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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 40.

An Act for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, in the City of *Rocheſter*, in the County of *Kent*, and regulating the Poor thereof. [12th *May* 1809.]

WHEREAS great Inconvenience and Loſs has ariſen to the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, *Rocheſter*, in the County of *Kent*, from the Laws now in force being inſufficient to enable the Churchwardens and Overſeers thereof to rate certain Houſes and Premiſes to the Poor Rates, which are let out by the Landlord or Landlords thereof in Tenements: And whereas the granting proper Powers, for the better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor Rates, and other Parochial Rates thereof, and for the better Government, Regulation, Employment and Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, will tend to the Eaſe of the Inhabitants thereof, and to the more effectual Relief and Aſſiſtance of ſuch of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, who by Age or Infirmities are or may be rendered incapable of ſupporting themſelves by their Labour; to the better Employment of the induſtrious, and thoſe who are able to work, to the proper Correction and Puniſhment of the idle and diſorderly, and to the better Education of the Infant Poor: 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,

Nomination of Guardians.

That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, for the Time being, together with *John Prentice Henſlow*, *Samuel Baker*, *William Rout*, *Henry Friend*, *Orlando John Nicholls*, *Thomas Boucher* Senior, *Stephen Doorne*, *Edward Manclark*, *William Blythman Blenkinſopp*, *John Cotton*, *Francis Webb* Senior, *William Cooper*, and *John Chriſtopher Schnebellie*, Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, and their Succeſſors, to be elected as herein-after mentioned, are hereby nominated and appointed Guardians and Truſtees of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, and for putting this Act into Execution.

Qualifications of Guardians.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon (except the Churchwardens and Overſeers herein-before nominated, and their Succeſſors) ſhall be capable of acting as a Guardian of the Poor in the Execution of this Act, unleſs he ſhall at the Time of acting be ſeized or poſſeſſed in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, of the Rents and Profits of Freehold Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of Leaſehold Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, over and above the Ground or reſerved Rents payable thereout, within the ſaid Pariſh, of the clear yearly Value, and aſſeſſed to the Pariſh Rates thereof, at the Rate of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, or unleſs he ſhall be a Tenant or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh, aſſeſſed to the Pariſh Rates, at the Rate of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and alſo be poſſeſſed of a Perſonal Eſtate to the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds; and if any Perſon (except as aforeſaid) not being qualified as aforeſaid, ſhall preſume to act in the Execution of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record by Action of Debt, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and the Perſon ſo proſecuted, upon the Trial thereof, ſhall prove that he is qualified as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the Penalty, upon Proof being given of his having acted as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act.

Electing new Guardians.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians hereby appointed, and the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, and ſuch of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh who ſhall be rated at Ten Pounds towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, are hereby authoriſed and required to meet at the Church of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, on *Monday* in *Eaſter* Week which will be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and ten, on the Day appointed for the Purpoſe of nominating Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor; who, immediately after the Churchwardens and Overſeers are nominated, ſhall proceed to draw Lots for Six Guardians, out of ſuch of the Guardians who ſhall not be diſqualified from becoming Guardians for the Yearenſuing, or ſhall not be Guardians in Right of their Office, to go out of their Office; and ſuch Guardians who ſhall be ſo drawn, ſhall then ceaſe to be Guardians accordingly; and the ſaid Pariſhioners then preſent, ſhall immediately proceed to elect as many Perſons, Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, as there ſhall be Vacancies for Guardians, to be Guardians in the Room of thoſe who ſhall have previouſly ceaſed to be Guardians, or ſhall then go out of Office; and that the Guardians who ſhall then remain, ſhall be called the ſenior Guardians, and the Guardians who ſhall be ſo elected or re-elected ſhall be

be joined with the ſaid ſenior Guardians, and ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority with them, to act in the Execution of this Act; and that ſuch ſenior Guardians ſhall continue in Office until the *Monday* in *Eaſter* Week following, when the ſaid ſenior Guardians ſhall go out of Office, and the Guardians choſen at ſuch Meeting ſhall become ſenior Guardians for the Year enſuing; and the Pariſhioners herein-before mentioned ſhall, on *Monday* in *Eaſter* Week, in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and eleven, at the Day appointed for nominating Churchwardens and Overſeers, in like Manner proceed to elect ſuch a Number of Perſons duly qualified to be Guardians, as ſhall be requiſite to fill up the Vacancies of thoſe going out of Office, and of thoſe who ſhall become diſqualified, by refuſing to act or otherwiſe, or to re-elect the ſame Guardians continuing Inhabitants thereof; and ſo on from thenceforth on every *Eaſter Monday* the ſaid Guardians continuing in Office ſhall become ſenior Guardians for the Year enſuing, and that in *Eaſter* Week in every Year ſucceſſively, on the Day on which the Churchwardens and Overſeers are appointed for the ſaid Pariſh, the like Election ſhall take place to ſupply the Vacancies of thoſe Guardians going out or diſqualified, and that the Guardians ſo choſen, ſhall be joined with the ſaid ſenior Guardians, and ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority with them, to act in the Execution of this Act.

Manner of electing Guardians in caſe of Vacancy or otherwiſe.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe of the Death of any Guardian, or if any Guardian ſhall ceaſe to be an Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh, or ſhall refuſe to act in the due Execution of this Act, the remaining Guardians ſhall, at their next, or any future Meeting, to be held in purſuance of this Act, order ſuch Vacancy to be filled up, and ſhall within Five Days after ſuch Order is made, cauſe Notice in Writing of the Day and Hour of the Election of a new Guardian, for filling up ſuch Vacancy, to be affixed upon the Church Door of the ſaid Pariſh Ten Days at leaſt previous to the ſaid Day of Election; and that upon the ſaid Day of Election, ſuch of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh or Place ſo qualified to vote for Guardians as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized and required, purſuant to ſuch Notice, to proceed to ſuch Election as aforeſaid; and in caſe the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall not yearly in *Eaſter* Week, or upon any Vacancy happening in the Office of any Guardian as aforeſaid, elect new Guardians in the room or ſtead of thoſe going out, dying, ceaſing to be an Inhabitant, or refuſing to act as aforeſaid, after ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, then the remaining Guardians ſhall, at their next Meeting, elect and chooſe as many Guardians, being Inhabitants qualified as aforeſaid, to fill ſuch Vacancies; and each and every of ſuch Guardians ſo elected, ſhall have full Power and Authority to act in the Execution of this Act, and be ſubject to be diſplaced in the ſame Manner as if each of them had been choſen in the preceding *Eaſter* Week.

All Eſtates, and Effects, Powers and Authorities now veſted in the Churchwardens and Overſeers to be veſted in the Guardians.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Meſſuages or Tenements, Poor-Houſes, Workhouſes, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, Rates, Aſſeſſments, and Arrears of Rates and Aſſeſſments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, Powers and Authorities, which from and immediately before the paſſing of this Act, the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, were poſſeſſed of or entitled unto, or in Truſt for the Pariſhioners thereof, for and towards the Relief, Maintenance, Uſe, and Benefit, or Regulation of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall, from and immediately after the paſſing of this Act, be veſted in and poſſeſſed by the ſaid Guardians by virtue of

this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as they the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or other Perſon or Perſons, at or immediately before the paſſing of this Act were entitled to or poſſeſſed of.

Meetings of Guardians.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians to be choſen in purſuance of this Act, ſhall meet in the Veſtry Room, or at the Committee Room, in the Poor Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh, on the Second *Monday* next after the Day on which this Act ſhall have received the Royal Aſſent, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon, and ſhall then and there proceed in the due Execution of this Act; and ſhall and may after that Time meet by Adjournment, at the ſame or any other Place within the ſaid Pariſh, as ſhall be agreed on by the Guardians preſent at any Meeting, and adjourn to another Day; or if the Guardians preſent ſhall omit or neglect to adjourn themſelves, then the Clerk to the Guardians for the Time being ſhall adjourn the Meeting to that Day ſevennight, and to the ſame Place at which ſuch laſt Meeting was held, or appointed to have been held, cauſing Notice of ſuch Adjournment to be given in Manner herein-before appointed for Notice of Meetings for the Election of new Guardians; and all ſuch Guardians as are or ſhall be Juſtices of the Peace, may act as Juſtices in the Execution of this Act, except in Caſes where they ſhall be perſonally intereſted, notwithſtanding their being Guardians.

Meetings on Exigencies.

VII. Provided always, and it is further enacted, That if it ſhall at any Time appear to the ſaid Guardians, or any Five or more of them, proper and expedient that a Meeting of the Guardians ſhould be held at an earlier Time than the reſpective Meeting ſhall then ſtand adjourned to, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Guardians or any Five of them, to ſummon a Meeting of the Guardians to be held within the ſaid Pariſh, on giving Three Days Notice thereof, in Manner herein-before directed for Notices of other Meetings; and all ſuch Meetings ſhall be deemed good and valid, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding; and that the

Chairman to have the caſting Vote.

Guardians preſent at any Meeting ſhall, before they proceed to any other Buſineſs, elect one of the Guardians then preſent, to be Chairman of ſuch Meeting; and if at any Meeting any Queſtion ſhall be put to the Vote, and there ſhall be an Equality of Votes, then, and in every ſuch Caſe, the Chairman ſhall have the caſting Vote, although he may have voted before at ſuch Meeting.

Guardians to appoint Officers,

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, by Writing under their Hands from Time to Time to nominate and appoint ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall think proper, to be Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, to the ſaid Guadians, and Collector or Collectors of the Rates authoriſed by this Act to be raiſed; ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, and Collector or Collectors, to be reſident in and rated to the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh at Ten Pounds and upwards; and alſo a Maſter or Maſters, Miſtreſs or Miſtreſſes of the Poor Houſe or Workhouſe, or other Officers, to tranſact the Buſineſs, Matters or Things, in or about the Execution of this Act; and the ſaid Guardians are hereby

who are to give Security.

authoriſed and required to take Security for the faithful Execution of ſuch of the reſpective Offices of Truſt appointed under this Act, as the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think fit; and out of

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the Money raiſed by this Act, to pay or allow unto the reſpective Officers, or other Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed under this Act, ſuch Salaries or Recompence, yearly or otherwiſe, for his or their Trouble, as to them the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall ſeem meet and reaſonable, ſo as the Salary to the Clerk doth not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, the Maſter and Miſtreſs of the Poor Houſe the Sum of Thirty Pounds, and the Collector the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, in any one Year; without the Conſent of a Majority of the Inhabitants aſſembled at a Veſtry to be called for the Purpoſe of fixing or altering any ſuch Salaries, or either of them. Salaries to Officers.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time to make ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as well for the better regulating their own Proceedings, as for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and alſo for applying the Monies that ſhall from Time to Time ariſe by virtue of this Act, as to them ſhall ſeem proper and expedient, ſo that no ſuch Rule, Order, or Regulation, be inconſiſtent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or repugnant to or inconſiſtent with the Proviſions in this Act contained, and which Rules, Orders, and Regulations, the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, and all other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, to whom the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Regulations, ſhall or may relate, is and are hereby required from Time to Time, to conform themſelves to, ſubject to ſuch reaſonable Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures reſpectively, not exceeding Five Pounds, for Non-conformity thereto, to be recovered in like Manner as other Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures are herein directed to be recovered; and all ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, ſhall be printed and ſubject to Appeal in Manner herein directed. Guardians to make Rules and Regulations.

X. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians ſhall, and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to order and direct the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, from Time to Time, to pay all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be by him or them received for or on Account of the Poor's Rates, or on Account of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, applicable to the Relief thereof, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Guardians ſhall think neceſſary and expedient for the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers is and are hereby authoriſed and required to pay the ſame, from Time to Time accordingly, which ſaid Sum or Sums ſo paid, ſhall be allowed him or them in his or their Accounts reſpectively. Guardians to order the Treaſurer to pay the Money as they ſhall direct.

XI. and be it further enacted, That the Rates or Aſſeſſments directed to be made by this Act ſhall be collected, levied, and recovered, by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſame Pariſh, for the Time being, in Manner as heretofore, until ſuch Time as a Collector or Collectors ſhall be choſen, in Manner and Form aforeſaid, or during ſuch Time as there ſhall be no Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Pariſh. Rates to be collected by the Churchwardens and Overſeers until Collector is appointed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians, or any Five or moreof them, ſhall, and they are hereby empowered and required, from Time Guardians to make Rates.

quired to grant; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, it shall and may be lawful for such Justices, and they are hereby authorised and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Defaulter or Defaulters to be committed to the Common or other Gaol, or House of Correction of the said City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless such Monies, and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied; and when and as often as any Distress shall, by the Authority of this Act be made for Non-payment of any of the said Rates hereby directed to be made, or any Part thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Persons making such Distress, to raise and levy the reasonable Charges of making and keeping the same.

Guardians to sue or be sued in the Name of their Treasurer.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Treasurer for the Time being, and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Guardians, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of such Treasurer, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal, or by the Act of such Treasurer, without the Consent of the said Guardians; but the Treasurer for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant; and every such Treasurer, in whose Name the 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 be received by the Guardians by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences, as he shall be put unto, or become chargeable with, by Reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant: Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Guardians to bring or cause to be brought in the Name of the Treasurer as aforesaid, any Action or Actions of Debt, or special Action on the Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for all or any of the Penalties or Forfeitures which shall be incurred under this Act, and for all or any of the Fines set or imposed by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act, or any Part thereof; in which Action or Actions it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff in such Sum as the Plaintiff shall suppose to be then due or forfeited, for so much Money before then owing from or by the Defendant to the Plaintiff, by *An Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King* George *the Third, for the better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Parish of* Saint Nicholas *in the City of* Rochester *in the County of* Kent, *and regulating the Poor thereof:* And if the Plaintiff recovers in any such Actions, he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgement are now by Law levied and recovered, in which Action or Actions no Essoign, Protection, or Wager at Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed.

Guardians to hold Four Meetings yearly, for inspecting Accounts.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall yearly, and every Year, hold Four or more Meetings for inspecting the Accounts of the said Treasurer, and of the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse, or other Officer or Officers to be chosen and appointed under this Act, upon such Days as the Guardians shall order or appoint, at which Meetings the said Treasurer shall produce an Account of all Sums of Money by him received, and also the Receipts and Vouchers of the said Master or Mistress, or other Officer or Officers, for all Money paid to him or her; and the said Master or Mistress shall also produce and lay before

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every ſuch Meeting, an Account of all Sums of Money by him or her received, and alſo an Account how he or ſhe has paid, laid out, and expended the ſame, in as full, clear, and diſtinct a Manner, as can or may be; and ſhall alſo deliver in a true and diſtinct Account of the Number of Perſons in the ſaid Workhouſe, diſtinguiſhing the Age and Sex, and how they are employed, and how much Money has been earned by their Labour in the preceding Quarter; and ſuch Account ſhall be left at the ſaid Poor Houſe, or Workhouſe, and ſhall be open at all ſeaſonable Times for the Inſpection and Peruſal of all and every the Perſon and Perſons paying to the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and ſuch Treaſurer, Maſter, or Miſtreſs, or other Officer or Officers, ſhall alſo verify upon Oath the Truth of ſuch Accounts, which Oath the ſaid Guardians, or any Two of them, are hereby empowered to adminiſter.

Guardians may agree with any Perſon to indemnify him from the Maintenance of a Baſtard Child.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid Guardians, or any Three or more of them, to take, accept, and receive Security from any Perſon or Perſons to indemnify ſuch Perſon or Perſons againſt any Claim or Demand to be made by the ſaid Pariſh for the Maintenance of any Baſtard Child or Children, born or likely to be born a Baſtard or Baſtards, and thereupon abſolutely to acquit and diſcharge him, her, or them, from any Claim or Demand by the ſaid Pariſh, on Account thereof, by Writing under their Hands.

Guardians may grant Certificates to Perſons legally ſettled.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Guardians to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Perſon whoſe legal Settlement ſhall be in the ſaid Pariſh, and who ſhall be willing to remove, or who ſhall have removed out of the ſaid Pariſh, which reſpective Certificates, atteſted by Two of the Guardians, and ſigned by Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, as Certificates are now by Law directed to be ſigned, ſhall be good and valid, to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Guardians may apprentice poor Children.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians may, and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to bind and put forth any poor Children of the Age of Fourteen Years, Apprentices to any reputable Perſon or Perſons, or to be employed in the Sea Service, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years, or until ſuch Child, being a Male, ſhall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, or being a Female, ſhall attain the Age of Eighteen Years, or Day of Marriage, and that every ſuch Writing ſhall be mutually binding according to the Laws concerning the apprenticing poor Children.

Pariſhioner or Pauper to be good Witneſſes.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant or Pariſhioner of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Nicholas*, or any Perſon acting in the Execution of this Act, or any Perſon maintained within the ſaid Workhouſe, ſhall not in any Action to be brought for the Recovery of any Penalty or Forfeiture impoſed by this Act, or upon Examinations and Appeal, Orders of Removal, Orders of Baſtardy, and Offences for which Forfeitures or Penalties are or may be impoſed by virtue of this Act, be deemed to be incompetent to give Evidence on Account of their being ſuch Inhabitants, or Perſons before mentioned; any Law, Statute, Cuſtom, Rule, or Uſage to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

Paupers in the Workhouse misbehaving may be punished by the Guardians.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if any poor Person maintained in the Workhouse of the said Parish shall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials for Work, or make Waste of any of the Provisions, Materials or Things provided in or for the said Workhouse, or refuse or neglect to perform the Work or Service, which he or she shall be required to do, or shall otherwise misconduct himself or herself, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Three or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending, to be punished in such Workhouse, as such Guardians, or any Three or more of them, shall direct.

Justices may draw Convictions according to the Form in the Schedule.

XXV. And for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it enacted, That all and every the 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 Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the same Effect.

Paupers to be removed by any Person appointed by the Guardians.

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

If Defaulters to the Rate remove, Justices may grant a Warrant of Distress.

XXVII. And whereas it may happen that many Persons liable to, and who may be rated and assessed for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, may before the Payment of the Sum which may be rated on them respectively, quit and leave the Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the Limits of the said Parish, and thereby endeavour to avoid the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments; be it therefore enacted, That when any Person or Persons, who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit his or their Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, before he, she, or they shall have paid the said Rate or Assessment, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same, when due and demanded by the Overseer, or Overseers, Collector or Collectors, authorised and appointed to receive the same, that then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Overseer or Overseers, Collector or Collectors, or One of them, by Warrant according to the Form and Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, under the Hands and Seals

Seals of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Rocheſter*, which Warrant the ſaid Juſtices are hereby authoriſed and required to grant, and ſuch Warrant being firſt backed or counterſigned by ſome Magiſtrate of the County, City or Liberty, where the Diſtreſs is to be made, which Warrant ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby required to back or counterſign, to diſtrain the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting, and to ſell the ſame, rendering the Overplus (if any be) after having deducted the reaſonable Charges and Expences of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively, upon Demand thereof made.

Directing certain Rates to be made upon Landlords, and the Goods of Occupiers liable to Payment, who may deduct the Money paid out of their Rents.

XXVIII. And whereas divers Houſes, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the ſaid Pariſh, are let out at Rents payable weekly, or at other ſhort Periods, or in ſeparate Apartments, by which means the Payment of the Parochial Taxes for ſuch Houſes, Tenements, and Hereditaments, may be evaded; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part thereof, ſhall be let at Rents payable weekly, or at any ſhorter Period than quarterly, or in ſeparate Apartments, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of, and ſhall be rated to and pay the Rates or Aſſeſſments, in reſpect of ſuch Houſe, Tenement, and Hereditament, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the ſaid Pariſh: Provided always, That the Goods and Chattels of any Perſon or Perſons, renting or occupying any ſuch laſt-mentioned Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be liable to be diſtrained and ſold for Payment of ſo much of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments only as ſhall become due during the Occupancy of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and ſo that the ſame ſhall not exceed the Amount of the Rent then actually due from ſuch Occupier or Occupiers reſpectively; and every ſuch Occupier or Occupiers who ſhall pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, or upon whom the ſame ſhall be levied, ſhall and may, from Time to Time, deduct the ſame from the Rent due and payable by him, her, or them, to the reſpective Landlord or Owner, unleſs there ſhall be ſome Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant, and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Tenant or Occupier, and to his, her, or their Landlord, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall pay in the Manner directed by this Act; but that no ſuch Tenant or Occupier of any ſeparate Apartment of any Houſe or Houſes, ſhall by the Payment of ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment in Manner aforeſaid be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh by ſuch Payment, but that the Landlord or Owner ſhall be deemed and conſtrued, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to have paid the ſame, any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding,

Guardians may purchaſe Land, etc. for the Purpoſes of this Act.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, and all other Perſons intereſted in any Lands or Grounds not exceeding Two Acres, or any Tenement or Hereditaments, or any or either of them, or ſo much thereof as the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them ſhall think neceſſary; and to purchaſe the ſame, and all Buildings thereon, in the Name of the Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, who are hereby enabled to accept and take a

Conveyance

Conveyance thereof, to them and their Succeſſors for ever; and upon Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be agreed on for the Purchaſe or Purchaſes, to take Poſſeſſion thereof, and to cauſe all Buildings thereon, or of ſo much thereof as they ſhall think proper, to be pulled down and diſpoſed of, and to make new Erections, additional Buildings, and ſuch Alterations therein as the ſaid Guardians, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think neceſſary; and to convert the ſame into One or more Houſe or Houſes, with ſuitable Offices, Outbuildings, Gardens, and Fences, for the better Reception, Employment and Maitenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to alter, enlarge, and repair the Poor Houſe or Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo from Time to Time to purchaſe and provide ſuitable and neceſſary Furniture for the ſame; and the Conſideration Money for the Purchaſe of ſuch Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Expence of erecting, altering, building, or repairing any Buildings in addition to or for the Purpoſe of a Poor Houſe or Workhouſe as aforeſaid, and furniſhing the ſame, and all other Expences to be incurred by the ſaid Guardians for the Time being, or by their Order or Direction, in or about the Execution of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time be paid and defrayed by the ſaid Guardians, out of the Monies to be raiſed, levied, and received by them from Time to Time in Manner herein directed.

Application where the Compenſation Money amounts to 200l.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchaſed, taken or uſed by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Perſon or Perſons under any other Diſability or Incapacity, ſuch Money ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, *ex parte* the Guardians for executing this Act, to the Intent that ſuch Money ſhall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the ſaid Court, to be ſignified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a ſummary Way, by the Perſon or Perſons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or ſuch other Incumbrances or Part thereof as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſtanding ſettled therewith to the ſame or the like Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes; or where ſuch Money ſhall not be ſo applied, then the ſame ſhall be laid out and inveſted, under the like Direction and Approbation of the ſaid Court, in the Purchaſe of other Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, or upon ſuch and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid, ſtood ſettled or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyances and Settlements ſhall be exiſting, undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall by Order of the ſaid Court of Chancery

cery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by the Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application where the Money is less than 200 l. and more than 20 l.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in the Manner herein-before directed; or otherwise, the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the said Guardians for executing this Act, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain, the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

Application, where less than 20 l.

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

In case of not making out Titles;

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Guardians; or in case the Person or Persons to whom any such Sum

If Persons cannot be found, Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank.

or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid, cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not known or discovered, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Guardians, or any Three or more of them, to order the Sum and Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, [*describing them*], subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum and Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Respecting disputed Titles.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased in pursuance thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful one, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Court of Chancery to direct the Payment of Expences.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by Reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be

be ſettled to the like Uſes in purſuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Expences of all Purchaſes from Time to Time to be made in purſuance of this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expences as the ſaid Court ſhall deem reaſonable, together with the neceſſary Coſts and Charges of obtaining ſuch Order, to be paid by the ſaid Guardians, or any Three or more of them, who ſhall from Time to Time pa y ſuc Sums of Money for ſuch Purpoſes as the ſaid Court ſhall direct.

All Contracts to be regiſtered and Proceedings entered.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians ſhall cauſe all Contracts made in purſuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts and Credits, and every Matter and Thing relating thereto, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and all and every ſuch Book or Books, and alſo the Book and Books hereinbefore directed to be kept for entering the other Acts and Proceedings of the ſaid Guardians, ſhall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of all and every the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay the Poors' Rates in the ſaid Pariſh.

Penalty on Perſons buying or receiving Cloaths, etc. of the Poor.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or ſecrete any of the Cloaths or wearing Apparel of the Poor, who at any Time ſhall be received into and maintained in the ſaid Poor Houſe or Workhouſe, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the ſame, to be wrought up, manufactured or uſed by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or ſhall buy or receive any of the Proviſions allotted or provided for the Poor of the ſaid Poor Houſe or Workhouſe, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, on Conviction, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before one or more of the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City, which Penalty, when paid or recovered, ſhall go, one Moiety to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the ſaid Guardians, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

Allowing an Appeal.

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

ſuch Coſts to the Party appealing or appealed againſt, as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper, and alſo to order and award ſuch Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they ſhall think reaſonable.

On Appeal the Juſtices may amend Rates without quaſhing the Whole.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That on Appeal from the Rates to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act, the Juſtices ſhall and may amend the ſame, in ſuch Manner as may be neceſſary for giving Relief, without quaſhing the Whole of ſuch Rates, but if upon Appeal from the whole Rate, it ſhall be found neceſſary to ſet aſide the ſame, then the Juſtices ſhall and may order a new Rate to be made.

Juſtices to proceed upon the Complaint of One Guardian, the ſame as it it was One Churchwarden or Overſeer.

XL. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace is or are empowered by the Laws in force to proceed on the Complaint of any Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor of any Pariſh, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any One or more of the ſaid Guardians, or of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall have been duly appointed, by Writing under the Hand of the ſaid Guardians for that Purpoſe, in ſuch and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Complaint had been made by One of the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

No Order or Proceedings to be quaſhed for Want of Form.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforeſaid, or any other Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* or elſewhere; and that where any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, ſuch Diſtreſs 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, or any other Irregularity in the Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor ſhall the Party or Parties making the ſame be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers, for or 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 ſhall and may recover Satisfaction for the ſpecial Damage in an Action upon the Caſe.

For paying the Expences of this Act.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and paſſing this Act, and of carrying the ſame into Execution, and incident thereto, ſhall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Monies which ſhall come into the Hands of the ſaid Guardians, or the Treaſurer, by virtue of this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, or any of the Powers hereby given, or in anywiſe relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall have been thereof given in Writing, to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Guardians, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall have been made;

and

and every such Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of *Kent* and not elsewhere; and the Defendant and Defendants in such Action and Suits shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if it shall appear to be done in pursuance of this Act, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants, and upon such Verdict, if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have and be entitled to the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Case by Law. General Issue. Treble Costs.

XLIV. 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. Public Act.

The SCHEDULES referred to by this Act.

No. 1.

WARRANT of Diſtreſs for Non-payment of Rates.

City of Rocheſter in the County of Kent, to wit. } To the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter in the County of Kent, and to all Conſtables, Borſholders, and other Peace Officers for the ſame City.

WHEREAS the undermentioned Perſons, now or late Inhabitants, Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of ſome Building or Tenement within the ſaid Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, were and are truly rated and aſſeſſed, or liable to pay the Rate and Rates duly made for the Purpoſe of an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates, in the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof: And whereas the ſaid Perſons have refuſed or neglected to pay the ſeveral Sums or Money, at and againſt their Names hereunto reſpectively ſet down, for Money due from them, for or towards the Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned; and the ſaid ſeveral Sum and Sums of Money are ſtill remaining due, in arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to us, Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City, and the ſaid ſeveral Perſons having been ſummoned to appear before us, to anſwer the Premiſes, as alſo appeareth to us, the ſaid Juſtices, upon Oath, and they or either of them not having ſhewn any ſufficient Cauſe: Theſe are therefore in His Majeſty's Name, to will and require you or either of you, forthwith to levy the ſaid ſeveral Sums of Money due from the ſaid Perſons, and hereunder joined to, or ſet againſt their Names reſpectively, by Diſtreſs and Sale of their reſpective Goods and Chattels (ſuch Goods and Chattels being kept by the Space of Five Days before the ſame are ſold), rendering to them reſpectively, the Overplus (if any be), the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs, Sale, and Keeping, being firſt deducted; and if no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had or taken, that then you certify the ſame to us, to the End ſuch further Proceedings may be had therein, as to the Law doth appertain; and we do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all and ſingular the Conſtables, Borſholders, and

and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for the said City, to be aiding and assisting in all things relating to the Premises: Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord

Persons Names.	Sums due. £. s. d
A. B.	
C. D.	
E. F. the Landlord for divided	
G. H. &c.	

No. 2.

WARRANT for Want of Distress of Goods.

City of Rochester in the County of Kent, to wit. } To the Constables and Borsholders, and other Peace Officers for the said City, and also to the Keeper of the Gaol in and for the said City.

WHEREAS now or late an Inhabitant, Holder, Landlord, Tenant, Occupier, or Enjoyer of Land, [House, Shop, Warehouse, Cellar, Vault, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, or Part of some Building, or Tenement], within the said City, was and is truly rated and assessed, or liable to pay the Sum of for and towards the Rate lately made, for the Purposes of an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, for better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Rates, in the Parish of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rochester, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof: And whereas the said hath refused or neglected to pay the said Sum of Money to the Overseer of the Poor, or the Collector of the Rates of the said Parish, although the same was demanded, as appeared to us, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City, upon Oath, whereupon we the said Justices granted our Warrant, bearing date the Day of to levy the said Sum of on the said by Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels, rendering to him the Overplus (if any): And whereas, the said One of the Constables or Borsholders of the said City, to whom the said Warrant was delivered to be executed, hath made a Return of the said Warrant, and certified to us, that upon Enquiry and Search, it appeareth unto him, that the said hath not any Goods or Chattels, whereof a sufficient

ficient Diſtreſs could be had or taken, to levy the ſaid Sum of and the ſaid Sum is ſtill due and unpaid, as appeareth unto us upon Oath: Theſe are therefore in His Majeſty's Name, to will and require you and every of you, to apprehend the ſaid and him ſafely to convey and deliver to the Keeper of the ſaid Gaol, or his Deputy, together with this Warrant; and we do hereby alſo command you the ſaid Keeper or Deputy Keeper, to receive the ſaid into your ſaid Gaol, and him ſafely keep, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of unleſs ſuch Money, and all reaſonable Charges, ſhall be ſooner paid: Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord

No. 3.

FORM of Security for Money borrowed at Intereſt.

BY virtue of an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof, the Guardians of the Poor of the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas aforeſaid, in Conſideration of the Sum of advanced and lent by upon the Credit, and for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act, do grant and aſſign unto the ſaid his (or her) Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſuch Proportion of the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of the ſaid Act, as the ſaid Sum of doth or ſhall bear to the whole Sum which is or ſhall be borrowed upon the Credit of the ſaid Act; to be had and holden from this Day, until the ſaid Sum of with Intereſt, at *per Centum per Annum* for the ſame, to be paid Half Yearly, ſhall be fully repaid and ſatisfied. In Witneſs whereof the ſaid Guardians, or of them have hereunto ſet their Hands and Seals, the Day of

No. 4.

FORM of Grant of Annuity.

BY virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof; the Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in conſideration

ſideration of the Sum of paid by to the ſaid Guardians, do hereby grant unto the ſaid his (or her) Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, an Annuity or yearly Sum of out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of the ſaid Act, which Annuity or Yearly Sum of ſhall be paid to the ſaid his (or her) Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, at the Poor Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, by four Quarterly Payments, (that is to ſay), in every Year, during the natural Life of the firſt Payment thereof to be made upon now next enſuing the Date hereof, and a proportionable Part of ſuch Annuity or yearly Sum of ſhall be paid from the laſt Quarter Day of Payment, to the Day of the Death of the ſaid

In Witneſs whereof the ſaid Guardians, or of them, have hereunto ſet their Hands and Seals, the Day of

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No. 5.

FORM of Aſſignment of Securities.

I, the within named in Conſideration of the Sum of to be paid by of in the County of at or before the Execution hereof (the Receipt whereof, I do hereby acknowledge) do aſſign and transfer the within Security, and all my Right, Title, and Intereſt in and to the ſame, and the Money thereby ſecured, unto the ſaid Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns; Witneſs my Hand the Day of

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No. 5.

CONVICTION.

City of Rocheſter, } to wit. }

BE it remembered, that on the Day of in the Year of the Reign of King George the Third, A. B. is convicted before of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City, by virtue of an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of King George the Third, for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof [*ſpecifying the Offence*]. Given under our Hands and Seals (or my Hand and Seal) the Day and Year aforeſaid.

No. 7.

NOTICE of Appeal.

IN purſuance of an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, for better aſſeſſing and collecting the Poor and other Rates in the Pariſh of Saint Nicholas, in the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, and regulating the Poor thereof; We do hereby give you Notice, that we intend to appeal at the next Seſſions of the Peace, to be holden at the Guildhall in and for the ſaid City of Rocheſter, againſt the Order, Conviction, or Determination [*as the Caſe may be*] of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City, whereby they have [*ſtating the Matter intended to be appealed againſt*]. Dated the Day of

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