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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 64.

An Act for providing a Workhouſe for the Uſe of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*; and for better paving, lighting, cleanſing, and watching the ſaid Pariſh; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned. [14th *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, having no Workhouſe for the Reception and Employment of their Poor, and ſuch Pariſh being ſmall in Size, and the Buildings ſo extended therein, that there is not any Space of Ground ſufficiently large and airy for erecting a Workhouſe upon with proper Conveniences and Outlets; the ſaid Pariſh has, therefore, been for many Years paſt and ſtill is under the Neceſſity of farming out the Poor at a great Expence, and in a Situation far from being ſatisfactory to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh or beneficial to the Poor: And whereas the erecting and furniſhing a convenient Houſe on Freehold Ground belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, ſituate near the *Deptford* Road, in the Pariſh of *Saint Giles, Camberwell*, in the County of *Surrey*, for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, will tend more ſatisfactorily to their Benefit and Advantage; yet nevertheleſs, the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and other the Purpoſes herein-after mentioned, cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted, by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with

the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor for the Time being, and the Truſtees of the ſaid Freehold Ground of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Truſtees for the ſeveral Purpoſes herein mentioned as relates to the erecting and furniſhing the ſaid Workhouſe, and for all other the Purpoſes of this Act in regard thereto; and they, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to meet together in the Veſtry Room belonging to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, or in ſome other convenient Place in the ſame Pariſh, within Twenty-one Days next after the paſſing of this Act, and proceed to put this Act in Execution, ſo far as relates to the erecting and furniſhing the ſaid Workhouſe for the Maintenance and Employment of the Poor, and ſhall and may adjourn themſelves, and afterwards meet there or at any other Place within the ſaid Pariſh, as they, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think proper, and as often as ſhall be thought neceſſary for putting the ſame in Execution; and ſhall at their firſt, or any other Meeting or Meetings, aſcertain and direct in Manner herein mentioned what Money ſhall be raiſed within the Limits of the ſaid Pariſh from Time to Time, in order for building a new Workhouſe and other neceſſary Erections and Conveniences for the Reception, Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for all other the Purpoſes of this Act in regard thereto.

Truſtees appointed.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money when and as the ſame ſhall be wanted for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Four thouſand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be made for ſuch Purpoſes aforeſaid, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals to aſſign over all or any Part or Parts of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall lend or advance any Money thereon, or to his, her, or their Truſtee or Truſtees, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal Money to be advanced, with legal Intereſt for the ſame; and the Coſts and Charges of ſuch Aſſignment thereof, to be made as herein-after mentioned, ſhall be from Time to Time defrayed by the ſaid Truſtees out of the Monies ſo to be borrowed; and every ſuch Aſſignment ſhall be in the Words, or to the Effect following:

Power to borrow Money.

'WE of the Truſtees appointed by or in purſuance of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-firſt Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] in Conſideration of the Sum of advanced and lent by *A. B.* of upon the Credit and for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act, in regard to the erecting and furniſhing a Workhouſe for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, do hereby grant and aſſign unto the ſaid *A. B.* (or to his Truſtee or Truſtees, as the Caſe may require) his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſuch Proportion of the Rates or Aſſeſſments ariſing or to be collected in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* in purſuance of the ſaid Act, made for erecting and furniſhing the ſaid Workhouſe, as the ſaid Sum of

‘ doth or ſhall bear to the whole Sum which may at any
‘ Time be borrowed, or become due and owing, or to be charged upon the
‘ Credit of the ſaid Act for ſuch Purpoſes; to be had and holden from this
‘ Day of until the Sum of with
‘ Intereſt at *per Centum per Annum* for the ſame ſhall be
‘ repaid and ſatisfied. In Witneſs whereof, we the ſaid Truſtees have
‘ hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals, this Day of
‘ in the Year

And all ſuch Aſſignments ſhall be numbered, commencing with Number One, and ſo proceeding in an arithmetical Progreſſion aſcending, whereof the common Exceſs or Difference ſhall always be One; and every ſuch Security ſhall be good, valid, and effectual, and ſhall entitle the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profits and Advantages thereon, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Power of transferring Mortgages in a preſcribed Form.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Perſons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed upon legal Intereſt as aforeſaid, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, as the Caſe may be, at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to transfer ſuch Securities to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; which Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect following:

‘ I *A. B.* being entitled to the Sum of by
‘ virtue of an Aſſignment bearing Date the Day of
‘ under the Hands and Seals of of the Truſtees acting in the
‘ Execution of an Act made in the Fifty-firſt Year of the Reign of His
‘ Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here ſet forth the Title of*
‘ *this Act*] upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments granted or payable
‘ by the ſaid Act, for erecting and furniſhing a Workhouſe for the Poor of
‘ the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, do hereby transfer all my Right
‘ and Title in and to the ſame Sum, and all Intereſt now due and ariſing
‘ thereon, unto *C. D.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns. Dated
‘ the Day of

And a Copy of every Security or Aſſignment which ſhall have been made in purſuance of this Act, and an Extract or Memorial of every Transfer thereof reſpectively, ſhall be entered into a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Veſtry Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary le-Strand* for the Time being, which Extract ſhall ſignify and contain the Date and Names of the Parties, and the Sums of Money thereby transferred; to which Book any Perſon intereſted ſhall at all reaſonable Times have Acceſs, and have the free Liberty to inſpect the ſame, without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every ſuch Transfer the ſaid Clerk ſhall be paid by the Perſon to whom ſuch Transfer ſhall be made the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more; and every ſuch Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforeſaid, ſhall entitle the Perſon to whom ſuch Transfer ſhall be made, and his or her Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

May contract for the building a Workhouſe, and furniſhing the ſame.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and they are hereby required to build and erect, in a plain and durable Manner, on ſome Part of the Land or Ground of and belonging to the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* as aforeſaid, in the Pariſh of *Saint Giles, Camberwell,* a ſubſtantial Houſe and Premiſes, and to furniſh the ſame with neceſſary Articles for receiving, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*; which ſaid Houſe and Premiſes ſo to be erected ſhall be kept by the ſaid Truſtees in good and proper Repair, and they are hereby empowered to alter or enlarge the ſame from Time to Time, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be thought convenient; and that the Expence of erecting and preparing, altering or enlarging ſuch Houſe and Premiſes, ſhall from Time to Time be paid out of the Monies directed to be raiſed and levied by virtue of this Act, for the Purpoſe of erecting and furniſhing the ſaid Workhouſe.

Perſons in the Workhouſe not to gain a Settlement in the Pariſh of Saint Giles, Camberwell.

V. Provided always nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons born or received in the Workhouſe to be built by virtue of this Act, in the Pariſh of *Saint Giles Camberwell*, or who ſhall be maintained or employed therein in any Reſpect whatever, ſhall obtain or gain a Settlement thereby, or in anywiſe become chargeable to the Pariſh of *Saint Giles Camberwell,* in the County of *Surrey* aforeſaid, but every ſuch Perſon ſhall have ſuch Place of legal Settlement, and be conſidered, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, a Pariſhioner of and liable to become chargeable to ſuch Pariſh, as the Caſe would be if every ſuch Perſon were born, received, or lived in, or were maintained or employed in a Workhouſe ſtanding and being within the Limits of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

All Contracts to be entered in Books.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall cauſe all Contracts made with or by the Artificers and Workmen, or others employed or to be employed in or about the ſaid Workhouſe and Premiſes, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and all Matters or Things relating thereto, and all other their Proceedings concerning the ſame, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be provided for thoſe Purpoſes, which ſhall, at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of all Perſons paying the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Aſſeſſments to be made.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* having a Right to aſſemble in Veſtry, are hereby authorized and required to aſſemble and meet together in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh, in One Month from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next, and afterwards within One Month from and after each of the Four moſt uſual and cuſtomary Quarter Days in every Year (if Occaſion ſhall require) due Notice having been given in the Pariſh Church on the *Sunday* preceding ſuch reſpective Meeting in Veſtry, and they or the Majority of them ſo aſſembled ſhall from Time to Time make one Rate or Aſſeſſment for paying the Intereſt due on the Monies to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and for defraying the Expences of the enſuing Quarter, and for and towards paying off and diſcharging the principal Debt, and for other the Purpoſes of this Act in relation thereto, upon all and every Perſon or Perſons who do or ſhall inhabit, hold, or occupy, poſſeſs or enjoy any Land, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe,

Warehouſe, or any other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, or any other Perſon or Perſons who by Law is or are chargeable and aſſeſſable for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, as the ſaid Inhabitants, or the major Part of them in Veſtry aſſembled, ſhall think proper to be rated and aſſeſſed, ſo that the Sums ſo to be aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, do not exceed in any One Quarter ſuch Monies as would be raiſed by an Aſſeſſment of Four Pence in the Pound to the Poor Rates of the ſaid Pariſh in ſuch reſpective Quarter, which ſaid Rate ſhall be collected by ſuch Perſon, and by him paid into the Hands of ſuch Banker or other Perſon for ſafe Cuſtody by way of Treaſurer, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall at the Time the Rate ſhall be ſo made Quarterly nominate and appoint, and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall at the ſame Time fix ſuch a Salary as a Satisfaction for ſuch Collector's Trouble as they ſhall think fitting; taking a Security for his faithfully collecting and paying over the ſaid Rate into ſuch Banker's, or other Perſon's Hands for ſafe Cuſtody as aforeſaid, as he ſhall from Time to Time collect and receive the ſame, and the ſaid Truſtees may take ſuch Security from ſuch Banker or other Perſon, as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think reaſonable.

Poor Rates to be made at the ſame Time with the Rates to be made under this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all and every the Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* ſhall be made within One Month after each Quarter Day in every Year, being the Manner in which ſuch Rates have been uſed to be made and aſſeſſed.

Appointment of Collector.

IX. And whereas it would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, and tend to the better and more effectual collecting the Poor Rates made within the ſaid Pariſh, if the Inhabitants were enabled to nominate and appoint a fitting Perſon or Perſons to collect the ſame, and ſufficient Authority given to him or them for enforcing the Payment thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry Meeting aſſembled, in purſuance of Notice given in the Pariſh Church the *Sunday* preceding ſuch Meeting, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons, Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, to be and become a Collector or Collectors of the Poor Rates made or to be made within and for the ſaid Pariſh, and ſuch Collector or Collectors to diſcharge and diſplace as to them ſhall ſeem fitting, and to allow ſuch Collector or Collectors out of the ſaid Rates, ſuch Compenſation by Way of Poundage or otherwiſe, as they the ſaid Inhabitants ſhall think reaſonable, not exceeding the Sum of Nine Pence in the Pound upon all Sums to be by him or them ſo collected, which ſaid Allowance ſhall be taken and deemed to be a lawful Expenditure and allowed in paſſing the Accounts of the Overſeers of the Poor, touching ſuch Rate; and that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Inhabitants to take from ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed, Sureties by Bond or Obligation, or otherwiſe, for the due Performance of the Truſt in him or them repoſed, and for duly accounting for and paying over all Monies to be by him or them collected and received under and by virtue of ſuch Appointment, ſuch Bond to be given and entered into to the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh.

Principal Money to be paid off.

X. And be it further enacted, That all and every ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as Quarterly and every Quarter ſhall be ſaved out of the Rates and

and Aſſeſſments to be raiſed and levied as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act, or ſo much and ſuch Part thereof, as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them ſhall from Time to Time think proper, ſhall go and be applied towards the paying off and diſcharging ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be borrowed upon the Credit of this Act and the Intereſt due thereon, until the whole of ſuch Monies and Intereſt ſhall be paid off and diſcharged, and ſuch Savings ſhall, ſo often as they amount to One Hundred Pounds, be laid out in the Names of any Three or more of the ſaid Truſtees, in ſome of the Public Funds, and be again by them ſold and diſpoſed of in Payment and Diſcharge of ſo much of the principal Money and Intereſt as the ſaid Truſtees at any of their Meetings, or any Five or more of them ſhall from Time to Time by Writing under their Hands direct.

How the Intereſt and Principal is to be paid.

XI. And, for the better aſcertaining and regulating the Payment of the Intereſt, and alſo the paying off the Principal of the Monies to be borrowed upon the aforeſaid Securities or Mortgages of the ſaid Rates; be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them ſhall by Warrant under their Hands directed to ſuch Banker or other Perſon, order and direct the Payment of the Intereſt on the Monies that ſhall from Time to Time be borrowed by virtue of this Act, as the ſame ſhall become due, and alſo the Principal of the ſame Monies when the ſame ſhall be paid off, according to the Directions herein-before contained, which ſaid Banker or other Perſon is hereby required upon the Receipt of ſuch Warrant, forthwith to pay the ſame out of the Monies which ſhall from Time to Time be paid into his Hands by ſuch Collector as aforeſaid, and ſuch Warrant ſo paid ſhall be allowed in account to ſuch Banker or other Perſon as a full Diſcharge for ſo much Money paid into his Hands by ſuch Collector, on the Account of the ſaid Rate.

Method of Recovery of the Rate.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Poor Rates, and other the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſo directed and authorized to be made as aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall and may, on Refuſal or Neglect to pay the ſame by any Perſon or Perſons liable thereto, be recovered by the ſaid Collector or Collectors in ſuch Manner as the Rates made ſolely for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be recovered by Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor by an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Her Majeſty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, and in an Act made in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for remedying ſome Defects in the Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen* Elizabeth, *intituled*, '*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*,' or by or in any other Act now in being relating to Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor, or for the Relief of the Poor; which ſaid ſeveral Methods of recovering the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments for the Relief of the Poor ſhall, and they are hereby declared to be legal Methods and Ways of enforcing, by the ſaid Collector or Collectors, the Payment of the Rates or Aſſeſſments directed to be made as aforeſaid.

Charges of making Diſtreſſes to be ſettled by the Juſtices granting the Warrant.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Diſtreſs or Diſtreſſes ſhall be made for Nonpayment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act as aforeſaid, and the Rates hereafter to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Part thereof reſpectively, it ſhall and may be lawful

to and for the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſtreſs or Diſtreſſes to raiſe and levy the reaſonable Charges of making ſuch Diſtreſs and Diſtreſſes, and of ſelling and diſpoſing of the ſame (over and above the Sum of Money due upon the Rates or Aſſeſſments for which ſuch Diſtreſs and Diſtreſſes ſhall have been ſo taken) ſuch Charges, in caſe of any Diſpute relating thereto, to be aſcertained and ſettled by the Juſtices of the Peace granting ſuch Warrant or Warrants of Diſtreſs reſpectively.

How Rates are to be charged where Houſes are let to different Tenants.

XIV. And whereas divers Houſes, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* are let at ſmall Rents, or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments, and the Collection of the Rates and Aſſeſſments from ſuch Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments is attended with much Difficulty, and has at Times been evaded, ſo that Loſs on that Account has been ſuſtained by the ſaid Pariſh; for Remedy whereof, be it further enacted, That when the yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall not amount to Twenty Pounds, or where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament (whatever the yearly Rent or Value may be) ſhall be let to any Weekly or Monthly Tenant, the Rent whereof ſhall become payable at any ſhorter Period than Quarterly, or ſhall be let out either in the Whole or in Part in Lodgings, or in ſeparate Apartments, then and in every ſuch caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or the major Part of them, and the Paving Committee-men, and Watch Truſtees hereinafter mentioned, or any Five or more of them reſpectively (if they ſhall think fit) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every or any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments in the ſaid Pariſh, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, as well for the Purpoſes of this Act as for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, at ſuch a reduced Yearly Rental as the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or the major Part of them, and the ſaid Committee-men or Truſtees herein-after mentioned, or any Five or more of them for that Purpoſe reſpectively ſhall think reaſonable, ſo that no ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, be rated at leſs than One third or more than Three fifths of the annual Value of the ſaid Premiſes, and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all ſuch Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is and are hereby enabled to enter into ſuch Compoſition with the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or the major Part of them, and the ſaid Committee-men and Truſtees herein-after mentioned, or any Five or more of them; and in caſe ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, ſhall refuſe to enter into ſuch Compoſition, he, ſhe, or they ſhall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes, and ſhall thereupon be rated to, and from Time to Time ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid, the Rates or Aſſeſſments charged upon the ſame reſpective Premiſes, as well for the Purpoſes of this Act as for the Relief of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, according to a fair and equal Aſſeſſment by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or the major Part of them, Committee-men and Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, to be made upon and in reſpect of the ſame; and upon Nonpayment thereof the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any of them, and the Committee-men

and

and Watch Truſtees aforeſaid, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized to levy or cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, whereſoever the ſame may be found reſpectively: Provided always, that no ſuch Landlord or Owner ſhall be charged with or liable to pay for any increaſed Rent, reſerved or made payable to him for or on Account of ſuch Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the Rates heretofore chargeable upon the ſeveral Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes; and provided alſo, that the Goods and Chattels of all and every Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, whereof the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is and are hereby made liable and ſubject to as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable at all Times to be diſtrained and ſold for Payment of ſo much of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and of all Arrears thereof as became due upon the ſaid Premiſes, during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only; but no ſuch Occupier or Occupiers ſhall at any Time be required to pay, or be ſubject or liable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Diſcharge of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, or any of them, and Arrears thereof, than the Amount of the Rent actually due by ſuch Occupier or Occupiers to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of the Premiſes ſo occupied by him, her, or them: Provided alſo, that each and every Occupier who ſhall pay any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or any Arrear thereof, or upon whom the ſame ſhall be levied, ſhall and may from Time to Time, deduct the ſame from the Rent then or at any Time thereafter due, from him, her or them, to the reſpective Landlords or Owners of the Premiſes, and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Occupier or Occupiers to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall pay in the Manner directed by this Act: Provided alſo, that no Tenant or Occupier of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, herein laſt before referred, ſhall by reaſon of his or her reſiding in or occupying of the ſame, or by his or her Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, in Manner aforeſaid, or which ſhall have been compounded for as aforeſaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh, but in every ſuch Caſe, the Landlord or Owner of the Premiſes ſhall be deemed and conſidered to have paid the ſame, any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Goods, &c. liable to be ſold for Payment of the Rates.

No Lodger or Occupier of any ſuch Houſe, &c. to gain a Settlement.

Magiſtrates may inflict Puniſhment for Miſbehaviour in poor Perſons.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Perſon or Perſons to be maintained in the Workhouſe, to be built as aforeſaid, or in any Workhouſe or Workhouſes hereafter to belong to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, ſhall refuſe to perform the Work or Service which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be required to do, or ſhall be remiſs therein, (ſuch Work or Service being ſuited to his, her, or their Age, Strength, and Ability) or ſhall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel, Materials, or Things provided for or belonging to or in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or ſhall be guilty of profane Curſing or Swearing or Drunkenneſs, or of any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, that then in all or any of the Caſes aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to cauſe the Offender or Offenders to be taken before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the Counties of *Surrey* or *Middleſex*, which Juſtice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required, upon Proof of ſuch Offence

Offence or Offences, by One or more Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath, to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending to be puniſhed, either by Diſtinction of Diet or Dreſs, or by committing ſuch Offender or Offenders to the Houſe of Correction, or other Priſon, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Recital, Act 7 G. 3.

XVI. And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Pariſh Poor Children of the ſeveral Pariſhes therein mentioned, within the Bills of Mortality*, it is enacted, That all Children who ſhould after the Firſt Day of *July* then next be born in, or ſhould be received into Workhouſes or Pariſh Houſes belonging to the ſaid Pariſhes, not being ſuckled by the Mother, under the Age of Two Years, ſhould within Fourteen Days after their Birth or Reception, be ſent into the Country, to a Diſtance of not leſs than Five Miles from any Part of the ſaid Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*; and all Children received into ſuch Workhouſes or Pariſh Houſes, above the Age of Two Years, and under the Age of Six Years, ſhould, within Fourteen Days after their Reception, be ſent into the Country, to a Diſtance not leſs than Three Miles from any Part of the ſaid Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, there to be nurſed and maintained in Manner therein-after directed: And whereas it would equally tend to the Preſervation of the Lives of ſuch Infant Poor Children of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* if nurſed and maintained in the ſaid Workhouſe when erected, for the Maintenance and Employment of the Pariſh Poor therein, being near Five Miles (the greateſt Diſtance preſcribed by the ſaid in Part recited Act) from the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for all ſuch Infant Poor Children, whether born in, or received into the ſaid Workhouſe, belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, to be nurſed and maintained therein with the Adult Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* aforeſaid.

Children to be nurſed in the Workhouſe.

Vagrant Children to be taken to the Workhouſe.

XVII. And whereas divers Children deſerted by their Parents, are ſometimes found wandering and begging, and not able to give an Account of themſelves, or the Place of their legal Settlement: And whereas if ſuch Children were to be properly employed and inured to an Habit of Induſtry, they might be furniſhed with Means for their future Maintenance; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or any One or more of them, to cauſe ſuch Child or Children as he or they ſhall judge to be under the Age of Ten Years, who ſhall be found wandering or begging in the ſaid Pariſh, if they think proper, to be taken and ſent to the Workhouſe belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, there to be delivered, until he or ſhe can be otherwiſe provided for.

No Spirituous Liquors to be taken into the Workhouſe without Order.

Penalty for ſo doing.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or Strong Liquors ſhall be conveyed into the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, unleſs with the Permiſſion of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or by the ſpecial Order of the Apothecary, or other medical Perſon who ſhall be appointed to attend ſuch Workhouſe, and every Perſon who ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Counties of *Surrey* or *Middleſex*, ſhall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Persons knowingly receiving Goods or Apparel stolen from the Workhouse,

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy or receive into Pawn, or secrete any of the Cloaths, Wearing Apparel or Linen of any of the Poor who shall be received into the Workhouse of the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, having or appearing to have had the said Parish Mark thereon, or any of the Goods and 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 any such Workhouse, or any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor therein; each and every Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, upon Conviction, by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, for either of the said Counties of *Surrey* or *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, one Moiety of the said Penalty to be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, for the Use of the Poor thereof; and if no Goods and Chattels can be found, whereon to make such Distress, or that 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 Hands and Seals, commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

liable to Penalty.

Recital of Acts for paving and lighting the City and Liberty of Westminster, &c.
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XX. And whereas by an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for paving, cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes, within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomsbury, *and that Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew, Holborn, *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *the several Liberties of the* Rolls *and* Savoy, *and that Part of the Duchy of* Lancaster *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;* and by an Act made in the Third Year
3 G. 3. of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes, within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomsbury, *that Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew's Holborn *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *the several Liberties of the* Rolls *and* Savoy, *and that Part of the Duchy of* Lancaster, *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;'* and by an Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, in-
4 G. 3. tituled, *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual Two several Acts of Parliament, made in the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes, within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *and other Places therein mentioned, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein*
5 G. 3. *mentioned;* and by an Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Powers of and to render more effectual the several Acts passed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, for paving, cleansing, and lighting, and otherwise regulating the*

the Squares, Streets, and other Places, within the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, *and other Parts in the ſaid Act mentioned, and for extending the Proviſions of the ſaid Acts to the* Surrey *Side of* Weſtminſter *Bridge, and for enlarging the Powers of the ſaid Act with reſpect to Squares;* and by an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual, ſeveral Acts made, relating to paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of* Weſtminſter, *and Parts adjacent;* and by an Act made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to alter, explain, amend, and render more effectual, ſeveral Acts made, for paving, cleanſing, and lighting, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within the City and Liberty of* Weſtminſter, *and Parts adjacent, and for putting certain Streets therein mentioned, commonly called* Optional Streets, *under the Management of Parochial Committees, ſubject to the Controul of the Commiſſioners appointed by or in purſuance of the ſaid ſeveral Acts, and for removing and preventing Nuiſances, Annoyances, Obſtructions, and Encroachments, in the ſaid Streets, and other Places, and for other Purpoſes*; divers Powers and Authorities were given to certain Commiſſioners thereby appointed for carrying the Purpoſes of the ſaid Acts into Execution, which ſeveral Acts included the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand:* And whereas the ſeveral Streets, and other Places within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* might be better and more effectually paved, cleanſed, lighted, and kept free from Nuiſances, Annoyances, and Obſtructions, if the Powers and Authorities neceſſary for thoſe Purpoſes were ſolely veſted in and given to the ſeveral Perſons herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid ſeveral Acts of Parliament, made for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the ſeveral Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages and Places within the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* and Parts adjacent, ſo far as the ſame relate to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, ſhall be and are hereby declared to be repealed and made void; and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh and the Owners and Occupiers of Houſes, Lands, and Tenements within the ſame ſhall be and are hereby exempted, freed, and diſcharged from all Rates and Aſſeſſments whatſoever, (except ſuch as are authorized to be made, raiſed, collected, or levied by virtue of this Act) for or towards paving, repairing, cleanſing, or lighting ſuch ſeveral Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages and Places aforeſaid, notwithſtanding any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof; and that from and immediately after the paſſing of this Act the ſole Power, Juriſdiction, and Authority of paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and of carrying the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act into Execution, ſo far as the ſame relates to ſuch paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in and given to the ſeveral Perſons herein after mentioned; and immediately from and after the paſſing of this Act the Right and Property of and in all and every the Pavements in all and every the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places within the Limits of this Act, and the Lamp Irons and Lamp Poſts, Stones, Poſts, Timber, Materials, and Things of every kind belonging to the Pavement, as well in the Carriage as Footways, within the Limits of this Act, ſhall be and the ſame reſpectively are hereby veſted in the Truſtees herein-after named or appointed;

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The paving, &c. of Saint Mary-le-Strand might be better effected if veſted in a Committee choſen by Inhabitants, and reſident within the Diſtrict.

Former Acts repealed as to this Pariſh.

Powers of paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Pariſh given ſolely to a Committee.

Property in the Materials, Pavements, Lamp Irons, Poſts, &c. given to Truſtees until the Appointment of a Committee.

appointed, until the Election or Appointment of a Committee for the better carrying the Purpoſes of this Act, as relating to the paving, cleanſing, and lighting the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* into Execution as herein-after mentioned; and for the better effecting the Purpoſes of this Act, be it further enacted, That *Timothy Fletcher* Eſquire, *Francis Wingrave* Eſquire, and *William Davies* Eſquire, ſhall be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Truſtees for the Purpoſes of preſerving the Property in the ſaid ſeveral Matters and Things aforeſaid, until ſuch Committee ſhall be elected and appointed as herein-after mentioned.

Committee to be appointed by a General Meeting of Inhabitants.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, having a Right to aſſemble in Veſtry, ſhall and they are hereby empowered and required to aſſemble and meet in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh within Twenty-one Days after the paſſing of this Act, Notice having been previouſly given in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh on the preceding *Sunday*, and ſhall afterwards meet on the Second *Thurſday* in the Month of *February* in every Year, or within Ten Days then next after, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and ſhall then and there elect and appoint any Number of Perſons not exceeding Twenty-one, nor leſs than Seven, being Houſeholders and reſident in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and who ſhall be aſſeſſed to and pay their reſpective Shares of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act; and the ſaid Perſons ſo to be from Time to Time elected and appointed, ſhall be and they are hereby conſtituted and appointed a Committee for the better and more effectually carrying this Act into Execution, ſo far as relates to the better paving, cleanſing and lighting the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, until the Annual Meeting of the ſaid Inhabitants ſo to be holden as aforeſaid next after ſuch Perſons ſhall be ſo reſpectively elected and appointed Committee-men.

Qualification of Committee-men.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Perſon who ſhall hereafter be elected and appointed a Committee-man ſhall be capable of acting in that Capacity in the Execution of this Act, unleſs he ſhall be then reſident and an Houſeholder in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and ſhall be aſſeſſed to and pay the Rates made for the neceſſary Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for and in reſpect of ſome Meſſuage, Tenement, or Hereditament which ſhall be rated and aſſeſſed at the yearly Rent or Value of Thirty-five Pounds at the leaſt; and in caſe any Perſon hereby made incapable of acting as ſuch Committee-man, ſhall nevertheleſs preſume to act as ſuch in the Execution of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information; and every ſuch Perſon ſo proſecuted ſhall prove that he is qualified or not incapable of acting as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the ſaid Forfeiture upon Proof given of his having acted as a Committee-man in the Execution of this Act.

Meetings of the Committee.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That after ſuch Committee ſhall be ſo choſen as aforeſaid, the ſaid Committee ſhall hold Twelve Meetings in every Year, on the Second *Thurſday* in every Month, at which Meetings all the Matters and Things required to be done and effected by the ſaid Committee for carrying this Act into Execution, ſhall be done and tranſ-

acted, except in such Cases where the doing or transacting such Matters and Things are by this Act directed or authorized to be done and transacted otherwise or at other Times.

Inhabitants may fill up Vacancies to happen to Committee Men.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* at any General Meeting of the said Inhabitants, upon due Notice thereof given as herein-before is required, may, as often as Occasion shall require, if they shall see fitting, fill up any Vacancies that may have happened in the Number of the said Committee, for better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish, either by Death, Removal, or Refusal to act, but no such Committee-man so to be elected to fill up any Vacancy, shall continue a Committee-man for any longer Time than the Person in whose Place he shall or may be elected, might or ought to have continued by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that the like Notice shall be given of every such Meeting, specifying the Cause of such Meeting and the Number of Vacancies to be filled up, as is herein-before directed, in regard to the annual Election of such Committee Men.

Notice to be given of meeting so to do.

No Committee-man to sell Goods or do Work for the respective Purposes of this Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That no Committee-man for the Time being, acting in virtue of this Act, shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in any Contract or Bargain, or transact, do, or effect, provide, furnish, or supply for his or their own Profit, any Work, Labour, Goods, Chattels, Provisions, Utensils, or Materials for the paving, cleansing, and lighting the several Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, or on any other Account whatsoever, relative to putting this Act into Execution, during the Time of his being such Committee-man; and in case any Person being such Committee-man, shall offend therein, that then every such Person so offending, shall not be only incapable of ever filling or serving such Office under this Act, but shall also forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence, One Moiety whereof shall go to such Person as shall inform and sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, to be recovered by Action at Law, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, and in which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Committee may appoint a Clerk and other Officers,

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee for the better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, shall and may at their First or any subsequent Meeting, appoint a Clerk, and also a Collector of the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, to raise Monies for defraying the Expences of paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish, and also an Inspector or Surveyor and such other Officer or Officers for the Execution of so much of this Act as relates to the better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish, and also such and so many Scavengers, Rakers, and Cleansers of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Mewses, Courts, Yards, Alleys, and other public Places and Passages, in the said Parish; and also such and so many Keepers and Lighters of Lamps as the said Committee shall think proper; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee from Time to Time to discharge and remove any such Clerk, Collector, or other Officer to be by them appointed as aforesaid, and appoint others as they shall find necessary

and remove them if they think fit;

and Salaries to be paid

or convenient; and by and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, the said Committee may and is hereby empowered to appoint and pay such Salaries and Allowances to such Officers, and to all other Persons by the said Committee employed in the Execution of this Act as they shall think reasonable, so as such Allowances, Salaries, and Payments to be allowed and paid by the said Committee, shall be paid and taken from and out of the Paving Rate, and so as that no Allowance or Poundage for the collecting the said Rate shall exceed the Sum of Nine Pence in the Pound on the Sum to be so collected; and that the said Committee shall and may (if they think fit) take such Security for the due Execution of the respective Offices by such Person and Persons aforesaid, as they shall think proper, and such Person and Persons as is or are hereby made liable to pay the said Rates and Sums of Money hereby granted, shall pay the same to such Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time be so appointed to collect and receive the same, according to the true Meaning of this Act, and all such Officers and Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, under their Hands, at such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct, deliver to the said Committee or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act; and also of the Monies which shall have been by such Officer or Officers and Person and Persons respectively, received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper and legal Receipts or Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their Hands to the said Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and all the said Officers and Persons so accounting as aforesaid, shall upon Oath, if thereunto required by the said Committee, verify their said Accounts, and if any such Officer or Person shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Committee requiring the same or to such Person as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required, 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 Committee, as the Case may require, or as they shall direct or appoint, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid, the said Committee may and are hereby authorised and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions against the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies that shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively, or Complaint shall be made by the said Committee, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall be and reside, and such Justices may and are hereby authorized and required by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals to cause the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to be brought before them, and upon his or their appearing or not being to be found, 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

out of the Rate.

Securities to be taken for Officers.

Officers to account,

and to pay over the Money in their Hands;

also to deliver all Books, &c.

Remedy against them in Default of so doing.

of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtices that any of the Monies that ſhall have been collected, raiſed, or paid by virtue of this Act, ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons, ſuch Juſtices may and are hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Monies to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons reſpectively, and if no Goods or Chattels of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons, can be found ſufficient to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money and the Charges of diſtraining and ſelling the ſame, ſuch Juſtices ſhall commit every ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he ſhall compound with the ſaid Committee, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint, which Compoſition the ſaid Committee are hereby empowered to make, or until he ſhall deliver up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings as aforeſaid, or give Satisfaction in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Committee: Provided always, that no ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall be detained or kept in Priſon by virtue of this Act, for want of ſufficient Diſtreſs only, for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months: Provided nevertheleſs, that no ſuch Commitment of any Collector to the Houſe of Correction as aforeſaid ſhall acquit or diſcharge any Surety or Security that ſhall or may have been taken by or given to the ſaid Committee for the due and faithful Execution of the Office of Collector, or the Payment of the Money to be by ſuch Collector received by virtue of ſuch Office, or any Actions, Suit, or Proceſs commenced for the Recovery of any Money received as aforeſaid.

Collector dying his Executors to account.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon empowered or appointed to receive or collect any Money by virtue of this Act ſhall die before he ſhall have fully paid and ſatisfied all the Monies by him received by virtue of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Executors, Adminiſtrators, or other legal Repreſentative or Repreſentatives of every ſuch Perſon ſo dying as aforeſaid, ſhall within Fourteen Days after they ſhall be required ſo to do, deliver up to the ſaid Committee or other Perſon authorized by them to receive the ſame, all Rates, Aſſeſſments, Books, Papers, and all other Things concerning the ſaid Office, on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds over and above what ſhall be in his Hands for refuſing or neglecting to deliver the ſame within the Time before mentioned, which ſaid Penalty ſhall and may be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Executors, Adminiſtrators, or other legal Repreſentative or Repreſentatives ſo refuſing and neglecting, in the ſame Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereby directed to be recovered and levied; and ſhall alſo pay to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Committee ſhall authorize and appoint to receive the ſame, out of the Aſſets of the Deceaſed, all ſuch Sums of Money remaining due which ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively may have received by virtue of his ſaid Office up to the Time of his Death.

Officers not to take Fees, except as allowed;

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be employed as a Clerk, Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, or Surveyor, or any other Officer or Servant who ſhall be anyways employed in putting this Act

or any of the Powers thereof into 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 Committee, 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 into Execution; or shall anyways be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract made or to be made for the Purposes 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 Months after the Offence committed, in which said Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

nor to be concerned in Contracts, &c.

Penalty for so doing.

All Rules and Orders to be entered in a Book.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That regular Entries shall be made in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all the Acts, Orders, Rules, Regulations, Directions, and Proceedings of the said Committee relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Committeemen who shall be present at the respective Meetings; and the same shall be subscribed with the Name of the Chairman of such Meeting; and all such Entries, being so signed, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Suits, and Actions touching any Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Actions to be brought or defended in Name of Clerk.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee for better paving, lighting, and cleansing, shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk, and that no Action that may be brought or commenced by or against the said Committee, or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk, or by the Act of such Clerk, without the Consent of the said Committee, but the Clerk to the said Committee for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action: Provided always, that every such Clerk in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Charges as by the Event of any such Proceedings he shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein.

Pavements, Lamp Irons, &c. vested in the Committee;

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Appointment of the said Committee as hereinbefore directed, the Right and Property of and in all and every the Pavements in the several Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, and the Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts, Timber, and all other Materials and Things whatsoever which shall be made use of for the Purposes of this Act (except such Lamps as shall be furnished by any Contractor for providing and lighting the same, or by any private Individual for his own private Convenience), and of and in all Stones, Posts, and old Materials of every kind belonging to the old or present Pavements, as well of the Carriage Ways as of the Footways within the said Streets and other Places, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Committee for the Time being; and the said Committee

or

or any Five or more of them, shall and may, if they think fit, sell and dispose of any of the said Stones and other Materials to any Person or Persons who shall pay the Price agreed for before the Delivery of the same; and the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, are hereby empowered from Time to Time, if they think fit, to hire or take at a Rent any Piece of Ground, either within or without the said Parish, for the Purpose of laying or depositing any such Stones or other Materials for such Time as they shall think proper; and in case any Person or Persons shall (without the Consent and Authority of the said Committee, or Five or more of them) take, carry away, or convert to his, her, or their own Use, or if any Person or Persons shall steal any such Stones, Posts, or other Materials, Matters, or Things, the Property whereof is hereby vested in the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any such Five or more of them, to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or order and direct the preferring of any Indictment or Indictments against any such Person or Persons; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment it shall be sufficient to state generally, that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things for or on account of which such Action or Actions, Bill or Bills of Indictment shall be brought or preferred, is or are the Property of the Committee of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Committee; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break or destroy, or otherwise damage or spoil any of the said Materials or Things, or any Works done in pursuance of the said former Acts, or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or shall take down, remove, or alter the Situation of any Lamp Iron, Lamp Post, or other Post, or take up any Pavement within the Limits aforesaid, under any Pretence whatsoever, without the Consent of the said Committee, or any such Five or more of them (except only in Cases of Alarms of Fire, and under the Directions of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Companies, under the Regulations herein-after contained), or shall obstruct, hinder, or prevent any Person or Persons in the Execution of any of the Powers given by this Act, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds over and above the necessary Charges of replacing, repairing, or making good such Materials or Works, Lamp Irons, Lamp Posts or other Posts, or Pavements, or any Damage done thereto, or Damage sustained by obstructing any Person or Persons, together with all other necessary Charges, to be ascertained and recovered before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in the like Manner as any other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be ascertained and recovered.

who may sell same, or any Part thereof.

Committee may rent a Place to deposit Materials,

and may direct Prosecution of Persons taking away or stealing the same.

Penalty on Person wilfully destroying or damaging the Lamp Irons, Posts, Pavements, &c.

or hindering or preventing the Execution of the Powers given by this Act.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee or any Five or more of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to employ such Workmen and Labourers, Carts or Carriages, with sufficient Horses, as they shall think fit and necessary, for carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, where the Expence of the Work shall not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings and also from Time to Time, if they think fit to contract and agree with any fit Person or Persons, for paving, keeping in Repair, or cleansing and lighting all or any of the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, or for paving and keeping in Repair the Pavement over the Water Trenches belonging to any of the Water Companies, or

Committee may hire Workmen, Carts, &c. and may contract for paving, lighting, and cleansing.

for Materials for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, which Contract or Contracts ſhall be reduced into Writing, and ſhall ſpecify the ſeveral Works to be done, the Quality and Size of the Materials to be uſed, and the Prices to be paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when the ſaid Works ſhall be completed, or Materials delivered, and the Penalties to be ſuffered in caſe of Non-performance thereof, and ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, and by the Perſon or Perſons contracting to perform ſuch Works, or furniſh ſuch Materials as aforeſaid; and

Notice of Contract.

that previous to the making any ſuch Contract Twenty-one Days Notice, at the leaſt, ſhall be given in ſome of the daily publick Newſpapers, expreſſing the Intention of the ſaid Committee to enter into ſuch Contract, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe to the ſaid Committee, at a certain Time and Place, in ſuch Notice to be mentioned, and that in every Propoſal for cleanſing the ſaid Streets and other Places, the Perſon or Perſons offering to contract as Scavenger or Scavengers, ſhall ſpecify how much he or they will allow on Account of the Benefit to ariſe from the Duſt, Cinders, Aſhes, and other Matters which he ſhall be entitled to carry away by virtue of his ſaid Contract, and how much he or they will demand for the Expence of cleanſing the ſeveral Streets and other Places aforeſaid, without the Benefit of the ſaid Duſt, Cinders, and Aſhes, and other Matters, and that all Propoſals ſhall be in Writing, ſigned by the Party or Parties making the ſame, and ſhall ſpecify the Security offered for Performance of the Contract, and all ſuch Propoſals ſhall be filed and preſerved, and ſhall alſo be entered in the Minutes of the Meeting at which

All Contracts to be entered in a Book.

the ſame ſhall be taken into Conſideration, and that all ſuch Contracts ſhall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk, and ſuch Book and Books ſhall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection of all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay to the paving, lighting, and cleanſing Rate within the Limits of this Act, on giving One Day's previous Notice, and Payment of One

Time of making ſuch Contracts.

Shilling to the Clerk or Perſon in whoſe Cuſtody the ſame ſhall be; and that no ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall be made or entered into in any Year by virtue of this Act, but between the Firſt Day of *January* and the Firſt Day of *July* except in Caſes of the Death of the Contractor, or Failure of the Performance of any Contract; and that no Contract for paving, cleanſing or lighting any of the ſaid Streets or Places ſhall be made for a longer Term than Seven Years, and that in the paving and repairing ſuch Street, Lane, or other Paſſage or Place as aforeſaid, by virtue of this Act, the Level thereof ſhall not be altered without the Conſent in Writ-

Level of Streets not to be altered, without Conſent of adjoining Diſtrict.

ing, of the Veſtry, or Paving Committee of the next adjoining Pariſhes (where the ſame ſhall or may be adjoining to ſuch Pariſhes), or any Materials be uſed therein which are inferior in Quality to thoſe originally uſed by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, and a Reſtriction to that Effect ſhall be inſerted in every Contract to be made, for paving or repairing any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or other Paſſages or Places as aforeſaid.

Contracts now exiſting to continue until Expiration.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Contracts as have been heretofore made and entered into with the Committee, and confirmed by the Commiſſioners, under whoſe Controul the paving, lighting, and cleanſing hath hitherto been, by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, ſhall be and are hereby declared valid, and ſhall continue in Force until the regular Expiration thereof.

XXXIV. And

How Complaints made against lighting, cleanſing, &c. ſhall be attended to.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Houſeholder, within the Limits of this Act, ſhall, by Writing under his or her Hand, to be left at the uſual Place of Abode of the Inſpector, to be appointed by the ſaid Committee in Manner herein-after mentioned, make Complaint of any Defect of lighting or cleanſing, or Want of repair in the Pavement, in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or other Paſſages or Places, the ſaid Inſpector in every ſuch Caſe ſhall immediately inquire into or examine the Matter of Complaint, and give Notice to the Contractor accordingly, and report to the Committee at their next Meeting; and if by ſuch Report it ſhall appear that the Pavement complained of was bad and defective, and not then repaired, (unleſs ariſing from a Defect relating to the Water Pipes lying under ſuch Pavement) the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them ſhall give Notice to the Contractor or Pavior to repair the ſame, within ſuch Time as the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them ſhall judge neceſſary, which Time ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Order, and if the Contractor or Pavior to whom ſuch Order ſhall be given, ſhall not repair and amend ſuch Pavement within the Time directed by ſuch Order, he ſhall in every ſuch Caſe forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day that the ſaid defective Pavement ſhall remain unrepaired after the Time limited by ſuch Order, and One Moiety of every ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid to the Inhabitant or Houſeholder ſo making Complaint, and the other Moiety ſhall be paid to the ſaid Committee, to be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act; and if it ſhall appear by ſuch Report, that the Contract for cleanſing or lighting ſhall not have been duly performed, the ſaid Committee ſhall forthwith give Directions for recovering the Penalty under every ſuch Contract.

Power to call a Special Meeting of the Committee upon any ſuch Complaint.

XXXV. Provided always and be it further enacted, That if upon any Complaint to be made by any Houſeholder as aforeſaid, the Inſpector to whom ſuch Complaint ſhall be made ſhall think it neceſſary that a Meeting of the Committee ſhould be holden, to be informed of and conſider the Matter of ſuch Complaint previous to the Day to which the ſaid Committee ſhall have adjourned, and ſhall, by Notice in Writing under his Hand, acquaint the Clerk to the ſaid Committee thereof, and of the Matter of ſuch Complaint, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Clerk ſhall, and is hereby required forthwith to ſummon the ſaid Committee to meet at the Place and Time to be mentioned in ſuch Summons, not being more than Four Days from the Delivery of ſuch Notice to the Clerk as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Clerk ſhall, in ſuch Summons, ſpecify the Purpoſe for which ſuch Meeting is to be holden; and the ſaid Committee ſhall, and are hereby authorized and required to hold a Meeting according to ſuch Summons; and all Acts and Proceedings of the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, at ſuch Meeting, ſhall be as valid and effectual as if done at any other Meeting to be holden as before directed by this Act: Provided nevertheleſs, that no other Buſineſs ſhall be done or tranſacted at any ſuch Special Meeting than what ſhall relate to the Matter ſpecified in any ſuch Notice, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Remedy in caſe of Contract not being duly performed.

XXXVI. Provided always and be it further enacted, That whenever any Contract made or to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall not in every Reſpect be duly performed and executed according to the Terms and Conditions thereof, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them,

them, to employ ſome fit Perſon to perform and execute the Work not performed and executed by virtue of any ſuch Contract, and to deduct and retain the Expence thereof out of any Money then due or to grow due to the Contractor.

All Work done by Contract to be examined by Inſpector.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby required, to cauſe all or any Work done in purſuance of the ſaid former Acts, or to be done in purſuance of this Act, or of any Contract now made or hereafter to be made as aforeſaid, to be examined by their Inſpector, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be well and ſufficiently performed, according to the Intent and Meaning of every ſuch Contract, or ſhall not be finiſhed or completed at or within the Time or Times thereby required, the ſaid Inſpector or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall report the ſame to the ſaid Committee at their next or any ſubſequent Meeting; and the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, ſhall or may thereupon bring an Action of Debt in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, againſt the Perſon or Perſons ſo contracting and neglecting to perform ſuch Contract, for Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties which ſhall be contained in ſuch Contract, and on Proof of ſigning the ſame, and Nonperformance thereof in the Manner or at or within the Time or Times for that Purpoſe therein mentioned, the ſaid Committee ſhall be entitled to and ſhall recover ſuch Penalty or Penalties.

Committee may compound with the Contractor for any ſuch Penalty, under Reſtrictions.

XXXVIII. Provided always and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time to compound and agree with any Perſon or Perſons againſt whom ſhall be enforced the Recovery of any ſuch Penalty contained in any ſuch Contract already made or hereafter to be made as aforeſaid, for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall judge proper, ſo as the Sum or Sums ſo compounded and agreed for be not leſs than the Sum of Twenty Shillings beſides the Injury or Damage ſuſtained by the Breach or Nonperformance of ſuch Contract, and all Coſts, Charges, and Expences which ſhall have been occaſioned thereby.

Commiſſioners under former Acts to account with the Committee relative to Optional Streets;

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, or any Two or more of them, ſhall and are hereby required to make up full and particular Accounts of all Money (if any) in their Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, relating to the Optional Streets reſpectively within the ſaid Pariſh, within Three Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act; and ſhall alſo, within Four Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, transfer, aſſign over, or pay to the ſaid Committee, or to ſuch Perſon as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, all Money (if any) ſo remaining in their Hands, Cuſtody, or Power as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Two or more of them, ſhall and are hereby alſo required, within Three Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, to make up a full and particular Account of all Arrears of the Rates or Aſſeſſments laid by the ſaid Commiſſioners by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, and due and owing at the Time of making ſuch Account within the ſaid Optional Streets, and from whom the ſame ſhall be reſpectively due; and alſo an Account of all the Money (if any) in the Hands, Cuſtody, or Power of the ſaid Commiſſioners relating

and the ſaid Commiſſioners to account with the ſaid Committee relative to the other Parts of the Pariſh.

relating to the other Parts of the ſaid Pariſh, and to cauſe ſuch Accounts, together with all ſubſiſting Contracts for paving, repairing, cleanſing, or lighting the ſaid Optional Streets to be laid before the ſaid Committee, and alſo to deliver to the ſaid Committee at the ſame Time all Rate Books and Aſſeſſments or atteſted Copies thereof, under the Hands of Two or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſo far as the ſame relate to the ſaid Optional Streets, and ſhall and are hereby alſo authorized and required, within Four Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, to transfer, aſſign over, or pay to the ſaid Committee, or to ſuch Perſon as they, or any Five or more of them ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, all ſuch Money (if any) as ſhall by ſuch laſt-mentioned Account appear to be in their Hands, Cuſtody, or Power as aforeſaid.

Former Committee to account with Committee appointed by virtue of this Act.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the Committee appointed by virtue of the ſaid former Act of the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty for the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and are hereby required to make up a full and particular Account of all Money in their Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, relating to the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo of all Arrears of the Rates or Aſſeſſments which ſhall have been laid by them, and which ſhall be then due and unpaid, and ſhall within Three Calendar Months next after the paſſing of this Act, cauſe ſuch Accounts together with all Contracts, Rate Books, and other Books, Paper, and Writings in their Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, relating to the ſaid Pariſh, to be delivered to the Committee for carrying this Act into Execution, and ſhall alſo at the ſame Time pay to the ſaid Committee, or to ſuch Perſon as they or any Five or more of them ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, all ſuch Money as ſhall by ſuch Account appear to be in the Hands, Cuſtody, or Power of the ſaid Committee appointed by the ſaid former Act.

Directing what Proportion of the Expence of former Commiſſioners ſhall be paid by the Pariſh, and for how long ſuch Payments ſhall continue.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Proportion of the Monies hitherto borne and paid by the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, for and towards the Salaries of the Officers of the ſaid Commiſſioners acting under the ſaid recited Acts, and the contingent Expences of the Commiſſion ſhall continue to be paid until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve; and that from and after the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, all and every Contribution and Allowance by the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, for and towards the Expences of carrying into Effect the ſaid former Acts ſhall ceaſe and determine.

Committee to make Rates for paving, lighting, and cleanſing.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That forthwith after the paſſing of this Act, and afterwards as ſoon as conveniently may be after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each and every Year after the ſaid Committee ſhall have aſcertained ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think ſufficient for the Current Year, to anſwer all the Ends and Purpoſes of paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the ſeveral Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places within the Limits aforeſaid, and other Expences incurred by this Act in relation to ſuch paving, lighting, and cleanſing, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Committee and they are hereby required to make One equal Pound Rate or Aſſeſſment once in every Year, or oftener if neceſſary, for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the Squares,

Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places within the Limits aforeſaid, ſo as no ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall in One Year exceed One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound of the annual Value of the Meſſuages, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, in reſpect of which ſuch Rate ſhall be ſo made, upon all and every Perſon or Perſons who do or ſhall inhabit, hold, uſe, occupy, poſſeſs, or enjoy any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stables, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or other Hereditament, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, or Limits aforeſaid, according to the yearly Rent or Value thereof, which laſt mentioned Rate ſo to be made and aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpoſe, in which Book there ſhall be ſeparate Columns, one Column for the Arrears ſtanding out the preceding Year, one other Column for the Names of the ſeveral Perſons to be charged in the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and one Column for the Arrears ſtanding out and unpaid at the End of the Year, in order to be carried on to the next ſucceeding Account, and ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each and every Year.

Rate to be allowed by Two Magiſtrates.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments (being firſt allowed and confirmed by Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and Notice thereof being given in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* on the *Sunday* next after the ſame ſhall have been ſo allowed), and all Arrears due upon the ſame; and alſo the Rate now made by the Commiſſioners or the Committee-men appointed under the ſaid former Acts or any of them, and all Arrears due upon the ſame ſhall and may be collected Quarterly or otherwiſe, as the ſaid Committee to be appointed under this Act as aforeſaid ſhall direct, by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Committee under this Act, to receive and collect the ſame: Provided alſo, that no additional Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall be made to be current with any Rate already made by the Commiſſioners or Committee-men under the ſaid former Acts for any Amount which together with ſuch former Rates ſhall amount to more than One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, on ſuch annual Value as aforeſaid.

Proviſo.

Public Buildings, &c. to be rated according to the Number of Square Yards of Paving belonging thereto.

XLIV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made and laid by virtue of this Act, upon or in reſpect of the Church, Church Yard, and Burial Ground belonging to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*; and alſo of any Chapels, Meeting Houſes, Schools, and other Erections, Public Buildings, and any Market, Walls and void Spaces of Ground and Premiſes which ſhall not be rated, to the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* by a Pound Rate, ſhall be aſcertained according to the Number of Square Yards of Pavement paved or repaired, cleanſed or lighted under and by virtue of this Act, belonging to ſuch Church and Church Yard, Burial Ground, Chapels, Meeting Houſes, and other Erections and Public Buildings, Walls and void Spaces of Ground and Premiſes reſpectively; and the ſame, in caſe of ſuch Aſſeſſment being ſo made by the Number of Square Yards as aforeſaid, ſhall never exceed in any one Year the Sum of Sixpence for every ſuch Square Yard; and every Rate or Rates or Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be made and laid upon ſuch Church and Church Yard, Burial Ground, and Chapels, (if any) ſhall be paid by the reſpective

tive Churchwardens or Chapel Wardens for the Time being; and such Rates or Assessments to be made and laid upon such other Erections and Public Buildings, Walls, void Spaces of Ground, and Premises, shall be paid by the Owners or Proprietors thereof respectively: Provided always, that no Rate or Assessment shall by virtue of this Act be laid upon or collected or received for or in respect of any Wall or void Space of Ground, unless the same shall abut upon or front some Street, Lane, or Place to be paved, cleansed, or lighted as aforesaid; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

New Streets to be first paved at the Expence of the Owners, who may compound with the Committee for paving thereof.

XLV. And whereas several new Streets or other Places may hereafter be made within the Limits of this Act, and it is reasonable that the Expence of first paving such Streets or other Places should be borne and defrayed by the respective Owners and Proprietors of the Houses and Estates abutting upon or adjoining the same, or their Lessees: And whereas such paving might be better and more conveniently done if the same were to be done under the Direction and Management of the said Committee under this Act; be it therefore enacted, That whenever the said Committee, or any Five or more of them shall think it proper, that the first paving of any such Street or other Place as aforesaid, should be began and proceeded in, they shall and may cause Fourteen Days Notice at the least in Writing, signed by their Clerk or Inspector, to be given to the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of the Houses, and other Tenements abutting upon or adjoining such new Street or other Place, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, requiring him, her, or them to meet the said Committee in order to agree for the Sum to be paid to them for the first paving of such new Street or other Place, and the Money which shall be so agreed upon shall be paid to the said Committee, or to such Person as they or any Five or more of them shall appoint to receive the same, within One Calendar Month next after such Agreement, and after Payment thereof the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall and are hereby authorized and required to cause such new Street or other Place to be paved, and to defray the Expence thereof out of the Money which shall come to their Hands or be placed to their Account by virtue of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that no Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall be compelled or compellable to undertake or agree to pay towards such new Paving any greater Sum than Four Shillings for every Square Yard of Pavement, whether Carriage Way or Footway: Provided also, that if such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees shall not meet the said Committee according to such Notice, or shall not agree with them as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, to cause such new Street or other Place or so much thereof as they shall think proper, to be paved as soon as conveniently may be; and all the Charges and Expences attending such paving shall be paid by the said respective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees; and in Default of Payment of such Charges and Expences upon Demand, the same shall be levied and recovered in like Manner as any Rates or Assessments are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

Owner not to pay more than 4 s. for every Square Yard.

If the Owner shall not on Notice attend to agree with Committee, or shall not agree, then Committee to pave the Street, &c. and charge Owner with Expence.

Names of Streets and Places to be written at or near the En-

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, may, if they think proper, cause to be placed or wrote on a conspicuous Part of some House or Building at or near each End, Corner,

trance, and Houſes and Lamp Irons to be numbered.

Corner, or Entrance of the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages and Places within the Limits of this Act, the Name by which every ſuch Street, Lane, Paſſage, and Place is uſually called or known, and alſo ſhall and may, if they think fit, cauſe every Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, or Building within the ſaid Streets, Lanes, Paſſages, or Places, or any of them, and alſo all Lamp Irons belonging to the ſaid Committee to be marked and numbered in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think moſt proper for diſtinguiſhing the ſame; and if any Perſon ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly deſtroy, pull down, injure, obliterate, alter, cover over or deface any ſuch Inſcription or Number, or any Part thereof, or cauſe or procure the ſame to be done, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Penalty on wilfully breaking any Lamp, or putting it out.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall wilfully break any Lamp to be ſet up by virtue of this Act, or ſhall extinguiſh the Light within any ſuch Lamp, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed, to apprehend, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in apprehending the Offender, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him or her before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and ſuch Juſtice ſhall examine upon Oath, any Witneſs or Witneſſes, who ſhall appear, or be produced to give Evidence touching ſuch Offence, and if the Party accuſed ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence, either by his or her own Confeſſion, or upon ſuch Evidence as aforeſaid, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Lamp ſo broke, and alſo for every Lamp the Light whereof ſhall be ſo extinguiſhed as aforeſaid, and ſhall alſo make full Satisfaction to the Perſon or Perſons contracting to furniſh ſuch Lamps, for the Damage which ſhall have been done thereby; and one Moiety of ſuch Forfeiture ſhall be paid to the Perſon or Perſons apprehending the Offender, and the other Moiety to the Perſon or Perſons contracting as aforeſaid; and in caſe ſuch Offender ſhall not on Conviction pay the ſaid Forfeiture, ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to commit him or her to the Houſe of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unleſs ſuch Forfeiture and Satisfaction ſhall be ſooner paid; and if any Perſon ſhall careleſsly or accidentally break any of the ſaid Lamps, and ſhall not upon Demand, make Satisfaction to the Perſon or Perſons contracting as aforeſaid, for the Damages done thereby, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, upon Complaint thereof made to him, to ſummon the Party complained of, and upon hearing the Parties on both Sides, or Non-appearance of the Party complained of, to examine the Matter of Complaint, and award ſuch Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction to the Perſon or Perſons contracting as aforeſaid, for ſuch Damage as ſuch Juſtice ſhall think reaſonable; and in caſe of Neglect, or Refuſal forthwith to pay ſuch Sum of Money, then the ſame may be levied and recovered as any Penalty or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

Perſons careleſsly or accidentally breaking Lamps, to make good the Damage.

Signs to be placed flat on Fronts of Houſes;

XLVIII. And, for the better preventing Encroachments, Nuiſances, Annoyances, Accidents, and Obſtructions, in the Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages, and Places, within the Limits of this Act, be it further enacted, That all Signs which now are, or ſhall at any Time hereafter be placed or hung in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages, and Places, ſhall

shall be fixed or placed flat on the Front Walls of such Houses or other Buildings respectively, to which the same shall belong; and in case any Encroachments or Annoyances shall be made within any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages, or Places, by Signs, Sign-Irons, Sign Posts, Spouts, Steps, Cellar Windows, Areas, Inclosures of Areas, Dung Bins, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall cause the same to be removed, repaired, or altered in such Manner as they shall think fit, and shall and may cause all Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Cornices, and Penthouses, of all Houses and other Buildings within the Limits aforesaid, by proper and sufficient Pipes or Trunks, to be fixed on the Fronts or Sides of such Houses, and other Buildings, by the Owners or Occupiers thereof; and in case any such Owner or Occupier shall not at his or her own Costs and Charges, within Fourteen Days after Notice in Writing shall be given to him or her, or left at his or her Dwelling-house, signed by Three or more of the said Committee, or by their Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Officer, remove, repair, or alter, all such Encroachments, Obstructions, or Annoyances, according to such Notice, or in case the Palisado, Area, Fence, Railing, or Inclosure, for separating or inclosing the Area of any House or other Building, from the Way or Passage, shall be broken down, or out of Repair, or in case the Bars of any Grating that shall be laid flat over any Cellar Window, Area, or Steps, shall be at a greater Distance from each other than One Inch and a Half so as to be dangerous to Passengers, and the Owner or Occupier of such House or other Building, shall not forthwith (being thereunto required by Writing, signed by any Three or more of the said Committee, or by their Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Officer), set up, amend, repair, or alter, such Palisado, or Area, Fence, Railing, or Inclosure, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time, to cause all such Encroachments, Obstructions and Annoyances, to be removed and altered, and such Palisado, or Area, Fence, Railing, and Inclosure to be set up, amended, repaired, and altered, in such Manner as they shall judge necessary, and to levy the Charges and Expences attending the same, from the Owner or Occupier of every such House or other Building, in like Manner, as any Penalty or Forfeiture is by this Act authorized to be levied.

if placed otherwise, or any other Encroachment made, Committee may remove them.

Water to be conveyed from Houses by Pipes.

Palisadoes broken or defective to be repaired.

Power given to Committee, if Owners will not do the several Matters required for abating Nuisances, to cause same to be done, and charge Owner or Occupier with Expences.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, within any Square or Squares, Street or Streets, Place or Places within the Limits aforesaid, beat or dust any Carpet or Carpets, or drive any Carriage or Carriages for the Purposes of breaking Horses, or ride any Horse for the Purpose of exercising or airing such Horse (otherwise than by passing through such Square or Squares, Street or Streets, Place or Places); and that if any Person shall throw, cast, or lay, or cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, cast, or laid, any Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Rubbish, Offal, Dung, Soil, or other Filth or Annoyance, or shall set or place any Stall Board, Wheelbarrow or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Cask, or Goods of any Kind whatsoever, or shall hoop, wash, or cleanse any Pipe, Barrel, Cask, or Vessel in or upon any of the Carriage or Footways within the Limits aforesaid, or set out, lay, or place, or cause or procure, permit or suffer to be set out, laid, placed, or to remain, any Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage or Chair, upon any of the said Carriage or Footways (except such Coaches and Chairs

No Carpets to be beat, or Horses driven or rode for breaking or exercising within the Parish.

No Annoyances, Filth, or Obstructions to be put or placed in the Street.

as have been or ſhall be hereafter licenſed by the Commiſſioners for regulating and licenſing Hackney Coaches and Chairs, and which ſhall ſtand for Hire according to the Statutes and Bye Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes, and alſo except for the neceſſary Time of loading or unloading any Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, or taking up or ſetting down any Fare, or waiting for Paſſengers when actually hired, or harneſſing or unharneſſing the Horſes from any Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, and alſo for ſuch Time as ſhall be reaſonable or neceſſary for waſhing Carriages, where Carriages have been heretofore uſually waſhed upon the Pavement) and ſhall not immediately remove the ſame when required ſo to do by any Perſon whomſoever; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſet or place, or cauſe to be ſet or placed in any of the ſaid Carriage or Footways, any Timber, Stone, Bricks, Lime, or other Materials or Things whatſoever (unleſs the ſame ſhall be incloſed as in and by this Act is directed), and ſhall not immediately remove the ſame when thereunto required by any Perſon whomſoever, then and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, upon Complaint made to him by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to iſſue a Warrant requiring ſuch Offender or Offenders to appear before him at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be in ſuch Warrant ſpecified; and every ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, being thereof duly convicted upon the Oath of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), and, upon Default of Appearance, upon Proof made of the due Service of ſuch Summons, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons appointed by the ſaid Committee to ſeize any ſuch Stall Board, Wheelbarrow or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſks, Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, together with the Horſe or Horſes, if any ſhall be thereunto belonging, with the Harneſs, Gears, and Accoutrements thereof, or any ſuch Timber or other Materials or Things aforeſaid, and cauſe the ſame to be removed to ſuch Place or Places as he or they ſhall judge convenient and proper, giving Notice to the Owner, Driver, or other Perſon having any Intereſt in the Stall Board, Wheelbarrow or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſk, Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, Horſes, Materials, or Things ſo removed (if he, ſhe, or they can be found) of the Place or Places whereunto the ſame ſhall be ſo removed, and the ſame ſhall be there kept and detained until ſuch Owner, Driver, or other Perſon intereſted therein as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe to be paid the ſaid Penalty, together with the Charges of taking or removing the ſame, and of keeping ſuch Horſe or Horſes (if any); and in caſe the Stall Board, Wheelbarrow or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſk, Goods, Chair, Carriage, Horſes, Materials, or other Things ſo removed, ſhall not be claimed, and the ſaid Penalty and Charges paid, within Five Days next after ſuch Removal, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee to order the ſame to be appraiſed and ſold, and the Overplus of the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale ſhall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the ſaid Penalty, and the Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending ſuch ſeizing, keeping, appraiſing, and ſelling the ſame, ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences to be aſcertained and allowed by ſuch Juſtice of the Peace; and it ſhall and may be lawful for

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any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall ſee any Duſt, Offal, Dung, Rubbiſh, Soil, or other Filth or Annoyance whatſoever, placed, thrown, caſt, or laid in any of the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, to ſeize and apprehend, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing and apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey ſuch Offender or Offenders before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, who, upon Oath being made of ſuch Offence as aforeſaid, ſhall and may commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days unleſs the ſaid Penalty ſhall be ſooner paid.

No Hoards to be erected without Licence from the Inſpector for the Committee.

L. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall erect or build, or cauſe to be erected, built, or continued any Hoard, or erect any Poſts, Bars, Rails, Boards, or other Things by way of Incloſure, for the Purpoſe of making Mortar and depoſiting Bricks, Stone, Lime, Sand, or other Materials for building or repairing any Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Tenement, or other Works, or for any other Purpoſe, without Leave or Licence firſt had and obtained under the Hand of the Surveyor or Inſpector to the ſaid Committee, who is hereby required to grant the ſame forthwith, under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions to be expreſſed in ſuch Licence as the ſaid Committee or any Five or more of them ſhall direct and appoint, upon Payment by the Perſon applying for ſuch Leave or Licence to the ſaid Surveyor or Inſpector of the Sum of One Shilling and no more; and if any ſuch Hoard or Incloſure ſhall be erected or built without the Leave of ſuch Surveyor or Inſpector ſo had and obtained as aforeſaid, or ſhall be ſet up in any other Manner or continued for any longer Time than ſhall be expreſſed and allowed in ſuch Licence, or in any Renewal thereof, then and in every of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, or their Surveyor or Inſpector, to cauſe ſuch Hoard and alſo all Poſts, Bars, Rails, Boards, or other Things to be made uſe of by way of Incloſure as aforeſaid, to be taken down and removed and depoſited in ſuch Place as he or they ſhall think proper, giving Notice to the Perſon or Perſons who erected ſuch Hoard or other Incloſure (if he or ſhe can be found) of the Place where the ſaid Materials ſhall be depoſited, and the ſame ſhall be there kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof ſhall pay to the Perſon in whoſe Cuſtody the ſame ſhall be, the Sum of Twenty Shillings together with the Charges of taking down and removing the ſame, and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be claimed and the ſaid Penalty and Charges paid within the Space of Five Days next after ſuch Removal thereof, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, to order and cauſe the ſame to be appraiſed and ſold, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Materials, after deducting the ſaid Penalty and the Charges of taking down, removing, keeping, appraiſing, and ſelling the ſame.

If any Hoard ſhall be erected without or contrary to Licence, the Committee may remove it.

No Lime to be ſcreened or ſlaked without a Hoard.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſift, ſcreen, or ſlake, or cauſe to be ſifted, ſcreened, or ſlaked, any Lime (except within ſuch Incloſure as aforeſaid) in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Paſſage, or Place within the Limits aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

LII. And

Penalty on running Wheels or driving Carriages, Horſes, &c. on Foot Pavement.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall for the future carry, run, drive or draw, or cauſe to be carried, run, driven or drawn on any of the Footway Pavements within the Limits aforeſaid, any Wheel or Wheels, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck, or any Carriage whatſoever, or ſhall wilfully ride, lead, or drive any Horſe, Cow, Aſs, or other Cattle, Coach or other Carriage whatſoever, upon any Part of the Foot Pavements within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, then and in any ſuch Caſe and as often as they or any of them ſhall happen, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, upon Complaint made to him by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes to iſſue a Warrant requiring ſuch Offender or Offenders to appear before him at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be in ſuch Warrant ſpecified; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed, to ſeize and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing the Offender or Offenders, and without any other Warrant to convey and deliver him, her, or them into the Cuſtody of a Peace Officer, in order to be ſecured and conveyed before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, and the Party or Parties accuſed being ſo brought before ſuch Juſtice, ſuch Juſtice ſhall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear or be produced to give Information touching ſuch Offence, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), and if the Party or Parties accuſed ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or upon Information as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſo convicted of any ſuch Offences reſpectively, ſhall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for the firſt Time of offending; any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for the Second Time of offending; and any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the Third and every other Time of offending; and in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not upon ſuch Conviction pay ſuch Forfeitures by him, her, or them incurred as aforeſaid, the Juſtice before whom ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, is hereby required to commit him, her, or them, to the Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Upon View of ſuch Offence any Perſon may apprehend the Offender and take him or her before a Magiſtrate.

Dirt, Slop, &c. not to be ſwept into any Common Sewer, nor within a certain Diſtance of any Grate or Channel.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That no Scavenger or other Perſon employed in cleanſing the ſaid Streets and other Places, ſhall ſweep, rake, or place any of the Slop, Sluſh, Mud, Dirt, Duſt, Rubbiſh, Aſhes, Filth, or Soil, found in any of the ſaid Streets or other Places, or brought therein into any common Sewer, Drain, or Tunnel thereunto belonging, but ſhall place, ſweep, or rake the ſame together, ſo as to lie at the Diſtance of Three Feet at the leaſt from each of the Grates belonging to or placed over the Common Sewers, Drains, or Tunnels, and at the Diſtance of Two Feet at the leaſt from the Channel where the Width of the Street, Lane, or Place will admit thereof; and that no Perſon other than the Scavenger employed by or under the ſaid Committee, ſhall go about to collect or gather, or ſhall take or carry away any Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes out of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, Courts, or other Paſſages or Places within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*; and that no Perſon ſhall uſe or employ any Cart or other Carriage in cleanſing any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, Courts, or other Paſſages or Places, or in carrying any Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes out of the ſame, unleſs the Fellies of the Wheels of ſuch Carts or other Carriage ſhall be of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches at the leaſt; and if any Perſon

No Perſon other than Scavenger to take away Duſt.

No Cart to be uſed in cleaning the Streets with Wheels, the Fellies of which ſhall be

Perſon ſhall offend in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed to ſeize, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing the Offender, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey him or her before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and ſuch Juſtice ſhall examine upon Oath the Perſon or Perſons apprehending the Offender, or any Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear or be produced to give Information touching ſuch Offence, and if the Party accuſed ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence either by his or her own Confeſſion, or upon Information as aforeſaid, he or ſhe ſo convicted, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety of every ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the Offender, and the other Moiety to the ſaid Committee; and in caſe the Perſon who ſhall take or carry away any ſuch Cinders or Aſhes contrary to the Directions of this Act, cannot be apprehended, the Owner of the Cart in which the ſame ſhall be carried ſhall be ſubject to the ſaid Penalty; and in caſe any ſuch Offender ſhall not on Conviction pay the ſaid Penalty, ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to commit him or her to the Houſe of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unleſs ſuch Penalty ſhall be ſooner paid: Provided nevertheleſs, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to prevent or hinder the Owners of any ſuch Duſt, Cinders, or Aſhes, to carry away the ſame for their own Uſe, but not for Sale.

leſs than Six Inches wide. Offender to be apprehended on view and taken before a Juſtice of the Peace.

Penalty for Offences laſt deſcribed.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall begin to empty any Bog Houſe, or to take away any Night Soil, from any Houſe within the Limits of this Act, before the Hour of Twelve in the Night, or ſhall continue to take away the ſame after the Hour of Five in the Morning, between *Michaelmas* and *Lady Day*, or after the Hour of Four in the Morning between *Lady Day* and *Michaelmas*; and that no Perſon ſhall put or caſt, or cauſe to be put or caſt away, any ſuch Night Soil out of any Cart, Tub, or otherwiſe, within the Limits aforeſaid, or within Half a Mile thereof, and if any Perſon ſhall offend herein, it ſhall be lawful for any Conſtable, Beadle, or Watchman, knowing of ſuch Offence being committed, and any other Perſon or Perſons, to apprehend and convey the Offender or Offenders to the Watch Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and from thence, as ſoon as conveniently may be, before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, who, upon Oath being made of ſuch Offence as aforeſaid, ſhall and may commit the Offender to the Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Months; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, to order any Sum, not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be paid to the Perſon who ſhall detect, apprehend, and convey before any ſuch Juſtice of the Peace any ſuch Perſon offending as aforeſaid.

Night Soil not to be taken away but within ſtated Hours, and not to be laid within a certain Diſtance.

Committee may reward Perſons who ſhall apprehend ſuch Offenders.

LV. And be it further enacted and declared, That all and every the Inhabitants, Owners, and Occupiers of Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the Limits of this Act, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be abſolutely exonerated, freed, diſcharged, and indemnified, of, from and againſt the Execution and Service of

Inhabitants exempted from the Office of Scavenger and Surveyor of the Highways, and from

hanging out Lights, and from Presentments and Returns of Annoyance Juries on account of defective Pavement, &c.

of the Office of Scavenger, or Surveyor of the Highways, within the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and of and from hanging out of Lights in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places, and all Presentments and Returns of Jurors, Constables, or other Officers, (other than and except the Inspector, or other Person to be appointed by virtue of this Act) for and in respect of dangerous and defective Pavements, Defaults of lighting, and all Annoyances, Obstructions, and Incroachments, within the said Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places, and all Pains, Penalties, Duties, and Services, for or concerning any such dangerous or defective Pavements, Defaults of lighting, Annoyances, Obstructions, and Incroachments; and that the several Acts of Parliament made in the Second Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for paving and cleansing the Streets in the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and out Parishes in the County of* Middlesex, *and in the Borough of* Southwark, *and in other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, in the County of* Surrey, *and for regulating the Markets therein mentioned*; and in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for explaining and enforcing the Act for paving and cleansing the Streets within the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and the Borough of* Southwark, *and Weekly Bills of Mortality, and Streets adjoining thereto, and for widening the Street at the South End of* London *Bridge*; shall, so far as relates to the several Streets and other Places comprized in this Act, be, and they are hereby repealed and made void.

Scavengers Duty.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That all Persons contracting with the said Committee for cleansing the said Streets and other Places, shall, once in every Week at least, between the Hours of Six in the Morning and Six in the Evening, attend in all and every the Streets and Places aforesaid, (of which Attendance they shall respectively give Notice by ringing of a Bell) and shall give Three Days Notice at the least, in Writing, to the Surveyor or Inspector to the said Committee, specifying the particular Day in each Week where they are to attend in each respective Street or other Place for the Purposes aforesaid, of which the said Surveyor or Inspector shall make an Entry in a Book, and the said Surveyor or Inspector shall on that Day inspect the said respective Streets and other Places, to see if the Work is performed, and shall make an Entry thereof in the same Book; and the Persons so contracting shall also, upon the Request of any of the Inhabitants, or their Servants or Lodgers, go into all and every the Houses and other Places, where any Dust, Cinders, or Ashes shall be deposited, and take and put into Carts, and carry away the same; and if any Person so contracting, or any Person employed by him shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall forfeit and pay for every Neglect or Refusal, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Inhabitant complaining, and the other Moiety to the said Committee.

Penalties on Neglect.

Paviors of the Water Companies to give Notice of their Names, Places, and Walk to the Committee's

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the several and respective Paviors or Supervisors now employed, or hereafter to be employed by the Water Companies respectively, within the Limits aforesaid, shall within the Space of Two Months next after the Second *Thursday* in *June* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, or within Ten Days next after they shall be respectively appointed Paviors or Supervisors to such Company or Companies, give Notice

in Writing to the Inſpector or Surveyor for the Time being of the ſaid Committee of their reſpective Names and Places of Abode, and of the Names of the reſpective Company whoſe Paviors or Superviſors they are, and of the reſpective Diſtrict to which they are appointed, and in like Manner the Inſpector or Surveyor for the Time being of the ſaid Committee, after having received Notice of ſuch Appointment as aforeſaid, ſhall within Ten Days next after having received ſuch Notice, give Notice to the reſpective Paviors or Superviſors, of the ſaid ſeveral Water Companies of the Names and Places of Abode of the Pavior or Paviors, Contractor or Contractors for the Time being of the ſaid Committee; and if any of the ſaid Paviors or Superviſors, or the Inſpector or Surveyor of the ſaid Committee for the Time being, ſhall neglect to give ſuch Notice within the reſpective Times aforeſaid, each of them ſhall for every ſuch Offence, ſeverally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Surveyor, or Inſpector.

Committee's Surveyor or Inſpector to give them Notice of the Committee's Paving Contractor or Contractors.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo often as any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, belonging to any of the Water Companies who now furniſh, or ſhall hereafter furniſh the Inhabitants within the Limits aforeſaid with Water, and which now lie or ſhall hereafter be laid under Ground within the Limits of this Act, ſhall happen to break, burſt, or decay, ſo as to require to be repaired, the Surveyor or Inſpector of the ſaid Committee for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Committee ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, ſhall forthwith give, or cauſe to be given, Notice thereof in Writing to the Pavior or Superviſor of the Water Company to whom he apprehends the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to belong, who is hereby required to take up the Pavement and open the Ground at or near the Place where ſuch Reparation ſhall appear to be wanting; and if the ſaid Pavior or Superviſor ſhall, upon taking up ſuch Pavement and opening ſuch Ground, diſcover that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſo broken, burſt, or decayed, does not or do not belong to the Water Company to whom ſuch Pavior or Superviſor does belong, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Pavior or Superviſor ſhall forthwith give or cauſe to be given, Notice thereof in Writing to the Pavior or Superviſor to the Company to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes ſhall appear to belong, in which Caſe ſuch laſt-mentioned Pavior or Superviſor is and are hereby required, upon Demand, to make Satisfaction for the taking up ſuch Pavement and opening ſuch Ground, to the Pavior or Superviſor giving Notice as aforeſaid; and the Pavior or Superviſor of ſuch Water Company, to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes ſhall belong, is and are hereby required to cauſe or procure the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to be repaired, and afterwards to fill up the ſaid Ground and ram down the ſame within Two Days next after ſuch Notice to be given; and as ſoon as ſuch Main or Pipe ſhall have been ſo repaired, and the Ground ſo filled up and rammed down, he or they ſhall give or cauſe to be given, Notice thereof in Writing to the Pavior or Contractor for the Time being of the ſaid Committee; and if the Pavior or Paviors, Superviſor or Superviſors of any of the ſaid Water Companies to or for whom ſuch Notice ſhall be given, or left at his, her, or their laſt Place or Places of Abode, ſhall, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after giving or leaving ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, refuſe or neglect to take up ſuch Pavements and open ſuch Ground; or if upon diſcovering that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſo broken, burſt, or decayed, doth not or do not belong to the Company to whom ſuch Pavior or Superviſor does belong,

Directions for repairing defective Water Pipes.

belong, he or they ſhall refuſe or neglect to give immediate Notice thereof in Writing to the Pavior or Superviſor of the Company to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes doth or do belong; or if the Pavior or Superviſor of the Water Company to whom ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes ſhall belong, ſhall, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after ſuch Notice given to him or them, or left at his or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, refuſe or neglect to cauſe or procure ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to be amended and repaired, or afterwards to fill up the Ground ſo taken up, within the Time herein before mentioned, or to give ſuch immediate Notice of his having ſo done to the Pavior or Contractor of the ſaid Committee, for the Time being, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo reſpectively refuſing or neglecting ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, ſeverally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, not belonging to any of the Water Companies, ſhall happen to break, burſt, or decay as aforeſaid, in any of the ſaid Streets, Squares, Lanes, Yards, Courts, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, then and in every ſuch Caſe the reſpective Owner or Owners thereof ſhall forthwith cauſe the Ground over the ſame to be opened, and ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, to be repaired, and Notice thereof in Writing to be given to the Inſpector or Surveyor, for the Time being, of the ſaid Committee, or in caſe of Refuſal or Neglect ſo to do, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any Pavement ſhall be broken or taken up for the Purpoſe of making, repairing, or altering any Main Pipe, Vault, or Drain, or for any other Purpoſe whatſoever, then and in every ſuch Caſe, the Perſon or Perſons ſo breaking or taking up the ſaid Pavement, or cauſing the ſame to be ſo broken or taken up, ſhall, as ſoon as the Nature of the Work will admit, cauſe the Ground to be filled in, and Notice thereof in Writing to be given to the Inſpector or Surveyor for the Time being of the ſaid Committee, or in caſe of Refuſal or Neglect ſo to do, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and the ſaid Inſpector or Surveyor of the ſaid Committee ſhall forthwith, upon every ſuch Notice as aforeſaid given to him or left at the Office of the Clerk to the ſaid Committee, tranſmit ſuch Notice, or cauſe the ſame to be tranſmitted, to the Pavior or Contractor of the ſaid Committee for the Time being; and if the ſaid Inſpector or Surveyor ſhall refuſe or neglect, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after ſuch Notice as aforeſaid given to him or left at his laſt or uſual Place of Abode, to tranſmit ſuch Notice, or cauſe ſuch Notice to be tranſmitted to the ſaid Pavior or Contractor for the Time being of the ſaid Committee, or if ſuch Pavior or Contractor to whom any ſuch Notice as aforeſaid ſhall be ſo tranſmitted, ſhall, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after the tranſmitting of ſuch Notice to him as aforeſaid, refuſe or neglect to relay and repair the Pavement ſo broken up, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day ſuch Pavement ſhall continue unrelaid or unrepaired after the Expiration of the ſaid Twenty-four Hours.

Penalty on Neglect.

Owners of Pipes, in caſe of their being defective, to repair ſame.

Ground taken up to repair Pipes to be filled, and Notice to be given to Inſpector.

Notice to be tranſmitted by the Inſpector to the Contractor.

Pavement to be relaid by the Space of Twenty-four Hours after Notice.

If no regular Pavior, the Notice to be given to the Clerk to Water Company.

LIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if at any Time it ſhall happen that there ſhall be no regular or fixed Appointment of a Pavior to any of the ſaid Water Companies within the Limits of this Act, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Notice ſhall be delivered to or left at the Office of the Clerk

Clerk or Secretary to such Company, who shall be subject and liable to the like Directions in all Respects, and to the like Penalties for Default, Refusal, or Neglect, as the Pavior to such Company is herein-before made subject and liable to.

Committee to be reimbursed the Expences of re-laying Pavement broken, for repairing Water Pipes.

LX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences of relaying the Pavement which shall be broken or taken up for the Purposes of laying down, repairing, or amending any such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, shall be reimbursed and paid to the said Committee, or such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, by the Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being of the respective Water Companies to whom such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes shall belong, or if the same shall not belong to any of the said Water Companies, then by the respective Owner or Owners thereof; and if such Clerk or Treasurer to any of the said Water Companies, or the respective Owner or Owners of such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, liable to reimburse and pay such Charges and Expences, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within Ten Days next after Demand thereof in Writing, signed by the Clerk of the said Committee, and left at their respective Dwelling Houses or last Places of Abode, or at the Office of the respective Companies, together with a Bill to be annexed to such Demand, containing an Account of such Charges and Expences, then and in every such Case the Money so expended shall and may be recovered by the said Committee of and from the Company or Companies, Person or Persons so liable thereto, by Action or Actions of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after such Demand respectively, in which Action or Actions, Suit or Suits respectively, no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

In case of Refusal to pay such Expences Committee may recover same.

Committee to state Particulars of Charge for re-laying, &c.

LXI. Provided always and be it enacted, That the said Committee shall, in such Demand, state the Charge and Expence of relaying and repairing the Pavement over such Main or Pipe, and the Number of Square Yards which shall have been so relaid and repaired, which shall in all Cases be measured, as soon as the Ground shall have been filled in, and rammed down, and at what Time the Pavement thereof was relaid and repaired, and whether the same was relayed or repaired by Contract, or by Day-work; nor shall such Water Company pay more in Proportion, for relaying and repairing the Pavement over such Main or Pipe, than what the said Committee shall pay or be liable to pay, for relaying or repairing any other similar Pavement within the Limits of this Act.

Water Companies may repair the Pavements by their own Workmen within Four Feet of their Plugs.

LXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent any of the said Water Companies from Time to Time as Occasion shall require, from taking up and repairing, by their Workmen, Paviors, or Supervisors, any Part of the Pavement within the Limits aforesaid, not exceeding the Distance of Four Feet for the Water Plugs, Drawing Plugs, and Fire Plugs, belonging to the said respective Water Companies: Provided nevertheless, that in case such Pavement so taken up by the said Water Companies, their Workmen, Paviors, or Supervisors shall not be properly relaid, to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, or their Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being, then upon Notice given to the said Water Companies, or their Pavior or Paviors,

Surveyor or Surveyors, the said Pavement shall within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice, be again taken up and relaid, and at the Expence of the Water Company, that shall have so taken up the said Pavement; and in case the said Pavement so taken up, shall not be relaid for the Third Time, in a proper Manner, and to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, or their Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being, then the Water Company so neglecting to relay the said Pavement, in a proper Manner, shall forfeit and pay to the said Committee, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and the said Committee shall cause such Pavement to be taken up and relaid by their own Workmen and Paviors, and the Expence thereof shall be borne and defrayed by the Water Company so neglecting to relay the same in a proper Manner; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Committee may compound with Water Companies.

LXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, from Time to Time to compound and agree with any of the said Proprietors or Water Companies respectively, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Foot or other Measure, as the said Committee shall think reasonable, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing such Parts of the several Places within the Limits of this Act, as shall be necessary to be taken up by the Workmen of the said Proprietors or Water Companies, for the Purposes of laying down, replacing, altering, or amending any of the Mains or Pipes.

How Water may more easily be obtained at Time of Fire.

LXIV. And, for the more easy obtaining of Water in cases of Fire, it is hereby further enacted, That the several Water Companies who shall supply any of the Inhabitants, within the Limits aforesaid, with Water, shall, within the Space of Ten Days, after the Second *Thursday* in *June* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and from Time to Time, within Ten Days after the Appointment or Removal of any Turncock or Turncocks, give Notice in Writing, to the Inspector or Surveyor of the said Committee, of the Names and Places of Abode of their respective Turncocks, distinguishing the Districts to which they respectively belong; and if any of the said Companies shall neglect to give such Notice within the Times aforesaid, they shall for every such Neglect, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and the said Committee shall, and they are hereby required to cause to be printed and distributed in each and every Year, to and amongst the several Householders within the Limits aforesaid, a List of the Names and Places of Abode of the several Turncocks of the District or Districts within the said Limits, and also to cause to be affixed, One of each such Lists in every Watch House and Watch Box in and belonging to the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*.

Owners of Pipes to relay and repair them at their own Charge.

LXV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the Charges and Expences of relaying or repairing the Pavement which shall be broken or taken up for the Purpose of repairing or amending any such Pipe or Pipes not belonging to any of the Water Companies, shall be paid to the Committee for putting this Act in Execution, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, by the respective Owner or Owners of such Pipe or Pipes; and that the Charges and Expences of making, repairing, altering, cleansing, or emptying any such Sewer, Drain, or Vault, and of making and putting down such new and additional Grates, and altering and repairing such old Grates, and of relaying

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and repairing the Pavement ſo broken or taken up for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall be paid to the ſaid Committee, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, by the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall take up or cauſe the Pavement or any Part thereof, to be taken up for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and in caſe the reſpective Owner or Owners of ſuch Pipe or Pipes as aforeſaid, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay what ſhall have been ſo laid out and diſburſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, within Fourteen Days next after Notice thereof in Writing ſigned by the Clerk to the Committee for putting this Act into Execution, and left at their reſpective Dwelling Houſe or laſt Place of Abode, together with a Bill annexed thereto, (which Notice ſhall contain an Account of ſuch Charges and Expences) that then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Committee, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cauſe to be brought any Action or Actions againſt all or any or either of the reſpective Perſons aforeſaid, for the Recovery of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall have ſo laid out and expended for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; in which Action or Actions no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Water Companies to fence, &c. when Pavements are taken up.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons acting by and under the Authority of any Water Company or Companies ſhall break up or cauſe to be broken up any of the Pavement within the Limits of this Act for the Purpoſe of laying down, repairing, or amending any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or of making, repairing, altering, cleanſing, or emptying any Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, or of making, changing, altering, or repairing any Grate or Grates, and ſhall not have repaired and laid down the Pavement ſo as to have rendered the ſame ſafe and commodious before Sun-ſet in each and every Day for the paſſing of all Perſons, Cattle, and Carriages, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Perſon or Perſons acting by and under ſuch Authority ſhall well and ſufficiently fence or rail round ſuch Pavements ſo broken up as aforeſaid, or ſhall cauſe the ſame to be well and ſufficiently fenced or railed round, and a Light to be affixed to ſuch Fence or Rail, ſuch Fence or Rail to remain ſtanding and ſuch Light to be burning from the ſetting to the riſing of the Sun; and in Default thereof ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Expence of altering Pipes, &c. in certain Caſes to be borne by the Committee.

LXVII. Provided nevertheleſs, and it is hereby enacted, That if at any Time or Times it ſhall be found neceſſary to raiſe, ſink, or any otherwiſe alter the Poſition of any of the Pipes or Plugs laid down or placed by any of the Companies who furniſh the Inhabitants within the Limits aforeſaid with Water, or of any Leaden or other Pipes belonging to any of the ſaid Water Companies, or to any other Perſon or Perſons which for the Purpoſes of conveying Water in or to any Houſe, Area, or other Place, have been or ſhall be laid into or from any ſuch Pipe or Pipes, or to remove or replace the Grates over any of the Common Sewers for the Purpoſe of new paving or altering any of the Pavement within the Limits of this Act, the Expence thereof ſhall from Time to Time be paid out of the Money ariſing or to ariſe by the paving Rate authorized to be made by virtue of this Act, and ſhall always be done with as little Detriment and Inconvenience to the ſaid reſpective Companies or Inhabitants as the Nature of the Caſe will admit: Provided always, that when and as often as any Part of the Pavement of the

Pipes replaced at Requeſt, Proprietors to pay the Expence of repairing Pavements.

the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places ſhall, at the Requeſt of the Proprietor of any Leaden or other Pipe be taken up by any Perſon or Perſons for the Purpoſes of placing, altering, or amending any ſuch Pipe, the ſame ſhall with all convenient Speed be repaired by the Pavior or Paviors contracted with or employed by the ſaid Committee, or under the Direction of their Inſpector or Surveyor, at the Expence of the Proprietor or Proprietors of the ſaid Leaden or other Pipes reſpectively: Provided alſo, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Committee from Time to Time to compound and agree with any of the ſaid Proprietors for a certain Sum of Money by the Foot or other Meaſure, as the ſaid Committee ſhall think reaſonable, in lieu and ſtead of their laying down and repairing ſuch Parts of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places within the Limits aforeſaid, as ſhall be neceſſary to be taken up for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Committee may compound with ſuch Proprietors.

Protecting the Commiſſioners of Sewers of Middleſex and Weſtminſter.

LXVIII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend, to abridge, alter, vary, or any way affect the Powers and Authorities of the Commiſſioners of Sewers in and for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* and Part of the County of *Middleſex*, or to ſubject the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Perſon acting by their Authority, to any Penalty under or by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Thing to be done or omitted to be done by them or by their Order as ſuch Commiſſioners, with relation to the Sewers under their Management and Controul.

Committee to ſet apart a Proportion of Rate to be applied in Payment of Debt.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That in order to diſcharge any Debt or Sum which ſhall or may be due to the Commiſſioners under the ſaid recited Acts of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eleventh, and Thirtieth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or any Debts which may be now due and owing on account of paving, lighting, and cleanſing the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, or any Part thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Committee, and they are hereby authorized and required yearly and every Year until the ſaid Money and Debts ſhall be fully paid off and diſcharged, to deduct, appropriate, and ſet apart One full Fourth Part of the Monies ariſing and to be collected by the Rate and Aſſeſſment to be levied and collected for the Purpoſe of repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages and Places within the Limits aforeſaid, and to pay and apply the ſame for and towards the diſcharging and paying off ſuch Monies until thereby the Whole ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied.

Houſes rented by Ambaſſadors, &c. to be paid for by the Landlord

LXX. And be it further enacted, That every Rate or Aſſeſſment which ſhall be made, rated, or aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, on any Perſon or Perſons, as well as every Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made for the Relief of the Poor within the ſaid Pariſh as aforeſaid, for or in reſpect of any Houſe or Tenement, in which any Ambaſſador, or Reſident Agent, or Publick Miniſter of any Foreign Prince or State, or any Officer or Servant of any Ambaſſador or Reſident Agent, or Miniſter of any Foreign Prince or State, now doth or hereafter ſhall inhabit or occupy, ſhall be paid by the Landlord or Owner of ſuch Houſe or Tenement, who ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as if he, ſhe, or they had been the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and actually named and aſſeſſed in all

and every ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, and to be recovered and enforced accordingly.

When Perſons remove.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon ſhall remove out of or from, or quit the Poſſeſſion of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, within the Limits of this Act, before the Rate or Aſſeſſment charged thereon, by virtue of this Act, as well as any Rate made for the Relief of the Poor within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be paid, or if any Perſon ſhall enter into the Occupation of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Perſon ſhall have ſo removed before Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, or which at the Time of rating or aſſeſſing the ſame as aforeſaid, ſhall be empty or unoccupied, then the Perſon ſo removing out of the ſame or quitting the Poſſeſſion, and the Perſon entering into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament, ſhall be reſpectively liable to the Payment of the Rate or Aſſeſſment in Proportion to the Time ſuch 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 and Occupation of ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Perſon ſo entering into the Occupation thereof, had been originally rated or aſſeſſed, which Proportion (in caſe of Diſpute) ſhall be aſcertained by any Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall come into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament, by renting or taking the ſame from the laſt immediate Occupier, then and in ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo coming into the Occupation thereof, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Rates or Aſſeſſments in Arrear, by virtue of this Act; and to ſuch Poor Rates in Arrear as if he, ſhe, or they had been originally rated or aſſeſſed.

Perſons going out and Perſons coming in, each liable to a Proportion.

If Diſputes ariſe as to the Proportion to be ſettled by Juſtices.

If a Perſon takes from the laſt immediate Occupier then liable to Arrears.

How Rates under this Act to be recovered.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſor or Leſſors, Leſſee or Leſſees of any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement or Hereditament, within the Limits aforeſaid, and herein made liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment, made, laid, and aſſeſſed, by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the Money rated and aſſeſſed upon him, her, or them reſpectively, or which he, ſhe, or they is or are liable, by virtue of this Act to pay, and all Arrears due thereon, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors (appointed as aforeſaid), by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, to recover and levy ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due upon the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party ſo neglecting or refuſing, which ſhall be found either in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or in any other County, City, or Liberty, (ſuch Warrant, if the Diſtreſs ſhall not be made in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, being firſt backed or counterſigned by ſome Magiſtrate for the County, City, or Liberty where the Diſtreſs is to be made) which Warrant ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby required to back or counterſign, without Fee or Reward; and if within Five Days next after ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due thereon ſhall not be paid, together with the reaſonable Charges of taking and keeping the ſame, the ſaid Collector or Collectors ſhall cauſe the ſaid Goods to be appraized and ſold, or ſuch Part thereof as ſhall be ſufficient to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſ-

ſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reaſonable Charges of making ſuch Diſtreſs, and of keeping and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner and Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively.

Rates may be recovered by an Action at Law if no Diſtreſs to be found.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, Truſtees of the Workhouſe, and the Committee Men aforeſaid, or any Five or more of them, as the Caſe may be, where no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be made for the Recovery of any or either of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made, levied, aſſeſſed, and collected in virtue of this Act, to direct and cauſe an Action or Actions, in the Names of the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or Workhouſe Truſtees, or the ſaid Clerk, to be brought and proſecuted in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, for the Recovery of any or either of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments; and upon Proof of the Demand made, and Refuſal or Neglect of Payment of any or either of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, for the Recovery whereof ſuch Action or Actions ſhall be brought, the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or Truſtees, or Committee Men, as the Caſe may be, ſhall be entitled to a Verdict againſt the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Actions.

All Accounts of Receipts and Payments to be duly entered in Books. Which ſhall be yearly audited by a General Meeting of Inhabitants.

All Receipts to be preſerved in Books.

Books to be kept by Clerk and to be open to the Inſpection of Inhabitants.

And ſuch Accounts ſigned at Meetings to be taken as Evidence.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That diſtinct Accounts of the total Sums reſpectively aſſeſſed, collected, and received within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and of all the Monies paid and diſburſed for all or any of the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, ſhall be fairly entered in diſtinct and ſeparate Books to be provided for that Purpoſe by the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being; which Books ſhall be yearly examined, adjuſted, and ſigned by all ſuch Inhabitants and Houſeholders preſent at the then next General Meeting in Order of Time to be held for making any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as herein-before enacted and declared; and that all Receipts taken for Money diſburſed for all or any of the Purpoſes of this Act ſhall be reſpectively written in or affixed to a Book to be provided for ſuch Purpoſe for each ſeparate Rate or Aſſeſſment or Account, ſo as the better to preſerve the ſame; which ſaid Books and Accounts ſhall be lodged in the Hands of the Veſtry Clerk or Committee Clerk aforeſaid for the Time being, and ſhall and may at all ſeaſonable Times be inſpected and peruſed by any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* who ſhall deſire the ſame, on giving One Day's previous Notice, and paying the Sum of One Shilling for each Inſpection; and all Accounts ſo ſigned at the Meetings or General Meetings aforeſaid to be reſpectively held purſuant to this Act, ſhall be and be deemed Originals, and ſhall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatſoever.

Little Drury Lane to be altered.

LXXV. And whereas, by reaſon of the Increaſe of Perſons of late Years paſſing up and down *Little Drury Lane*, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and the great Quantity of Carts and other Carriages more than formerly paſſing to and from the *Strand* through the ſaid Lane, as likewiſe by the extreme Narrowneſs of the Footway on each Side towards the lower End of the ſaid Lane, and the narrow Width of the Carriage Way turning into or out of the *Strand* at the lower End of the ſaid Lane, Accidents have of late happened, and are continually liable ſtill to happen, to Foot Paſſengers, as well as Perſons with Carriages paſſing up or down the ſaid Lane; for the future Prevention whereof, be it enacted, That it

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ſhall and may be lawful to and for a Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, in Conjunction with the ſaid Committee, or any Five or more of them, with the Conſent of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, to alter or cauſe to be altered into a Court the Whole or ſuch Part of the ſaid Lane as they ſhall think proper, and ſuch Court to be called by the Name of *Drury Court*; or it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtry and Committee, with ſuch Conſent as aforeſaid, if they ſhall think it would beſt anſwer the Conveniency of the Inhabitants and Public in general, to erect temporary Poſts with or without Bars or Chains, in any Part or Parts of the ſaid Lane, or to uſe and adopt any ſuch other Method as they ſhall think fit, for preventing the paſſing and repaſſing of Carts and other Carriages into or through the ſaid Lane, except ſuch Carts or Carriages as in the latter Caſe ſhall or may be at any Time going to any or either of the Inhabitants Houſes, but that the ſame ſhall at all Times hereafter be and remain in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Committee ſhall direct, provided the ſame do not obſtruct Foot Paſſengers, and that the ſaid Lane or Place ſhall be paved or repaired, lighted and cleanſed, with the other Parts of the ſaid Pariſh.

Carriages to be prevented paſſing the North Side of the Church on Sabbath and Great Holidays.

LXXVI. And whereas by Reaſon of the great Concourſe of Coaches and other Carriages in the *Strand*, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, upon *Sundays* and great Holidays, it frequently happens that the Inhabitants and Pariſhioners are very much diſturbed and interrupted in the Time of Divine Service; be it further enacted, That the Committee aforeſaid, or any Five or more of them, may order and direct any Bars or Chains to be erected and placed acroſs the North Side of the *Strand*, from the North Weſt Corner Poſt by the *One Bell Inn* Yard to the Church Yard Iron Railing oppoſite to the ſaid Corner Poſt of the *One Bell Inn* Yard aforeſaid, during Divine Service, and for the Space of One Hour before and One Hour after, on *Sundays* and ſuch Holidays aforeſaid, or may take any other Method for preventing the paſſing and repaſſing of Coaches and other Carriages during ſuch Time as they ſhall think fit and proper.

Recital of Act of 14 G. 3. c. 40.

Preſent Rates not ſufficient to pay the Expences of the Watch.

LXXVII. And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Fourteenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the City and Liberty of* Weſtminſter *and Parts adjacent, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, certain Proviſions and Enactments were made for the better ordering the ſaid Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for making Rates and Aſſeſſments for defraying the Expences attendant thereon: And whereas the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, ſince the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act, proceeded in the Execution thereof, and the Nightly Watch and Beadles of the ſaid Pariſh have been regulated according to the Proviſions in the ſaid Act contained, but by Reaſon of the Increaſe in Wages payable to Watchmen, the Change of Times, and the Number of Watchmen neceſſary to be employed, it is found that the Rates or Aſſeſſments which by the ſaid recited Act were granted for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act being limited and reſtrained not to exceed Sixpence in the Pound on the yearly Value of the Premiſes aſſeſſed, do not now raiſe a Fund ſufficient to defray and ſatisfy the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act the Powers and Authorities by the ſaid recited Act given for making a Rate or Aſſeſſment upon the Inhabitants and Occupiers of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, to raiſe and levy Monies for paying the Wages of the Watchmen and Beadles, and other Charges incident thereto which are by the ſaid recited Act limited ſo as not to exceed the Rate of Sixpence in

the Pound of the yearly Value of Houſes, Tenements, Shops, Warehouſes, Cellars, or other Buildings ſo to be aſſeſſed and charged, ſhall extend and the ſame are hereby extended to enable the Truſtees for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles of the ſaid Pariſh, and they are hereby empowered to make, rate, aſſeſs, and levy ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments to ſuch further or greater Amount as they ſhall ſee fitting, ſo as the ſame ſhall not in any one Year exceed the Rate of One Shilling in the Pound of the yearly Value of the Houſes, Tenements, Shops, Warehouſes, Cellars, or other Buildings ſo aſſeſſed or charged, or to be aſſeſſed or charged; and the Number of Watchmen ſo limited by virtue of the ſaid recited Act to be not leſs than Two, be and is hereby extended to be not leſs than Four to have Stands and Beats within the ſaid Pariſh.

The Power of making a Rate extended.

Truſtees to appoint a Collector of Watch Rates and allow him a reaſonable Reward.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Watch Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, at either of their Meetings, to appoint ſuch Perſon or Perſons to collect the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, as they ſhall think fitting, and to pay and allow out of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments, ſuch reaſonable Allowance by way of Poundage, on the Money actually collected or otherwiſe for collecting the ſame, and for keeping the Accounts of the Diſburſements and Expenditures thereof, and for his or their Trouble therein, as they ſhall ſee fitting; and alſo, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, from Time to Time, to order and direct the ſaid Collector or Collectors, to pay and diſburſe out of ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments ſo to be collected by him, ſuch Sum or Sums as they ſhall judge fitting, to be paid to the Watchmen and Beadles, and others, to be employed by the ſaid Truſtees, in carrying into Effect the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and of this Act.

No Truſtee to ſupply any Articles for his own Profit.

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

Inhabitants in Veſtry to appoint a Collector of the Church and Rector's Rates.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh in Veſtry aſſembled, in purſuance of Notice to be given in the Pariſh Church aforeſaid, on the *Sunday* preceding ſuch Meeting, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons, being an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, to be and become a Collector or Collectors of the Church and Rector's Rates, made or to be made within and for the ſaid Pariſh, and ſuch Collector or Collectors

lectors to discharge and displace, as to them shall seem fitting, and to allow to such Collector or Collectors, out of the said Rates, such Compensation by way of Poundage or otherwise as they the said Inhabitants shall think reasonable, not exceeding the Sum of Nine-pence upon all Sums to be by him or them so collected, which said Allowance shall be taken and deemed to be a lawful Expenditure, and allowed in passing the respective Accounts of the Churchwardens touching such Rates respectively; and that it shall be lawful for the said Inhabitants (if they think proper) to take from such Person or Persons so to be appointed, Sureties by Bond or Obligation or otherwise for the due Performance of the Trust in him and them reposed, and for duly accounting for and paying over all Monies to be by him and them collected and received under and by virtue of such Appointment; such Bond to be to the Churchwardens of the said Parish.

And allow Poundage for his Trouble.

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

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

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted, or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise herein particularly directed) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for either the said County of *Middlesex* or the County of *Surrey*, wherever any Offence shall be committed, by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Information of One or more credible 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; and the Informer is hereby rendered a credible Witness) 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 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 Committee for the better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, in case such Offence shall be committed against such Part of the Act as relates to such paving, lighting, and cleansing, and shall by the said Committee be applied towards the Purposes of this Act, in regard to the said paving, cleansing, and lighting, and where the same shall arise and be incurred by reason of any Offence relating to the Poor or the Workhouse aforesaid, the same shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, and by them applied in Aid of the Poor Rate; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee and Overseers of the Poor respectively, to pay such Part of

Penalties and Forfeitures and Fines how to be levied and recovered.

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 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 before whom ſuch Conviction ſhall be made, and he and they is and are hereby authoriſed and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* or County of *Surrey* aforeſaid, or of ſuch County or Place where ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted, 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 Two Months, unleſs ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reaſonable Charges and Expences attending the ſame, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Inhabitants deemed competent Witneſſes.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall, before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwiſe, in, about, touching, or concerning any Matter or Thing touching or concerning the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Strand*, be deemed an incompetent Witneſs by Reaſon of his or her paying the Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Juſtice or 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,

Form of Conviction.

' } BE it remembered, That on the Day of
'To wit. } in the Year of the Reign of His Majeſty
'King *A.B.* is convicted before
' of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the of
'by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the Fifty-firſt Year of the
'Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*Here ſet forth*
'*the Title of the Act, and ſpecify the Offence, and the Time and Place when*
'*and where the ſame was committed*].' Given under our Hands and
'Seals, (*or* my Hand and Seal) the Day and Year aforeſaid.'

Diſtreſs not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form;

LXXXV. 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 Damages in an Action on the Caſe:

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

Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall recover in any Actions, 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 cauſe to be committed, every or any ſuch Irregularity, Treſpaſs, or wrongful Proceeding, before ſuch Action brought;

and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into the Court, such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and 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.

Power to pay Money into Court as Damages.

LXXXVI. Provided always and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall apply for Relief to any Vestry, or to the Trustees for building the said Workhouse, or Paving Committee, as the Case may require, at any Meeting to be held within Six Weeks next after Demand made of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or next after any Matter or Thing done and committed by or by Order of the said Vestry, Trustees of the Workhouse, or Committee, as the Case may be, and the said Vestry, Trustees or Committee are respectively hereby authorized and empowered (if they shall think such Person or Persons aggrieved) 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 Vestry, Trustees, or of the said Committee, as the Case may be, he, she, or they, shall be obliged to pay such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and to comply with such Order of the said Vestry, Trustees, or the said Committee, as the Case requires, then he, she, or they may appeal to the Quarter or General Session of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex*, next after such Determination, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least, in Writing, of such his, her, or their Intention, to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Churchwardens and Overseers, or Clerk to the said Committee, as the Case may require, and within Two Days, next after such Notice, entering into Recognizance before such Justice of the Peace for such County, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions; but if there shall not be Time for giving such Notice, then to the next succeeding Quarter or General Sessions; and the said Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper, and the Determination of such Justices at their Quarter or General Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

Power of Appeal.

First, to Vestry, Trustees, or Committee.

Afterwards to the Session for the County.

Giving Notice, and entering into Recognizance to try the Appeal.

LXXXVII. 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, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, or be removed 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.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

Not to be removed by Certiorari.

LXXXVIII. 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

No Action to be brought without previous Notice.

of this Act, until Thirty Days Notice thereof shall be given in Writing to the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being, or to the Trustees for building the said Workhouse, or to the Clerk to the said Committee, as the Case may require; or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Four 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*, and not elsewhere; 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 Thirty Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered 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 or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries 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 for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in either Case by Law.

Venue in all Actions to be laid in Middlesex.

General Issue.

How Expences of Act shall be paid,

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Monies first arising by virtue of this Act.

Act not to extend to Places belonging to the Crown.

XC. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act, so far as relates to the paving, cleansing, and lighting aforesaid, or in any of the said former Acts contained in regard thereto, shall authorize or require the said Committee of the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* to pave, repair, cleanse, or light the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, or any other Place or Places situate before or belonging to any Royal Palace, Ground, or Building within the Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Strand* aforesaid, which now belongs or hereafter shall belong to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors; any Thing in this Act, or in any of the former Acts, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Publick Act.

XCI. 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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