to nominate and appoint, if they shall respectively deem it fit and necessary, Two or more proper Persons, being Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Collectors of all or any of the Rates to be made in pursuance of the said recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and of this Act, and of any other Parochial Rates within the said Parish, and especially of any Rates made or to be made by virtue of the said Two several Acts, made in the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, (of which Meeting Notice shall be given in the Church of the said Parish, on the *Sunday* next preceding any such Meeting); and such several Trustees may from Time to Time remove such Collector, or any of them, whenever the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any Twenty-one or more of them assembled at any public Meeting, shall respectively think proper, and appoint others in the room of such as shall be so removed or as shall die, and make such Allowance by way of Poundage to the said Collectors, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the said Rates, as to the said Trustees respectively shall seem meet and reasonable,

able, and shall take such Security from every such Collector, either annually or otherwise, for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, as to the said Trustees respectively shall appear proper and sufficient; and it shall be lawful for the Collector or Collectors (who shall be so appointed) to demand, collect, receive, and take all or any Part or Parts of the said Rates or Assessments, and such Demands shall be deemed and considered as legal Demands for the same; and that all and every the Collectors so to be appointed as aforesaid, if such Persons shall be so appointed, and each and every of them, shall make up and render unto the said Trustees appointed by this Act, and by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, at their Monthly or other General Meetings, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of all Monies from Month to Month, and from Time to Time so collected and received by them, and each of them respectively, by virtue of this Act; and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper and legal Receipts and Vouchers for such Payments; and that the said Collectors of the said Rates and Assessments, if such Persons be so appointed, shall Weekly and every Week pay to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall respectively appoint, all Sum and Sums of Money by each of them respectively collected and received during the preceding Week, or oftener, if the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any Nine or more of them, shall so respectively direct and require; and that the said Collector or Collectors, if appointed as aforesaid, and each and every of them, shall upon Oath, if thereunto required, (which Oath the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any or either of them, are hereby authorized to administer), verify their said Accounts at any Meeting of the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and if any Collector or Collectors shall not make and render such Accounts to the said Trustees or any Nine or more of them, when thereunto required, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Trustees appointed by this Act, or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or to such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint, within Three Days after being thereunto required by any Nine or more of the said Trustees, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of any such Collector or Collectors, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year

Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in his or their Hands, to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Trustees appointed by this Act or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty for the Time being, then and in either or any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Trustees appointed by this Act or by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any Nine or more of them, may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions in the Name of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees appointed by virtue of this Act, or of the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty for the Time being, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Collector or Collectors so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies which shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors respectively, with Costs of Suit; and no such Action shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk or Clerks; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Trustees or any Nine or more of them, or by any Person or Persons whom they shall respectively appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any One or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, such Justice or Justices may and he or they is or are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause the Collector or Collectors so refusing or neglecting to be brought before him or them, and upon his or their appearing or not being found, (Oath being made thereof), to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Money that shall have been collected and raised by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors, against whom such Complaint shall so have been made, such Justice or Justices may and are hereby authorized, on Non-payment thereof, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be raised by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Collectors offending in the Premises respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Collector or Collectors can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and Charges of distraining and selling the same, or in case it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act, or the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Collector or Collectors, and he or they shall refuse to deliver the same as aforesaid,

then and in either or any of the said Cases, such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender or Offenders to the County Gaol or House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall compound with the said Trustees appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any Nine or more of them, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall direct, (which Composition the said several Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, are empowered to make and accept,) and until he or they shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees appointed by or by virtue of this Act, or the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them.

Collectors not to retain Monies in their Hands.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Collector or Collectors appointed under and by virtue of this Act, shall at any Time retain and have in his or their Hands any Sum or Sums of Money above the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be collected by virtue of this Act, for the Space of Seven Days, without paying over the same to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall have directed or appointed to receive the same, every such Collector or Collectors shall for every such Retention or Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action in Manner directed by this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in the Name or Names of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being, in which Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed, or in such other Manner as any Fines and Penalties may by this Act be levied and recovered.

Officers acting under the former Acts to account.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Treasurer or Treasurers, Overseers of the Poor, Clerk and Clerks, and all and every other Person and Persons appointed by virtue of, or acting, or who have acted in Execution of the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, who shall have in his, her, or their Custody or Power any Monies collected by virtue of, or any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, and all other Property and Effects in his, her, or their Custody or Power, belonging to the Trustees, or to the Parishioners of the said Parish, under the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall, when thereunto required by Notice in Writing, signed by any Nine or more of the said Trustees, assembled at a Monthly or General Meeting, pursuant to the Directions of such General Meeting or Vestry, given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their then or last or usual Place or Places of Abode, within Seven Days after the Service of such Notice, deliver up to the said Trustees, or to any Person or Persons appointed by them for that Purpose, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, all the Monies received by him, her, or them, by virtue

of the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, and all the Books, Papers and Writings relating to the Execution thereof, and all the Accounts of the several Monies received or disbursed by him, her, or them, together with the Vouchers relating thereto; and if any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, or any other Person, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make and render any such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating thereto, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver up in Manner aforesaid, all Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution of the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, or to give Satisfaction to the said Trustees in respect of the same, then and in every such Case all and every such Treasurer, Clerk, and other Person shall be liable to such Proceedings, and upon Conviction shall be liable to such Penalties and Punishments as are by this Act imposed on Collectors and Overseers of the Poor neglecting or refusing to account at the Times and in the Manner directed by this Act.

No Prosecution of any Officer to discharge his Securities, &c.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Prosecution or Commitment of any Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Beadle, or other Officer as aforesaid, shall acquit or discharge any Surety or Security that shall or may have been taken by or given to the said Trustees, or any Nine of them, for the due and faithful Execution of the Office of Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Beadle, or other Officer, for the due and punctual Payment and Application of the Monies to be received by him or them as aforesaid, and for the due Discharge of the Duties of the Office to which such Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Beadle, or other Officer, shall have been appointed by virtue of this Act.

No Person to remain in Prison longer than Three Calendar Months, &c.

XXXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person committed under this Act, or on account of his having no Goods or Chattels, shall be detained in Prison longer than Three Calendar Months, unless it shall appear by sufficient Evidence to the Justice or Justices so committing, that the Person committed had at the Time of the Commitment any Book or Books, Paper or Papers, Writing or Writings, belonging to or relating to the Execution of the said first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and this Act, in which Case the Person so committed shall remain in Prison until he or they shall deliver up upon Oath all and every such Books, Papers, and Writings, unless it shall satisfactorily appear that such Books, Papers, or Writings have been since destroyed by accidental Fire, or other inevitable Accident.

Officers taking any Fee or Reward besides the Salary, subject to Punishment.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be employed as a Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, or any other Officer or Servant who shall be in any ways employed by the said Trustees for putting this Act or any of the Powers thereof in Execution, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as shall be appointed, allowed, and approved of by the said Trustees, for or on account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or on any Account whatsoever relative to putting this Act in Execution, or shall any ways be concerned or interested in any

Bargain

Bargain or Contract made or to be made by the said Trustees for the Purpose of putting this Act in Execution, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of ever serving or being employed under this Act, and shall over and above forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, in which said Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed, and which said Penalty may also be recovered in the same Manner as any other Penalties imposed by virtue of this Act.

Appointment of Overseers;

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Parishioners of the said Parish to meet together in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of the said Parish annually, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of *Easter Tuesday* in every Year, for every ensuing Year, and then and there to make a List of Two Persons for the Liberty of *Holywell Street*, Two for the Liberty of *Moorfields*, Four for the Liberty of *Church End*, and Four for the Liberty of *Hoxton*, being substantial Householders in the said Parish, and in each of the said Liberties of the said Parish, whom they shall think fit and qualified to be nominated and appointed Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the ensuing Year; and which said List shall be entered in the Minute Books of the Proceedings of the said Churchwardens and Parishioners, and a true Copy or Copies thereof, attested under the Hand or Hands of the Vestry Clerk or Clerks of the said Parish, or One of them, shall be delivered within Two Days to any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, then acting in or near to the said Parish, who shall, and they are hereby authorized and required thereupon forthwith, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint Two of the said Persons for the Liberty of *Hoxton*, One of the said Persons for the Liberty of *Moorfields*, Two of the said Persons for the Liberty of *Church End*, and One of the said Persons for the Liberty of *Holywell Street*, whom they shall think proper, of the Persons named in such Copy or Copies of the said List, to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Year then next ensuing, and until new Overseers shall in like Manner be nominated and appointed to succeed them; which Persons, when so nominated and appointed, and having Notice thereof under the Hand or Hands of the Vestry Clerk or Clerks of the said Parish, or one of them, shall from thenceforth be and be deemed Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish; and they and each of them, the said Overseers so nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby severally required to perform and execute their respective Duty and Duties, Office and Offices of Overseer and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish accordingly; and the said Overseers shall be, and they are hereby declared to be invested with all and every the Powers and Authorities, and shall have and enjoy the same Privileges, Immunities, and Exemptions, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules, Penalties, and Forfeitures, (save and except as may be herein excepted and otherwise provided), as Overseers of the Poor by the several Laws made or to be made touching or concerning the Relief or Management, or Employment of the Poor, or the Application of any Rates made for their Use and Maintenance, are or shall be invested with and have and enjoy, and be subject and liable to; and in case any such Overseer shall refuse or neglect so to do by the Space of Seven Days next after his having

Notice

Notice thereof in Writing, under the Hand or Hands of the Vestry Clerk or Clerks of the said Parish, or one of them, given to or left for him at his Dwelling House, or last or usual Place of Abode, then the other Person named in the said List for the same Liberty shall in like Manner be nominated and appointed under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices of the Peace, to be an Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish instead of him who shall so refuse or neglect to act; and in case both the said Persons nominated and appointed for all or any of the Liberties of the said Parish shall so refuse or neglect to serve, after Notice as aforesaid, that then the Churchwardens and Parishioners of the said Parish shall again forthwith assemble, and make out a List of Four other Persons from such Liberty in the room or stead of the Persons so refusing or neglecting, and deliver the same, within the Time before limited, to One Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, who shall nominate and appoint One of them to be an Overseer or Overseers of the Poor for the Year then ensuing, in Manner hereinbefore directed; and if any such Overseer or Overseers so nominated and appointed during the Year for which he or they shall be so nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall die or become insolvent, or remove out of the said Parish, or shall cease to be an Inhabitant Householder therein, that then and in such Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens and Parishioners, at any intermediate Time of the Year, and within Fourteen Days after such Death, Insolvency, or Removal, in like Manner to nominate other fit and proper Person and Persons in his or their Stead, to be Overseer or Overseers for the remaining Part of such Year, who shall be nominated and appointed in like Manner as the Overseers elected on *Easter Tuesday* in each and every Year are hereby directed to be nominated and appointed.

and in case of Neglect or Refusal to serve, to forfeit Twenty Pounds.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person so nominated and appointed an Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish in Manner aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to take upon himself that Office and Duty within the Space of Seven Days next after he shall have had such Notice of being so nominated and appointed as before directed, then and in every such Case he shall, upon Proof thereof, by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, (which Oath or Oaths they the said Justices are hereby authorized to administer) forfeit and pay for such Refusal or Neglect the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Trustees of the Poor for the Time being, to be levied by Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices, before whom the Proof of such Refusal or Neglect shall have been made as aforesaid; which Warrant the said Justices are hereby empowered and required to make and issue, and all Constables and other Peace Officers are hereby required to execute every such Warrant accordingly, and with all convenient Speed to pay over all the Monies which shall from Time to Time be so levied, into the Hands of the said Treasurer to the said Trustees for the Time being, to be by him applied as the said Trustees shall direct for the Purposes of this Act.

Persons not liable to be appointed Overseers.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Persons who shall be nominated and appointed, and shall serve the said Office of Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, or shall have paid the said Fine and Forfeiture of Twenty Pounds for refusing or neglecting to serve

the same, shall be again appointed to serve the same Office; and that no Person within the said Parish shall be eligible to serve the said Office who is a Victualler, or Person selling Ale, Wine, or any Spirituous or other Strong Liquors by Retail, or who is of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards, or prevented by any bodily or corporeal Infirmity; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directions to Overseers to attend the Workhouse.

XXXIX. And for the better governing, maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor of the said Parish, be it further enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being shall, and they are hereby required to attend alternately at the Workhouse of the said Parish separately One on each Day in the Week, (*Sunday* in every Week excepted) during the Time of their continuing in the said Office of Overseer, and to examine into the State of the Poor, and of their Complaints, and Provisions, and Necessaries, and which of them are and are not able to work; and also to examine all such Bills as shall be delivered in for any Goods or Wares received at the said Workhouse, and check and compare the same with the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse, before such Bills shall be audited by the said Trustees of the Poor, unless and during such Time as the said Trustees shall contract with any Person or Persons to provide for the Poor admitted into the said Workhouse of the said Parish: And each of the said Overseers shall also examine and see that the Poor, as well as the Master and Mistress of the said Workhouse, do severally conform to the Rules and Regulations which shall be from Time to Time made by the said Trustees of the Poor; and each of them shall at every Time of his Attendance as aforesaid, sign his Name in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, and kept at the said Workhouse, and also the Day of the Month, and the Time of their attending at the said Workhouse; and in case any Complaint shall be made, or Things shall be found amiss, or shall appear to any of the said Overseers to want Amendment, the Overseer to whom the same shall so appear, shall enter the Particulars thereof in the said Book so to be signed as above mentioned, which said Book the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse for the Time being shall, from Time to Time, lay or cause to be laid before the said Trustees at each and every of their Weekly Meetings, for the Inspection and Direction of the said Trustees; and that in case any Overseer of the Poor shall neglect or refuse to attend at the said Workhouse, or to sign the said Book in Manner as aforesaid, or in case any Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse shall neglect or refuse to lay or cause to be laid the said Book before the said Trustees at their said several Weekly Meetings as aforesaid, every such Overseer and Overseers, Master or Mistress, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for his First Neglect, or Twenty Shillings for his Second Neglect, and Forty Shillings for every subsequent Neglect during his Continuance in Office, to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Trustees of the Poor: Provided always, that no Overseer directed by the said Trustees not to attend, or prevented from attending by Sickness or any unavoidable Cause, to be explained by him to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees at their next Monthly or General Meeting, or who shall procure another Overseer to attend for him, shall be liable to pay any Penalty for any such Non-attendance.

Trustees may appoint an Officer to re-

XL. And in case it shall happen that by Casualties or sudden Illness any poor Person or Persons within the said Parish shall stand in need of immediate

immediate Relief, before Application can be made for the same at the Weekly Meeting of the Committee of the said Trustees, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor, at the Workhouse of the said Parish, be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Twenty-one or more of them, at any General Meeting to be held for that Purpose, on special Notice being given Three Days at least before such Meeting, specifying the Cause thereof, to nominate and appoint under their Hands, One or more fit Person or Persons for the Purpose of relieving such casual Poor, and to allow and pay to him or them such Salaries or Gratuities as they shall think proper, and he or they shall thereupon be authorised (in such Manner, for so long Time, and by such Ways and Means as the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, at any General Meeting shall from Time to Time direct and appoint) to pay or cause to be paid, upon Application made to him or them (or upon his or their own Knowledge of the Fact and Necessity of the Case), unto any such Person, any reasonable Sum or Sums of Money for his, her, or their Support until the next Meeting of the Weekly Committee of the Trustees shall be held in pursuance of this Act; and any such Person or Persons, if so appointed, and in case of their Non-appointment, then all and every the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, who shall have given such Relief, shall, at the next Weekly Meeting as aforesaid, lay before such Meeting in Writing the Name and Residence, State and Circumstances of each and every Person or Persons so relieved, and also a particular Account in Writing of the Sum or Sums of Money that shall have been so expended in relieving each and every of such Persons, and shall verify the same upon Oath, if thereunto required, before One or more Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County, and which Oath every such Justice is hereby empowered to administer; and the said Trustees shall and may then give such further Directions for the Maintenance and Relief of every such poor Person as to them shall seem most expedient; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

lieve the casual Poor.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Clerk or Clerks of the said Trustees, on any Appointment of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for the Purpose of relieving such casual Poor, to notify the same in Writing to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and to direct and order them and each of them to forbear giving any Relief to any poor Person by or under any Authority derived from their and each of their Office or Offices of Overseers of the Poor respectively, (except by any legal Order from any of His Majesty's Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County); and in case after such Notice given they or any of them shall by any Account delivered to the said Trustees or otherwise, make any Charge or Demand on the said Parish for Money expended in the Relief of poor Persons, (except by any legal Order from any such Justice or Justices), it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to disallow and to refuse to pay or reject every such Charge and Demand as illegal and of no Effect: And it is hereby declared, that such Overseers, their Executors and Administrators, shall not be entitled to recover any Money to be expended by them in giving Relief contrary to such Notice; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Notice to be given of the Appointment of such Officer to Overseers, with Orders to them not to relieve casual Poor.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That within Twenty-one Days after the passing of this Act, a General Meeting of the Parishioners of the said Parish

Account to be taken of the State of the Parish.

Parish shall be held, to consider the State of the said Parish as to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and the Debts and Credits due and belonging thereto, which shall be then examined, and an Account taken of all annual Charges on the Rates of the said Parish, under and by virtue of the said recited Acts passed in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, or otherwise; and of all Sums of Money due by the said Parish, and of all Claims and Demands upon the said Parish, and of the Balance or Balances then in the Hands of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer and other Persons, on Account of the said Parish, and of all Sums of Money due to the said Parish, and also of the Amount of Arrears of Rates imposed upon the said Parish within Two Years last past not collected; and the Parishioners at such Meeting, or at some Adjourned Meeting to be held for that Purpose assembled, shall ascertain and fix the Sums necessary to be raised for the Liquidation of the Debts of the said Parish, and for the Payment of all Annuities by Instalments or otherwise as may appear most for the Interest and Advantage of the said Parish, in order that the Sums to be raised by the Rates under this Act may be proportioned to such Demands, and be adequate to the current Expence of the said Parish in the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor for the ensuing Quarter; and the Parishioners of the said Parish, within Twenty-one Days next after so ascertaining the State of the said Parish, shall make a just and equal Pound Rate upon all Houses, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Property within the said Parish liable to be rated to the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish according to the Laws now in force, or according to this Act, in order to raise a Sum of Money in such Quarter sufficient for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and for the Payment and Discharge of all other Expences of the said Parish relating to the Poor for the current Quarter, and for the Payment of any such Debt or Debts due and owing by the said Parish, or such Proportions of any such Debts, or for any such other Payment as aforesaid, as shall be settled and determined by the Parishioners assembled at such General or Adjourned Meeting.

Parishioners to meet Four Times in each Year to settle what will be required for Relief of the Poor, &c.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Parishioners of the said Parish shall, Four Times in every Year, on the *Tuesday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year, meet together in the Vestry Room, or in the Church of the said Parish, of which Meetings Notice shall be given on the preceding *Sunday*, and put up on the Doors of the Church, and on some public Place in each Liberty, as herein-after directed; and they, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall, upon such Examination of the Books and Accounts, and Receipts, Expenditure, and Claims and Demands upon the said Parish, and Money due to the said Parish on any Rates not collected, as to them shall appear necessary, then settle and ascertain the respective Sums of Money necessary to be raised by a just and equal Pound Rate for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and for the Payment of any Interest or of any Annuities chargeable on the Rates of the said Parish, for or in respect of the Relief of the Poor, or for the Repayment of any Principal Monies which shall be due from the said Parish for the same Purpose, and for the Discharge of all Expences of relieving the Poor of the said Parish for the current Quarter of the Year; and also settle and ascertain the Sum or Sums of Money necessary to be raised by another

another just and equal Pound Rate for the Payment of any Interest or Annuities chargeable as hereafter mentioned for or on account of providing a new Burial Ground or Grounds, or for the Re-payment of any Principal Monies borrowed for such Purpose, or for the Reimbursement of any Balances which may become due to the Churchwardens of the said Parish, as herein-after mentioned, as to the Parishioners, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall seem reasonable and sufficient.

Trustees and their Clerk or Clerks to furnish Accounts to assist Parishioners to ascertain Rate.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees of the Poor, or their Treasurer, or their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby required to deliver, under his and their Hand or Hands at every such Meeting, to the Chairman of the Meeting of the said Parishioners then assembled, for the Inspection of such Parishioners, a true and correct Account in Writing of all Monies which shall have been received and paid by them respectively, or by any Overseer or Overseers, Officer or Officers, under their Order and Direction, for the last preceding Quarter, and for what Purposes the same were so paid, and also an Account of the actual Balance then remaining, if any, or Deficiency, if any, as the Case may be; and also of the Sum remaining to be collected upon any Rates heretofore made, in order that the true State of the said Parish may thereby appear; and that the said Parishioners, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, may be enabled to ascertain what Sum or Sums of Money shall be necessary to be raised for the Purposes aforesaid, and that they, or the Person or Persons having the Care or Custody of the last Rate Books, and such other Book or Books of general Orders and Proceedings, and of Accounts, as shall hereafter be kept by the said Trustees for the Time being, for the Purposes of this Act, shall produce the same from Time to Time at every such Meeting; and that in case any such Treasurer, Clerk or Clerks, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver such Account in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, and in case they, or any of them, or any other Person or Persons having the Care or Custody of any such Rate Books or other Books and Accounts, shall refuse or wilfully omit to produce the same respectively at such Meetings as aforesaid, or any of them, then and in such Case, every such Treasurer, Clerk, and other Person or Persons, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed, or in the same Manner by which any other Penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered and obtained.

Rates to be made when so ascertained, &c.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Parishioners of the said Parish shall assemble and meet together at the Vestry Room within the said Parish, within Twenty-one Days next after the said Sum or Sums of Money necessary to be raised shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid, and the said Parishioners, or any Nine or more of them so assembled, shall and they are hereby required to make and sign a Rate or Assessment not exceeding the Amount of the Sums so settled and ascertained, as being necessary to be raised for or on account of the Relief of the Poor, after allowing for all reasonable and usual Deficiencies in collecting the same; and also another Rate when and as often as the same shall be necessary, to be

called a Church Yard Rate, not exceeding the Amount of the Sum so settled and ascertained as being necessary to be raised for or on account of providing a new Burial Ground or Grounds, or for the Reimbursement of any Balances which may become due to the Church wardens, after allowing for all reasonable and usual Deficiencies in collecting the same, such Rate not exceeding One Shilling in the Pound in any One Year, which Rates shall be laid upon all and every Person and Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, or occupy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, and shall be laid according to the annual Rent or Value of all such Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments respectively; and that such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall and may be demanded, received, and collected, and the Payment thereof enforced as herein is provided, within such current Quarter of a Year, or as soon as the same can be recovered and got in.

Rates to be allowed by Justices;

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment so to be made and signed in Manner aforesaid, under and by virtue of this Act, shall be valid, unless allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Middlesex*; and Notice of the Time when, and the Persons to whom, or the Public Police Office at which Application shall be made for the Allowance of such Rates, shall be given in the said Parish Church on the *Sunday* next before such Allowance shall be applied for, in the same Manner as is herein directed for Notices of Meetings of the Parishioners of the said Parish.

and being so allowed to be deemed valid.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Rates or Assessments so made and signed and allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace aforesaid, after such Notice as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be good, valid, and effectual, and shall and may be received, collected and levied in Manner herein provided.

Trustees may rectify Omissions in the Rates.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the Trustees to be appointed under and by virtue of this Act, at any Time after any Rate or Assessment shall be made, or after the same shall be allowed under the Authority of this Act, that the Names of any Persons liable to be included in such Rate or Assessment have been omitted therein, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees or any Nine or more of them to add or cause to be added to such Rate or Assessment the Names of the Persons so omitted, together with the Sums for which they ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment, the Names of the Persons so omitted, together with the Sums for which they ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment in respect thereof, and otherwise to alter and amend the said Rates, and every such Addition and Alteration made to or in any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been so inserted in the Rate at the Time the same was first made, signed, or allowed,

Parishioners neglecting to make Assessments, Trustees may meet and make the same.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if the Parishioners of the said Parish shall at any of the Times herein-before appointed refuse or neglect to ascertain such Sum or Sums of Money in Manner as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect within Twenty-one Days after such Meeting to make such Rates or Assessments as aforesaid, or in case such Rates or Assessments shall

shall appear to the said Trustees to be deficient to answer the Purposes of this Act, that then and in either of the said Cases, and as often as it shall happen, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby required forthwith to assemble and meet together, and then and there having ascertained the Money necessary to be raised for the Purposes before directed, the said Trustees or any Nine or more of them shall make and sign such just and equal Pound Rates or Assessments to be laid out in Manner before directed as will raise the Money which they may deem it necessary to raise for the Purposes of this Act, and which Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments so to be made, being signed by the said Trustees or any Nine or more of them, and being allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, Notice of the Application for such Allowance being given in the Manner herein directed as to Rates made by the said Parishioners, shall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid and effectual, and shall and may be collected at the same Time with any Rate or Assessment which the said Trustees may deem inadequate made by the said Parishioners or otherwise as the said Trustees shall think proper; and the same Rate or Assessment so made by the said Trustees, whether the said Parishioners have or have not ascertained or made a Rate or Assessment for the current Quarter of the Year, shall and may be levied and recovered in like Manner as if the same had been ascertained and made by the said Parishioners assembled as aforesaid; any Provision, Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Overseers to collect the Rates, unless Collectors appointed.

L. And be it further enacted, That until and unless Collectors shall be appointed by virtue of this Act all Rates, Assessments, and Sums of Money to be made or raised under or by virtue of this Act, shall be collected and received by the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being for the Liberty in which they respectively reside, in the same Manner as the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor are now by Law directed to be collected and received; and in case any Overseer or Overseers shall omit or neglect to collect and get in the said Monies, or shall not use his best and utmost Diligence in collecting and getting in the same, or as much thereof as can be collected and gotten in within Thirty Days after the Delivery of the Book or Books containing such Rate or Assessment to him or them; it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees of the Poor to summon such Overseer or Overseers before them, to shew Cause why he or they have not collected the said Rate and Rates; and in case such Overseer or Overseers shall not appear, or appearing shall not shew sufficient Cause to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees then assembled at such Meeting, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to set and impose a Fine on every such Overseer, not exceeding Forty Shillings for the First Offence, and not exceeding Five Pounds for the Second and every subsequent Offence, to be recovered, levied, and applied in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied; and that all and every such Overseer and Overseers shall also execute and obey all the Directions herein-before provided as to Persons collecting the Rates of the said Parish, and shall be subject and liable to all the Penalties and Punishments herein-before directed to be imposed upon any Persons collecting the Rates of the said Parish, who shall neglect or violate all or any of the Directions herein contained.

Rates may be levied.

LI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Landlord or Occupier, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of

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any Land, Ground, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Celar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively by virtue of this Act, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, for the Relief of the Poor, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and directed, on Complaint made by the Churchwardens, Overseers, or Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, or any One or more of them, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to direct the Beadles, Constables, and Headboroughs of the said Parish, or the Persons from Time to Time appointed to collect such Rates or Assessments, or some One or more of them, to summon all and every the Person and Persons who shall have refused or neglected as aforesaid, (upon Oath being made before such Justice or Justices, by the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, or by One of the Beadles of the said Parish, or by any Person appointed by the Trustees of the Poor to collect and receive such Rates and Assessments, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last or usual Place of Abode of all and every Person and Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or who are or shall be liable to the Payment of the said Rate or Rates, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons to pay the said Rate or Rates), to appear before such Justice or Justices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and the said Beadles, Constables, Headboroughs, and Persons appointed by the said Trustees to collect such Rates or Assessments of the said Parish, or such of them as may be directed by the said Justice or Justices, are and each and every of them is hereby required to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so neglecting or refusing 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 or on the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments 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 he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case, every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates, in respect of which such Summons was issued, and the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices who shall have directed such Summons and Summonses to be issued as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Person who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, authorizing and directing the said Overseer or Overseers, Beadle or Beadles, or Persons appointed as aforesaid, or any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish, to collect or levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and all the Costs and Charges of the Summons (if

the same shall not have been paid before), and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Warrant, and of executing the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with all the reasonable Charges of the said Summons or Summonses, Warrant or Warrants, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Overseer or Overseers, Beadle or Beadles, or Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, 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, together with all Arrears due thereon; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Summons, Warrant, Distress, Removal, or keeping Possession of such Goods and Chattels so distrained, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences 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.

Form of Warrant of Distress.

LII. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for Non-payment of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

'Middlesex, to wit.' TO the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or Collectors of the Poor's Rate of the Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middlesex* [*as the Case may be*], and to all Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Peace Officers for the same Parish:

'Whereas the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants, Householders, 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, Tenement, or Hereditaments within the said Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch*, were and are rated and assessed, or liable to the Rate or Rates duly made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, under and by virtue of a certain Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of the Act*]: And whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums of Money at and against their Names herein-after 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 [me, *or* us, the said Justice, *or* Justices] upon Oath; and no sufficient Cause having been shewn by them or any of them 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 hereunder joined to or set against their Names respectively, by Dis-

'tress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels, (such Goods and 'Chattels being kept for the Space of Five Days before the same are 'sold), rendering to them respectively the Overplus (if any), the reason-'able Charges of such Summons, of this Warrant, and the Removal, 'Keeping, Sale, and Distress 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 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, Headboroughs, and other 'His Majesty's Peace Officers for the said County, to be aiding and assist-'ing in all Things relating to the Premises: Given under my Hand and 'Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals] this Day of 'in the Year of our Lord

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'C. D.			
'E. F. the Landlord for divided Premises			
'G. H.			

Trustees may remit Rates on account of Poverty.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, upon the Complaint or Request of any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, who shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved thereby, or incompetent to pay the same, to mitigate, reduce, or lessen the same, as they in their Discretion shall think just and reasonable, and also to remit or excuse the Payment thereof on account of the Poverty or Indigence of any Person or Persons liable to pay the same, so complaining or requesting the Remission or Reduction of such Rates or Assessments.

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

LIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, where the yearly Rent or Value of any House, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish, shall not exceed Eighteen Pounds net Rent, exclusive of such Parochial Rates and Taxes as the Tenants by Law are now liable to, or where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or in separate Apartments, furnished or unfurnished; or where the Rent of any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall become payable, and be collected at any shorter Period than Quarterly, it shall be lawful for the Trustees acting in Execution of this Act, and also for the Trustees acting under and by virtue of the said Two several Acts herein-before mentioned, passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, or any Nine or more of them, at any Meeting holden under the said Acts respectively, and to and for the Parishioners of the said Parish in Vestry assembled, or either of them, if they shall think proper,

Trustees may compound with Owner or Landlord.

to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all and every or any of such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Payment of the Poor and other Parochial Rates, at such a reduced yearly Rental as the said Trustees, appointed by this Act and by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of

of the Reign of His present Majesty, or Parishioners, at such respective Meetings shall think reasonable, so that such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, be not rated at less than One Half or more than Three Fourths of the Rack Rent at which the same shall then be let, or of the annual Value of the said Premises, and whether such Premises shall be occupied or unoccupied; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall not exceed the yearly Rent as aforesaid, or as shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or in separate Apartments, furnished or unfurnished, or from whence the Rent shall become due and payable, and collected at any Period shorter than Quarterly, may be required to enter into a Composition with the said Trustees, appointed by this Act and by the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or Parishioners; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall object or neglect to enter into such Composition as the said Trustees or Parishioners shall direct, within Seven Days after Notice for that Purpose from the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees to enter into a Composition, he, she, or they shall thenceforth be deemed to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall be rated to and pay all such Rates or Assessments charged upon such their respective Premises according to the Rack Rent or annual Value of such Premises; and upon Non-payment thereof, the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor, Collector or Collectors to be appointed as herein-before mentioned, or by virtue of the said several Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty for the Time being, may levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of such respective Premises aforesaid, wheresoever they shall be found; and if the same shall be occupied, then by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons inhabiting or occupying the same, or any Part thereof respectively, if such Overseer or Overseers, Collector or Collectors respectively, shall find it expedient so to do; and that if any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let out in Lodgings, or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or from whence the Rents shall become due and payable, and be collected at any Period shorter than Quarterly, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers, and shall be rated and liable to pay the said Rates or Assessments in respect of all such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

Not to be rated at less than One Half or more than Three Fourths of the Rack Rent or annual Value.

Owners objecting to compound, to be considered the Occupiers and be rated, &c.

LV. Provided always, and 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 rated 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 or Owner shall voluntarily compound for the same with the said Trustees according to the Provisions herein-before contained.

Persons receiving Rents to be deemed Owners.

LVI. And be it enacted, That from and after any Composition shall be made with the said Trustees as herein-before mentioned, the House or Houses,

Compositions to remain in force until

altered by Trustees.

Houses, Tenement or Tenements and Hereditaments therein comprised, shall be rated and assessed according to the same reduced Rental in every future Parish Rate or Assessment to be made, either by virtue of this Act or of the said Acts of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second and of the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, until the said Trustees making such Composition shall think proper otherwise to rate and assess the said Premises, or the Tenants, Occupiers, Landlords or Owners in respect thereof.

Goods of Tenants liable to Distress for such Time only as they occupy.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments of which the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is or are hereby made subject or liable to pay and discharge as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof, which accrued and became due on the said Premises during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only; and to the Amount of such Rent as shall be then actually due from such Occupiers to such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, and to such Amount only; and each and every such Occupier or Occupiers who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, 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 or Owners thereof, or otherwise recover the same, unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between such Landlord or Tenant, and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to such Tenant or Occupier, and to his, her, and their Landlord, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay in the Manner directed by this Act.

Arrears of Rates to remain charged upon the Premises,

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That in Default or Failure of Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assesments, or of the Arrears so remaining due or unpaid, in respect of any such Composition, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, the same shall be and remain charged upon the Premises in respect whereof the same shall be so rated and assessed, and shall or may, after Ten Days Notice left upon the Premises, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, or of any Person or Persons inhabiting or occupying the same or any Part thereof; and may also be sued for and recovered of and from such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords respectively, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to be commenced and prosecuted in the Name of the respective Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees appointed by virtue of this Act or of the said Two several Acts herein-before mentioned for the Time being; in which Action no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and if the Plaintiff shall recover in any such Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgments are now by Law levied and recovered; and in case any such Rates or Assessments or any Arrears thereof shall be under the Sum of Forty Shillings, that then it shall be lawful to sue for and recover the same in the Name of such Clerk or Clerks in the Court of Request for the

and may be sued for in any of the Courts at Westminster.

Tower Hamlets, or in any other Court of Request where such Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, shall then live or reside respectively.

For apportioning Rates.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons now or hereafter renting or occupying any Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or other Hereditament within the said Parish, shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament within the said Parish, before any Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act shall be paid and discharged, or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed, before such Rate or Assessment shall have been paid and discharged, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoccupied, then and in every such Case, the Person so removing out of, and the Person entering into the Possession or Occupation of any such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of every such Rate or Assessment, in Proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person so removing or quitting as aforesaid had remained in the Possession or Occupation of such Messuage, Tenement, Land, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Person so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed in such Rate or Assessment, which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by the Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act, at any of their Meetings to be held pursuant to this Act.

Recovery of Rates from Persons removing.

LX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons, who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit his, her, or their Messuages, Tenements, Lands, Grounds, or other Buildings or Hereditaments, before he, she, or they shall have paid such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same, when demanded by the Persons authorized and appointed to collect and receive the same as herein mentioned, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, or any One of them, (Oath being made by him or them, that he or they hath or have Cause to suspect that such Person or Persons hath or have removed his, her, or their Goods and Chattels) by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and empowered to grant), and in case such Person or Persons shall have removed into any other County, City, or Place, such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty to which such Persons shall have removed, (which Warrant every such Magistrate is hereby empowered to back or countersign) to distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, in any County, City, or Place to which such Persons shall have removed, in the same Manner as if the same had continued in the said Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) after having deducted the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Warrant, Proceedings, Distress and Sale, upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively.

Constables to assist in making Distresses.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where a Distress is authorized to be made by this Act, if any Constable or Headborough of the Parish or Place where the same is to be made, upon being called upon by any Overseer or Overseers of the Poor, Collector or Collectors, or any other Person (who shall have obtained such Warrant of Distress) shall refuse or neglect to aid and assist in making such Distress and Sale, such Constable or Headborough shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Houses partly within and partly without the Limits of this Act how to be rated.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any House, Premises, or Hereditaments shall be partly within and partly without the said Parish, such Houses, Premises, or Hereditaments shall be assessed to the Rates to be raised by virtue of this Act for a proportionable Part only of the Rent or Value thereof; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Person or Persons appointed by them, at any of the Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, and they are hereby respectively authorized and required to apportion and settle at how much and what Part of the Rent or Value of such House and Premises the same shall be assessed; and if any Person or Persons occupying such Houses or Premises shall be dissatisfied therewith, he, she, or they may appeal against the same, in the Manner herein provided.

Agreements between Lessors and Lessees not to be impeached.

LXIII. Provided also, 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.

Rates to be applied for Purposes of this Act.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments directed to be made by virtue of this Act for the Relief of the Poor in Manner as aforesaid, shall be issued, paid, and applied in discharging the Debts due and owing by the said Parish in the maintaining and relieving the Poor of the said Parish, and maintaining and supporting the Workhouse of the said Parish, and in the Payment of any Annuities or Interest of Monies borrowed by the said Parish, for the building or fitting up the Workhouse of the said Parish, or in repaying the Principal Monies so borrowed, by Instalments or otherwise, or in building any Additions to the said Workhouse, or pulling down, altering, rebuilding, repairing, upholding, or furnishing the same, and in the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money for or on account of the Relief of the Poor, and for any other Uses and Purposes necessary for carrying this Act into complete Execution; and that all the Monies arising from the said additional Rate herein-before mentioned, to be called *The Church Yard Rate*, shall be issued, paid, and applied for the Discharge of any Interest or Annuities which may become due for or on account of providing a new Burial Ground or Grounds, or for the Repayment of any Principal Monies borrowed for such Purpose, and for the Reimbursement, as herein-after mentioned, of any Balances which may become due to the Churchwardens of the said Parish; and that all the Monies arising from both the said Rates shall be applied for the Purposes aforesaid, in such Manner as the said Trustees of the Poor shall from Time to Time, at any of their Weekly or Monthly Meetings herein directed, order, direct, and

and appoint; and in case the Money assessed or collected in any One Quarter, or any One Year, by virtue of this Act, shall not be sufficient to answer the respective Purposes for which the same was so rated or assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the Rates or Assessments made in the next ensuing Quarter or ensuing Year; and in case there shall remain at the End of any One Quarter or Year any Surplus of the respective Rates after the Payments herein-before directed, such Surplus shall from Time to Time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in Aid of the succeeding Quarter's and succeeding Year's Expence in putting in Execution the Purposes of this Act.

Trustees may employ the Poor.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor may take the Benefit of the Work, Labour, and Service of any such Poor, and apply the same towards their Maintenance by virtue of this Act; and if any poor Person or Persons maintained in the Workhouse of the said Parish shall neglect or refuse to work, or shall refuse to obey the lawful reasonable Commands of the said Trustees of the Poor, or of the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse for the Time being, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint made to him by any One of the said Trustees of the Poor, or by the Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or by any Person or Persons appointed by the said Trustees of the Poor, and upon Proof of his, her, or their Offence by One or more competent Witness or Witnesses, upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer, without Fee or Reward,) to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished in the said Workhouse, either by Distinction in Diet or Dress, or such Justice may order such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Trustees may encourage the industrious Poor.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by the Poor, such Rewards may be distributed to the industrious and skilful, in Proportion to the Quality, Quantity, and Perfection of their Work, or to any other Persons within the said Workhouse for good Conduct therein, as to the said Trustees of the Poor shall appear reasonable and expedient.

Trustees may take Security for Bastard Children.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor present at any Weekly or General Meeting, to take, accept, and receive any Bond or Security from any Person or Persons for indemnifying the Parish against any Expences to be incurred by the said Parish, and any Claim or Demand to be made on the said Parish for the Maintenance of any Bastard Child or Children respectively.

Trustees may sue on Bonds given to former Officers, and may take Bonds in future in the Name of their Clerk.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds and Securities which have already been given to any Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers, or other Officer or Officers of the said Parish, for indemnifying such Parish from any Charge that may arise from Bastard Children, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be vested in the said Trustees of the Poor, who shall and may, and they are hereby authorized to sue on such Bonds and Securities given heretofore, or hereafter to be given as aforesaid, for the Purpose of recovering the Penalties thereon, in

in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Trustees invested with parochial Property.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Messuages or Tenements, Poor Houses, Workhouses, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Monies, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which by virtue of the said first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or one of them, the Persons acting in the Execution thereof, and their Successors, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, were entitled unto or possessed of, in Trust for the Parishioners of the said Parish, or which were vested in such Persons and their Successors, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, for and towards the Relief, Maintenance, Use, and Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, in which the said Parish is interested, shall from and immediately after the passing thereof be vested in, possessed by, paid, delivered, and belong to the Trustees of the Poor acting in the Execution of this Act, and their Successors, as fully, effectually, and beneficially, and in as large and ample a Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as they the said Persons acting in Execution of the said recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any of them, and their Successors, or other Person or Persons, were entitled to or possessed of such Messuages or Tenements, Poorhouses, Workhouses, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Monies, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, or as the same respectively were vested in such Persons acting in Execution of the said recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any of them, and their Successors, or other Person or Persons, but subject nevertheless to be used, possessed, applied, and disposed of, only upon the Trusts, and for the Uses and Purposes, and in the Manner by and in this Act directed, declared, and appointed.

Trustees empowered to prosecute Persons who shall detain such Property.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That the Property of all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things whatsoever, had and to be had, bought, procured, and provided for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and for carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, and their Successors, for the Purposes of this Act, who are hereby empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or to prefer or order the preferring of any Bills of Indictment, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away, or detain any or any Part of such Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Utensils, Materials, and Things whatsoever, the Property of which said Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things, shall be laid in every such Action and Indictment to be the Property of "The Trustees of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint* "*Leonard Shoreditch* in the County of *Middlesex*;" and without mentioning or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Trustees.

LXXI. And

Punishment of Persons who buy or take in pawn such Property.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, pawn, or receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Clothes 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 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 a 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 *Middlesex*; 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 Treasurer of the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, to be applied by him as the said Trustees shall direct, 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 House of Correction 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.

Legal Estates of Premises left in Trust for the Parish vested in the Trustees.

LXXII. And whereas various Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Estates, and other Hereditaments, Effects, and Premises, have been from Time to Time given, granted, and devised to various Persons in Trust for the Churchwardens of the said Parish, and for other Persons for certain charitable Purposes, and for the Benefit of the poor Inhabitants of the said Parish, and it is expedient that such Estates and other Hereditaments and Effects should be vested in the Trustees of the Poor appointed by virtue of this Act; be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Rent Charges, and other Hereditaments and Premises which have been so given, granted, or devised in Trust as aforesaid, and the legal Estates therein, shall from and after the passing of this Act be divested out of the respective Persons in whom the same now are or shall then be vested, and shall be transferred to and vested in the said Trustees to be appointed under this Act for the Time being for ever, or for the Term of Years for which the said Estates may severally be held, according to the Nature of such Estates, Hereditaments, and Premises respectively; and shall be held and enjoyed by them upon the same Trusts as the same Estates, Hereditaments and Premises are or may be subject to, in the Hands of such Person or Persons so intended to be divested of such legal Estates in such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises respectively, and shall be applied and appropriated by the said Trustees accordingly; and that all Rights of Presentation to any Place or Situation in any School, Alms-house, Hospital, or other public Charity whatsoever, given, granted, or devised to the Churchwardens of the said Parish, or any other Persons whomsoever, for the Benefit of the poor Inhabitants of the said Parish, shall also from and after the passing of this Act be vested in and exclusively exercised

exercised by the Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act for the Time being, and by no other Person or Persons whomsoever: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall relate to, or be construed, deemed, or taken to relate to or affect any Estates, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises given, granted, or devised to or for the Use, Benefit, and Support of the Charity Schools established within the said Parish for the Education of the Children of the poor Inhabitants thereof.

Donations and other Monies not otherwise particularly appropriated to be paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Rents of all Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments and Premises, and all Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, and Sums of Money whatsoever now payable or which shall hereafter become payable for and to the Use of the said Parish, not being directed or liable to be applied for the Support of any private or particular Poor or Charity, or by the respective Donors or otherwise particularly appropriated, and not being Sacramental Money, shall from Time to Time, from and after the Appointment of the said Trustees of the Poor, be paid into the Hands of their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, to be applied in Aid of the Rates to be from Time to Time made for the Relief of the Poor thereof, unless the said Trustees shall think proper from Time to Time to appropriate and apply the same or some Part thereof to and in relieving or assisting any indigent, aged or industrious Parishioners who have not become chargeable to the said Parish.

Trustees may repair Workhouse.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees of the Poor at any General Meeting to give Directions to such Person or Persons as they may think proper, to take down, alter, and rebuild or enlarge and repair, or to cause to be taken down, altered, and rebuilt or enlarged and repaired, the Whole or any Part or Parts of the Workhouse of the said Parish, or to hire, enlarge, or repair any other House for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parish.

Trustees not to be concerned in any Sale or Contract on account of the Poor.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if any Trustees of the Poor appointed by or in pursuance of this Act or acting in the Execution thereof, or any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in the providing, supplying, serving, furnishing, or selling of any Beds, Bedding, Clothes, Goods, Victuals, or other Articles, Materials, or Things whatsoever to the said Trustees or any of them, for the Use or on Account of the Poor of the said Parish, or for the Workhouse of the said Parish, or to the Master of the said Workhouse for the Time being, or to any other Person or Persons on account of the Poor of the said Parish, either in pursuance or under colour of any Contract in Writing or of any other Order or Authority of the said Trustees, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or the Master of the said Workhouse, or any or either of them, or any other Person or Persons on their or either of their Behalves, or shall do or perform any Work or Labour in, upon, or about the Workhouse of the said Parish, or shall be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract or Share or Interest in any Contract which shall be made or entered into for any of the Purposes aforesaid, or otherwise relating to the Poor of the said Parish, such Trustee, Churchwarden, and Overseer of the Poor respectively shall for every such

Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which Action or Suit no Protection, Essoign, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and every Person against whom the said Penalty shall be recovered shall be ever thereafter disabled from acting, and being again nominated or elected a Trustee under this Act, and every such Contract shall be null and void.

Trustees may contract.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor, at any of their General Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract or agree with any Person or Persons whomsoever, for taking down, rebuilding, altering, repairing, finishing, or completing the said Workhouse, and also to purchase or provide, either by Contract or otherwise, from Time to Time, such Furniture, Goods, Chattels, Provisions, Cloathing, Utensils, and Materials whatsoever, as they shall think proper for the effectual setting to work, receiving, employing, maintaining, cloathing, and providing for in every Respect the Poor of the said Parish, of what Age, Sex, or Condition soever they be; and shall pay or order the Payment of the Monies due or to become due upon any such Contracts, Agreements, or Purchases, to the Person or Persons entitled to receive the same, by and out of all or any Monies which shall or may be paid to or be received by them by virtue of this Act.

Notice to be given of Meetings for making Contracts.

LXXVII. Provided always, That previous to the Day appointed for the Meeting of the said Trustees of the Poor, for the making of any Contracts they may deem expedient for the better Execution of this Act, Seven Days Notice of such Meeting to make such Contracts shall be given in some of the public Newspapers, expressing the Nature, Objects, and Conditions of each of such Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered and presented to the said Trustees, or to their Clerk or Clerks, at the Time and Place mentioned in such Notice.

All Contracts to be entered in Books.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor shall cause the Particulars of all Contracts or Agreements, which shall in anywise relate to the carrying into Execution the Purposes of this Act, and all Receipts and Payments, Debts and Credits, and every Matter or Thing relative thereto, and also Minutes of their Proceedings, to be fairly entered by their Clerk or Clerks, in a Book or Books to be provided for those Purposes.

Trustees may compound with Persons for Breach of Contract.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons on account of any Breach or Non-performance of any such Contract or Contracts, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, so as the Sum so compounded and agreed for be not in the Estimation of the said Trustees less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such Contract or Contracts, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

LXXX. And

Ground may be purchased to enlarge the Church Yard, &c.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor, or any Twenty-one or more of them present at a General Meeting, to contract and agree for the Purchase of the Fee Simple and Inheritance of such Ground, Messuages, or Tenements, and Hereditaments, lying and being contiguous to the said Church Yard or Burial Ground, as they may judge necessary, not exceeding Five Acres of Ground, to be conveyed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish, and to be vested in them and their Successors, Vicar and Churchwardens, for ever, for the Purpose of a Burial Ground in Augmentation of the present Church Yard or Burial Ground; or to purchase some other Land, Ground, or Hereditaments within the said Parish for that Purpose: And it shall be lawful for the said Vicar and Churchwardens, and their Successors, Vicar and Churchwardens for the Time being, to hold the said Ground and Hereditaments so purchased (the same being first consecrated as is usual in the like Cases) without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, and to claim, demand, and receive such Fees for Interment in the said Ground and additional Church Yard or Burial Ground as they are now entitled to claim, demand, and receive for Interment in the present Church Yard of the said Parish by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament or otherwise howsoever, and shall apply such Fees in the same Manner and to the same Purposes in and to which the Fees now and heretofore received are and have been legally applied.

Corporate or Collegiate Bodies and incapacitated Persons enabled to sell.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, or others having a partial or qualified Interest or Estate in any Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Husbands, Femes Covert, Guardians, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust for Charities or other Purposes, Committees, Executors, or Administrators, and all other Persons whomsoever, not only on behalf of themselves and their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Successors, but also on behalf of all Persons entitled in Reversion or Remainder expectant on an Estate Tail, and on behalf of all Persons entitled in Reversion or Remainder expectant on an Estate for Life, or other less Estate, or by way of Executory Devise, in case such Person shall be incapacitated or decline to treat, and on behalf of their respective Wives and Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or others, and for all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever, who are and shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Ground, Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to treat and agree with the said Trustees of the Poor as aforesaid for the absolute Sale thereof, and to sell and convey to the Vicar and Churchwardens as aforesaid, by Feoffment, Lease and Release, or Bargain and Sale, by Deed indented and inrolled in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for such valuable Consideration as shall be *bonâ fide* agreed upon for such Ground, Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, or Conveyances, which shall be *bonâ fide* made for the Purpose aforesaid, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, any thing to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Application of Compen-

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements,

ments, or Hereditaments, or for any other Matter, Right, or Interest of what Nature or Kind soever, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purpose thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there, *ex parte* the said Trustees of the Poor, together with the Name or Names of such Person or Persons as Nine of the said Trustees shall by Writing signed by them direct and appoint, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signed by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase of Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Ground, Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Ground, Houses, Messuages, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall by Order of the High Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Ground, Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, if such Purchase or Settlement had been made.

Application where the Compensation exceeding 200*l.*

LXXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Ground, Houses, Lands, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for any other Matter, Right, or Interest of what Nature or Kind soever, purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and

Application where the Compensation does not exceed 200*l.* nor less than 20*l.*

Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Nine or more of the said Trustees of the Poor, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the High Court of Chancery.

Application where the Money shall not amount to 20*l*.

LXXXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments and Premises so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Trustees of the Poor, or any Nine or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Estates so purchased to vest in the Vicar and Churchwardens.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of any such Sum or Sums so agreed or assessed to the Party or Parties to whom the same shall be so awarded, or depositing the same in the Bank of *England*, in Manner by this Act directed, as the Case may be, the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in respect whereof the same shall have been so paid or deposited as aforesaid, shall vest in the said Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish, and their Successors for the Time being, in Manner and for the Purposes aforesaid, who shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, freed and discharged from all former and other Estates, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever.

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title to Money to be paid by Trustees, the Person who shall be in Possession of the Lands, &c. at the Time of such Purchase shall be deemed to be entitled thereto ac-

LXXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Ground, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Ground, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said High

Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Ground, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

cording to such Possession, unless, &c.

LXXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Ground, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the High Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Ground, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said High Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Trustees of the Poor, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court of Chancery may order reasonable Expences of Purchase to be paid by the Trustees.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Tenant at Will or Lessee for a Year, or any other Person or Persons in Possession of any such Ground, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be purchased by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premises than as Tenant at Will or Lessee for a Year, or from Year to Year, shall deliver up the Possession of such Premises to the said Trustees of the Poor, or the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to take Possession of the same, upon having Six Calendar Months Notice to quit such Possession from the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, from the said Vicar and Churchwardens, or from the Person or Persons so authorized by them; and such Person or Persons in Possession shall, at the End of the said Six Calendar Months, whether such Notice be given with Reference to the Time or Times of such Tenants holding or not, or so soon as he, she, or they shall be required, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the said Premises to the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, or the Vicar and Churchwardens, or the Person or Persons authorized by the said Trustees, or Vicar and Churchwardens, to take Possession thereof; and in case any such Tenant should be compelled to quit before the Expiration of his or her Term in any such Premises, then and in such Case the said Trustees shall, and they are hereby required to make Satisfaction and Compensation for the Loss or Damage which he or she shall or may sustain thereby; and in case any Difference or Dispute shall arise as to the Amount of such Satisfaction or Compensation, the same shall or may be determined, settled, and ascertained by a Jury, in such and the like Manner as the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is herein directed to be determined, settled, and ascertained; and that in case any such Person or Persons so in Possession as aforesaid, shall refuse to give such Possession as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex*, to deliver Possession

Tenants at Will, &c. to deliver Possession on Six Months Notice.

session of the said Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver such Possession accordingly of the said Premises, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his or their Goods and Chattels.

Mortgagees, on Tender of Principal and Interest, to convey.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage or Mortgages on such Ground, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, not being in Possession thereof by virtue of such Mortgage or Mortgages, shall on the Tender of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, together with the Amount of Six Calendar Months Interest on the said Principal, by the said Trustees of the Poor or any Nine or more of them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, immediately convey, assign, and transfer such Mortgage or Mortgages to the said Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish and their Successors; or in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall have Notice in Writing from the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, or from such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the said Mortgage or Mortgages, at the End or Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving such Notice; that then at the End of the said Six Calendar Months, on Payment of the Principal and Interest so due, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall convey, assign, and transfer his, her, or their Interest in the Premises to the said Vicar and Churchwardens: And in case the Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall refuse to convey and assign as aforesaid, on such Tender or Payment, that then all Interest on every such Mortgage shall from thenceforth cease and determine.

The Trustees not to pay to Mortgagees more than the real Value of Premises.

XC. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Sum due upon any such Mortgage or Mortgages, with all Interest due thereon, shall amount to more than the real Value of the Ground, Lands, Messuages, Hereditaments, and Premises to be ascertained as directed by this Act, then the said Trustees of the Poor shall not be liable to pay to the Mortgagee or Mortgagees more than such real Value of such Ground, Lands, Messuages, Hereditaments and Premises, so ascertained as aforesaid.

Upon Payment of Principal and Interest into the Bank, Premises to vest in the Vicar and Churchwardens.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on any Mortgage as aforesaid into the Bank of *England* at the End of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving such Notice as aforesaid, for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give a Receipt or Receipts for the said Money, in like Manner as is herein-before directed in cases of other Payments into the Bank; and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim and Demand of the said Mortgagee or Mortgagees, and of all and every Person and Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, shall vest in the said Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish and their Successors, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Premises comprised in such Mortgage or Mortgages, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

XCII. And

Monies to be paid or tendered before any Use made of the Premises.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money or other Consideration, Recompence, or Satisfaction to be paid or made pursuant to any such Agreement or Verdict as aforesaid, or in Discharge of any such Mortgage, shall be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same, or paid into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, before the said Trustees of the Poor, or the said Vicar and Churchwardens, or any Person or Persons authorized by them, shall proceed to pull down any House or Houses or other Erections or Buildings comprised or affected by such Agreement or Mortgage respectively, or to use the Ground for any of the Purposes of this Act.

Bargains and Sales to have the Force of Fines and Recoveries.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That the Conveyance of any such Estate or Interest of any Feme Covert to the said Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish by Indenture or Indentures of Bargain and Sale, sealed and delivered by such Feme Covert in the Presence of and attested by Two credible Witnesses, and duly acknowledged, and to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months after the making thereof, shall as effectually and absolutely convey the Estate and Interest of such Feme Covert in the Premises as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could if levied or suffered thereof in due Form of Law; and further, that all Bargains and Sales whatsoever to be made of any such Ground, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as shall be purchased by the said Trustees of the Poor for the Time being, by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and enrolled as aforesaid, shall have the like Force, Effect, and Operation in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatsoever would have had if levied or suffered by the Bargainer or Bargainers, or any Person or Persons seised of or entitled to any Estate or Interest in the Premises in Trust for such Bargainer or Bargainers in any Manner or Form whatsoever.

Power for the Trustees to borrow Money on Annuities.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Trustees, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as they may appoint, any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes of purchasing of Ground, Houses, and Hereditaments to enlarge the present or to procure new Church Yards or Burial Grounds for the said Parish, or to rebuild, enlarge, or repair the Workhouse of the said Parish, or any other House or Houses for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parish, for the absolute Purchase of one or more Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the full Term of the natural Life of such Person or Persons, being of the Age of Thirty-five Years or upwards, as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such respective Contributors at the Time of Payment of their respective Purchase Monies; all which Annuities so to be purchased shall be payable and paid by the said Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees for the Time being out of the Monies to arise by or from the said respective Rates and Assessments authorized and directed to be made under this Act, (that is to say,) all such Annuities as may be granted for any Sums of Money advanced on account of rebuilding, enlarging, or repairing the Workhouse of the said Parish, or any other House or Houses for the Reception of the Poor thereof, out of the Rate herein-before directed to be made for the Relief of the Poor, and all other such Annuities out of the additional Rate herein-before mentioned, by Half-yearly Payments; the first Payments to be made to the respective

Purchasers or their Assigns at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Payment of their respective Purchase Monies, the Rate whereof shall be settled and adjusted by a public Sale of the said Annuities by the said Trustees to the best Bidder for the same, or shall be such as the said Trustees shall think reasonable, and at any Monthly or General Meeting shall approve; provided that the total Sums to be obtained by the Sale of Annuities as aforesaid shall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds; and that the Annuity or Annuities so to be granted shall not exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Purchase Money for such Annuity or Annuities.

Annuities chargeable on Rates.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased under or by virtue of this Act, shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by the respective Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act; and all and every the Purchaser and Purchasers duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money, for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased out of the said Rates or Assessments by this Act appointed for Payment thereof as aforesaid, during the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each of such Purchasers as before mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estates and Interests in the Annuity or Annuities so by him, her, or them respectively to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

Form of Grant of Annuity.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity and Annuities to be granted and secured under and by virtue of this Act, shall be so granted by a Writing on Parchment, and shall be signed by Nine of the said Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

'WE whose Names are hereunder written, being Nine of the Trustees appointed by or in pursuance of an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]; in Consideration of the Sum of paid by *A. B.* to *C. D.* the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.* an Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid out of the Rates or Assessments to be raised for the Relief of the Poor, or out of the additional Rate, as the Case may be, levied and collected by virtue of the said Act, which Annuity or yearly Sum of shall be paid to the said *A. B.* or his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the Term of his or her natural Life [*or as the Case may be*] to the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, upon the Day of and the Day of in every Year, by equal Half-yearly Payments, and up to the Day of the Death of the said *A. B.* [*or as the Case may be*] subject to the Provisions of the said Act. In Witness whereof we the said Trustees have hereunto set our Hands the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

And also that all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Annuity or Annuities shall be so granted and secured as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Indorsement on his, her, or their respective Securities, assign or transfer his, her, or their Right and Interest to and in the Annuities thereby respectively secured, in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Assignment.

'I Do hereby assign and transfer the within written Security, and the Annuities (or Annuity) thereby granted or secured, unto Executors, Administrators, or Assigns [*as the Case may be*]. 'Witness my Hand and Seal this Day of in the 'Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .'

Which Transfer shall, within Twelve Days after the Date thereof, be produced and notified to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being, who shall enter the same in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, as herein-after mentioned; and after such Entry made, but not until that Time, every such Assignment shall entitle any such Assignee or Assignees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to the Benefit thereof, and to Payment thereon.

Annuities to be granted only after public Notice.

XCVII. Provided always, That no Monies shall be obtained by the Sale of Annuities, unless at or until after a public Meeting of the said Trustees to be held for that Purpose, whereof Nine Days Notice shall be given in some public Newspaper, printed and published within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*.

No Annuity to be paid or recoverable unless a proper Certificate be produced.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Annuity or Annuities to be granted and secured under this Act, shall be paid and recoverable, unless upon the Demand of each Half-yearly Payment thereof, the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives the same shall have been so granted and secured, shall personally appear before the Treasurer, or Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees of the Poor, to whom the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity or Annuities shall then produce, or cause to be produced, the original Security or Securities for the same; or in case of his or her Non-appearance, the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, shall produce such Security or Securities, and a Certificate to the said Treasurer, or Clerk or Clerks, of the Life of each *Cestuique Vie*, signed by the officiating Minister of the Parish wherein he, she, or they shall be residing upon the Day when such Annuity became due, or such other Evidence as shall be satisfactory to the said Treasurer, Clerk or Clerks, if such *Cestuique Vie* shall be then in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and in case such *Cestuique Vie* shall not be within the said United Kingdom, then such other good and sufficient Proof of his, her, or their living upon the Day when each Half-yearly Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities shall respectively become due, shall be produced to the said Treasurer, Clerk or Clerks, as shall be satisfactory to him or them; and it shall not be necessary, in order to render valid the Grant of any such Annuity or Annuities, to enrol or register a Memorial thereof, pursuant to the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for registering the Grants of Life Annuities, and for the better Protection of Infants against such Grants.*

XCIX. Pro-

If Annuitants die, other Annuities may be granted.

XCIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees, to whom and for whose Lives any Annuity or Annuities may be granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall die, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor to permit any Person or Persons to purchase of them the said Trustees one more Annuity or Annuities in the Room of such Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees so dying, upon the Life of such other Person or Persons, upon such Terms and Conditions, and payable in such Manner as above mentioned; so that the Sum or Sums to be contributed for the Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities granted by virtue of this Act, shall not at any one Time exceed the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds.

Annuities to be deemed Personal Estate.

Trustees not personally liable.

C. Provided always, and be it hereby further enacted, That all Monies advanced and paid, and all Annuities granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and be deemed Personal Estate and Effects; and also, that the said Trustees for the Time being, signing or executing such Grants of Annuities, or their Estates or Effects, shall in no wise be individually charged with nor personally responsible either at Law or in Equity for the Payment of any of the Monies or Annuities thereby granted or secured, or intended so to be.

Securities to be entered in a Book.

CI. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being shall enter in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose provided and kept by the said Trustees, a Copy or Copies, or an Extract or Extracts of or from the Grants of all Annuities granted by virtue or in pursuance of this Act; and also of all Assignments of the Grants of such Annuities, expressing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Annuities, and also the Name, Surname, Addition, Place of Abode, and other Description of every Person for whose Life any Annuity or Annuities have been or shall be granted, and the Days whereon the said Annuities shall be payable, to which Book and Books the Person and Persons entitled to and possessed of such Annuities, and all and every the Person and 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, or to take Extracts of Copies thereof or therefrom without Fee or Reward.

Churchwardens to account.

CII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Parishioners or Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish to meet in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of the said Parish once in every Year, between the First Day of *June* and the First Day of *September*, or oftener if thereunto required, by Notice in Writing, signed by Nine of the Parishioners, or Nine of the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, and delivered to the Vestry Clerk or Clerks of the said Parish, Notice of which Meeting shall be given in the Manner herein directed for Notices of General Meetings of the Trustees of the Poor, and of the Parishioners respectively, to be given and published, and the Publication of which Notice the said Vestry Clerk or Clerks are hereby authorized and empowered to direct; at which Meetings the Person or Persons having been or being Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the said Parish for the past or the current Year, shall and they and each of them are hereby required to deliver unto such Meeting a just and true Account or Accounts in Writing of all Monies which they or either

either of them shall have received or paid on account of their said Offices respectively, and every Department thereof, or in consequence or by virtue of they and each of them having been appointed to such Office, and shall produce and shew all the Vouchers of and for the Payments by them charged to be made, and shall, if thereunto required, verify such Account upon Oath before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County, or before the said Trustees, and which Oath any and every such Justice or Trustee is hereby empowered to administer; and if the said Person or Persons having been or being Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the said Parish for the past or the current Year, 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 thereof to the Treasurer to the Trustees 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 if upon the Examination of such Account it shall appear that such Person or Persons having been the Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the said Parish for the past Year, have expended more than they have received, then it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, and they are hereby required, by and out of the additional Rate hereby directed to be raised, to repay and reimburse to such Person or Persons all such Balances as shall appear upon the taking of such Account to be due and owing to him or them; and if upon the Examination of such Account, it shall appear that such Person or Persons having been the Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the said Parish for the past Year, has or have received more than he or they have expended, then such Person or Persons shall and they are hereby required forthwith to pay all such Balances as shall appear upon the taking of such Account to be remaining in his or their Hands unto the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, to be applied for and to the Purposes of this Act; and if any of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, rated and assessed to the Relief of the Poor, shall in Writing demand from any or either of the said Persons having been Churchwardens for the past Year, a Copy or Copies of or Extracts from such Accounts, the same shall be by such Person or Persons delivered to him or them so demanding the same within Fourteen Days after the same shall be demanded, he or they paying One Shilling and Sixpence for every Three hundred Words contained in such Copies or Extracts of such Accounts so required and delivered on the Delivery thereof; and if any such Person or Persons shall refuse to give such Inhabitant a true Copy or Extract of and from such Account, in Manner before directed, every such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and applied as is herein-before directed for the Recovery and Application of the Penalties hereby imposed on any and every Person having been or being Churchwardens of the said Parish, refusing or neglecting to render any Account as herein-before directed.

Clerk to the Trustees to deliver Copies

CIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all and every the Annuitants and Creditors of the said Parish, and all Persons

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sons rated to the Rates or Assessments made for the Relief of the Poor in the said Parish in pursuance of this Act, at all convenient Times to peruse and inspect, and to make and take Extracts from all Rates or Rate Books, and all other Book or Books, Accounts, Vouchers, Papers and Writings whatsoever, which have been or shall be kept under either of the said first recited Acts or under this present Act, in relation to the Affairs of the said Parish, in the Custody or Power of the said Trustees for the Time being, without Fee or Reward; and that the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, within Seven Days after Demand made thereof in Writing, signed by any One of the Persons before mentioned, and delivered to or left for him at his usual or last Place of Abode, shall make and deliver, or cause to be made and delivered, a Copy or Copies of all and every such Book and Books, Accounts, Vouchers, Papers, and Writings whatsoever, or of any Part or Parts thereof, to the Person or Persons demanding the same, he or they paying for the same on the Delivery thereof, at and after the Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence for every Three hundred Words contained in such Copy or Copies so demanded and delivered as aforesaid; and in case any such Clerk shall at any Time refuse or wilfully neglect to make and deliver, or cause to be made and delivered, such Copy or Copies of all and every such Book and Books, Accounts, Vouchers, and Papers, and of every Part thereof respectively, to the Person or Persons demanding the same, within Seven Days after Demand thereof as aforesaid, then every such Clerk shall, for every Refusal or Neglect, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Treasurer to the Trustees for the Time being, to be applied in aid of the Rates for the Purposes of this Act, 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, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

Trustees to print Abstract of Accounts annually.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor and their Treasurer for the Time being shall, within Two Months after *Easter* in each and every Year, cause their Clerk or Clerks to transcribe from the Books of Account kept by them of and for the Use of the said Parish, a full and true Abstract of the Accounts of all the Monies received and paid by them during the preceding Year, distinguishing for what such Monies were received and paid, and showing in what Sum the said Parish at the Expiration of the Year was in Debt or entitled to Credit; and which Abstract of the Accounts shall contain an Account of the Number of Paupers at the End of each Calendar Month during such preceding Year, inhabiting in the Workhouse of the said Parish, and of the Numbers of all other Persons relieved during such preceding Year, distinguishing casual from other Relief; and also an Account of all Rates made, and of the Deficiencies in the Collection thereof during the preceding Year, and distinguishing the Rates made and the Deficiencies arising in each Liberty of the said Parish; and which Abstract of the Accounts shall be printed, and every Inhabitant of the said Parish rated to the Relief of the Poor thereof on paying One Shilling shall receive One such Abstract of the Accounts from the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees; and every such Trustee, Treasurer, and Clerk who shall neglect or refuse to do as above directed, shall for every Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Treasurer to the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish,

Parish, 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.

Notices of Vestries how to be published.

CV. And be it further enacted, That all Meetings of the Parishioners of the said Parish in Vestry assembled, shall be held in the Vestry of the Church, or in the Church of the said Parish, and no Meeting or Vestry shall be held by the said Parishioners or any of them for the Execution of this Act, or any of the Powers thereof, or for any other Purpose, unless public Notice, signed by the Churchwarden or Churchwardens, or Nine or more of the Trustees of the Poor of the said Parish, or Nine or more Parishioners of the said Parish, shall have been put up on the Doors of the Church, and on some public Place in each Liberty of the said Parish, specifying the Time and Purpose of the Meeting Three Days at the least before such Meeting, and unless public Notice thereof signed as aforesaid, shall also be first read in the Church of the said Parish by the Parish Clerk, or Person acting from Time to Time as Parish Clerk or his Deputy, as well in the Forenoon as in the Afternoon, immediately after Morning and Evening Prayers, on the *Sunday* next before such Meeting, (and which Notice the said Parish Clerk is hereby enjoined to read or cause to be read under the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Neglect, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are directed by this Act, Complaint being made thereof by the Churchwarden or Churchwardens, or Three or more Trustees of the Poor or Parishioners of the said Parish, to any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Middlesex*), and that no Meeting of the Parishioners of the said Parish, whereof such Notice shall not have been given, shall be legally convened, nor shall any Resolutions be adopted or Orders made at any Meeting otherwise convened, be binding on any Person or Persons, nor be effectual for any Purpose or under any Pretence whatsoever.

Trustees to sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor, appointed under this Act, shall and may sue and be sued, and take all Bonds and Securities in the Name or Names of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, to be appointed under this Act; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought by or against the said Trustees, or any of them, in relation to this Act, in the Names of their Clerk or Clerks, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk or Clerks, or by the Act of him or them without the Consent of the said Trustees, as the Case may be; but the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants in every Action or Suit, as the Case may be: Provided always, that all and every such Clerk or Clerks shall be reimbursed out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Damages, and reasonable Expences as he or they shall be put unto or become charged or chargeable with, by reason of his or their being so made Plaintiff or Defendant, or Plaintiffs or Defendants as aforesaid; provided that the said Action or Defence shall be prosecuted, carried on, and continued with the Consent of the said Trustees, as the Case may be.

CVII. And

Orders to be entered in Books, and good Evidence.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Trustees of the Poor at their Meetings shall be entered in a Book or Books, to be kept by the Clerk or Clerks for that Purpose, and signed by the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, at their next Meeting, or some subsequent Meeting; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings shall then be deemed and taken to be original Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, and such Books shall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, of all such Acts, Orders, and Proceedings.

Entries of Proceedings under former Acts good Evidence.

CVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings of any of the Trustees acting by or under the Authority of the said Two first recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, doth or shall appear recorded, such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of the said Acts, shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Paupers may be removed by Beadles instead of Overseers.

CIX. 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 Leonard Shoreditch* to the Parish or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor, 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 Three of the said Trustees 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 Leonard Shoreditch*; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants not deemed incompetent Witnesses.

CX. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall, in any Action, Prosecution, Information, Cause, Hearing, Examination, Appeal, or Proceeding whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or concerning the said Parish, be deemed an incompetent Witness on account of his or her being charged with, or liable to pay any Rate or Assessment to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act.

How Justices to proceed on Complaint of Trustees.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are or may be empowered by Law to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish or Parishes, or on the Complaint of the said Trustees, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any Three of the said Trustees of the Poor, or of any Person

or Persons whom any Three or more of them shall appoint for that Purpose, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by such Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them.

Justices may act notwithstanding they are Trustees.

CXII. And be it further enacted, That any Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall and may do any Act or Deed relative to the Office of a Justice of the Peace, hereby directed or otherwise, notwithstanding he shall or may at the same Time be a Trustee for carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, and shall and may act in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding he shall be an Inhabitant of the said Parish, or shall pay the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices may make Allowance to Informers.

CXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any Offender or Offenders shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or against any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance hereof, if he or they shall think fit, to allow and pay any Part of the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture which shall be imposed upon and received of any such Offender convicted before him or them, of any such Offence as aforesaid (unless herein otherwise directed) not exceeding One Half Part thereof to the Informer or Informers against such Offender, in such Shares and Proportions as to such Justice or Justices shall seem meet.

Power to administer Oaths.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are by this Act, or shall or may be by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order to be made in pursuance thereof, authorized or required, or any Justice of the Peace shall deem it necessary or expedient to examine any Person or Persons on Oath or Affirmation, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices respectively, and they and he are and is hereby respectively authorized and required to administer such Oath or Affirmation; and that if any Person or Persons shall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath or Affirmation before the said Justice or Justices respectively, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be, and is or are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

The Attendance of Witnesses may be compelled.

CXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices, who is and are made competent, empowered, or required to hear and determine any Complaint under or by virtue of this Act, to issue a Summons under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to attend as a Witness or Witnesses, and to give Evidence upon Oath or solemn Affirmation before any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint, for any Offence against this Act, or against any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance thereof, whether on the Part of the Prosecutors or of the Person or

Persons complained of, and which Summons such Justice or Justices as aforesaid are hereby required to issue, if thereunto required; and if such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid, upon being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his or their Costs and Charges, Trouble and Attendance, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath (or solemn Affirmation) and give Evidence before such Justice or Justices, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Notices may be served personally or by leaving the same.

CXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Notices and Summonses which are directed and required to be given by this Act, or which are or may be directed or required to be given by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order to be made in pursuance of this Act, or which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of this Act, or any or either of such Bye-Laws, Rules, or Orders, of which the Manner of serving the same is not particularly directed by this Act, shall be printed or written, and shall or may be served either by delivering the same personally to the Person or Persons to whom such Notices respectively are to be given, or by leaving the same at his, her, or their usual or last known Place or Places of Abode, and being so given or left, shall be deemed to be given according to the Meaning of this Act.

Fines and Penalties how to be levied and obtained.

CXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or imposed, or authorized to be imposed, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein otherwise directed) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively, before One or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, either by Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Information of One or more Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward), be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant; and the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any there be) upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold (the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making such Distress, and the keeping and selling thereof being first deducted), shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Trustees, and applied towards the Purposes of this Act, and in Aid of the Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act for the Relief of the Poor; but nevertheless, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, to order their Treasurer for the Time being, in any Case in which no Reward has been awarded by any Justice to an Informer, to pay such Part of the said Penalties to the Informer as they shall judge reasonable, not exceeding one Moiety thereof; and in every such Case where Distress is

directed to be made, levied, or taken by this Act, and sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his and their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to order such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding One Month for the first Offence, and for the Second and every other Offence of the same Kind, for any Time not exceeding Three Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reasonable Charges and Expences attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Form of Conviction.

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

'BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is duly convicted before of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, of having [*here state the Offence against the Act, as the Case may be*] contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And I [*or* we, *as the Case may be*] do declare and adjudge that the said *A. B.* hath forfeited for his or her [*as the Case may be*] said Offence the Sum of . Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals, *as the Case may be*] the Day and Year first above written.'

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form.

CXIX. 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 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 be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity 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 incurred by an Action on the Case.

Plaintiff not to recover if Tender of Amends hath been made.

CXX. Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing of such intended Action shall have been given to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Trustees, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney for the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause or Causes of such Action; nor shall any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action for Satisfaction for special Damage or otherwise, or for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused

caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, before such Action shall be 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 be brought, at any Time before Issue be joined in such Action, to pay into such Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and Judgment, shall be had, made, or given, in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Persons aggrieved may appeal.

CXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order made in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall apply for Relief to the said Trustees, at any Meeting to be held within Twenty Days next after Demand made of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or next after any such Matter or Thing done and committed by, or by an Order of the said Trustees, by which such Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved; and the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of such Trustees, or the said Trustees shall neglect, within One Calendar Month after such Application, to determine, or to give Notice of such Determination to the Person or Persons so applying for Relief, he, she, or they may appeal to a Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the County of *Middlesex*, as the Case shall be, within Three Months next after such Determination of the said Trustees shall be made, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Seven Days Notice at least, in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Trustees, or leaving such Notice for him or them at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, and within Three Days next after such Notice, entering into a Recognizance before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Forty Pounds, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices of such Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace for the said County, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance; and such Justices shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices, at their Quarter or General Sessions, shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

Justices to deliver Recognizances to the Clerk to the Trustees.

CXXII. 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, without Fee or Reward, to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees of the Poor, by the Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same; and that the said Trustees 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

Manner as any Rate, Penalty, or Fine, may be sued for and recovered by virtue of this Act.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form, nor removable by Certiorari.

CXXIII. 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 any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, or in pursuance or by virtue thereof, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, 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 Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

CXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, until after Thirty Days Notice in Writing shall be thereof given to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, or after sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits shall be so brought; and all such Actions or Suits shall be laid and tried in the County of *Middlesex* or City of *London*, and not in any other County, City, or Place; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions, Suit and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for or on which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice was given as before directed, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered or paid into Court as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County, City, or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits; or if upon a Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy and Remedies for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for the Recovery of his, her, or their Costs in other Cases by Law.

How the Expences of this Act shall be paid.

CXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to or attending the obtaining thereof, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies to be levied, collected, and received by virtue of this Act, or out of any Monies at the Time of passing this Act in the Hands of any Treasurer, Collectors, or other Persons, raised, collected, or received by virtue of the said first recited Acts, or any of them, for the Relief of the Poor.

Public Act.

CXXVI. 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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