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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 47.

An Act for the better governing, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*; for providing a new Workhouſe for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh; for appointing Collectors of the Rates; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned. [5th *June* 1804.]

WHEREAS the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*, is very large and populous, and the Poor belonging thereto are very numerous, inſomuch that the providing for the ſaid Poor, and the Management and Employment of them, are become too burdenſome for the Office of Overſeers of the ſaid Poor, which would be better and more eaſily diſcharged, with the Aſſiſtance of others, participating in the Powers and Functions of the ſaid Office, and forming, together with the ſaid Overſeers, the Churchwardens, and Vicar of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, One United and Select Body of Directors for governing, maintaining, and employing the ſaid Poor, under certain Rules and Regulations; and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh are deſirous to obtain Authority for carrying the Purpoſes aforeſaid into Execution: And whereas the preſent Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh is in many Parts decayed, and, with the Buildings erected

erected in addition thereto, is insufficient for the Accommodation and proper Employment of the Poor of the said Parish requiring to be supported therein: And whereas it will tend to the better Relief and Accommodation of the said Poor, if a convenient Building for their Reception and Employment were provided, by erecting a new Workhouse, either where the present Workhouse stands, with an Enlargement of that Scite of Ground by the Purchase of additional Grounds adjoining thereto, or in some other convenient Situation within the said Parish, by the Purchase of other Grounds or Buildings which may appear suitable to the above Purposes: And whereas it would also tend to render more productive the Collection of the Poor Rates or Assessments in the said Parish, if Powers were given to appoint Collectors thereof, with an Allowance of a certain reasonable Poundage for their Trouble and Diligence in making the said Collection: But, as the Purposes aforesaid cannot be put in Execution 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 Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, together with the following Persons, being Sixty in Number (that is to say) *John Adolphus*, *Edward Allphrey*, *Robert Baker*, *George Bagster*, *Paul Barbot*, *James Bocock*, the Reverend *Robert Anthony Bromley*, *Arnold Michael Burmester*, *John Clarke*, *Edmund Coffin*, the Reverend *Kenneth Courteney*, *Thomas Daniel*, *Thomas Davis* of Bagnigge Wells, *William Denb-*, *George Dennett*, *Christian Dietrichsin*, *Thomas Divett*, *Joseph Farrington*, *Thomas Finch*, *George Fisher*, *William Francis*, the Reverend *Edward John Andrews Frith*, *Gabriel Gillett*, *Charles Gore*, *Christopher Greetham*, *John Hall*, *Thomas Harrison*, *Thomas Hind*, *Joshua Hodgkinson*, *William Holmes*, *Mathias Hunt*, *Archibald Hunter*, *George Jackson*, *William Norfolk Johnson*, *John Kenney*, *John Knight*, *William Littleboy*, *George Lockett*, *Thomas M'Dowall*, *Dagge Moore*, *John Jacob Morley*, *Richard Mortimer*, *John Nares*, *George Osborn*, *Henry Peart*, *Brereton Poynton*, *Benjamin Price*, *Martin Prior*, *John Thomas Redman*, *Thomas Rhodes*, *Samuel Sewell*, *Richard Shutt*, *Nehemiah Spicer*, *William Thijelton*, *John Twycross*, *William Waugh*, *William Weston*, *James Yeates*, *John Young*, *George Young*, and their Successors (to be appointed in Manner hereinafter mentioned) shall be and are hereby appointed Directors of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, for the Purposes of well-governing, providing for, employing, and managing the said Poor; and also of erecting a new Workhouse, and furnishing and keeping the same in Repair, and of purchasing Ground or other Buildings for that Purpose, if the same shall be necessary, and of otherwise putting in Execution the several Powers hereby given to and vested in them.

Names of Directors.

On Death of Six Directors the Vacancies to be made up.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever Six of the said Directors, or of their Successors (except the several Persons who are appointed Directors in virtue of their respective Office or Station) shall, by Death, Removal, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect, have been rendered incapable of acting in the Powers and Authorities by this Act reposed in them, that then and in every such Case

Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the remaining or ſurviving Directors, at a General Meeting to be called for that Purpoſe, and of which Meeting, and the Purpoſe thereof, Fourteen Days Notice ſhall be given, to nominate and appoint Three fit and proper Perſons duly qualified as hereinbefore mentioned, to be Directors, in the room, place, and ſtead of Three of thoſe who ſhall have ceaſed to be Directors as aforeſaid; and the ſaid ſurviving or remaining Directors ſhall alſo iſſue and publiſh in the Pariſh Church and Chapels of the ſaid Pariſh, a Notice for convening a Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, which Veſtry, and all other Veſtries in future, ſhall be holden at ſome fit and convenient Place (other than the Pariſh Church) for the purpoſe of electing the Three other fit and proper Perſons to fill up the Reſidue of the Vacancies in the Liſt of Directors ſo created as aforeſaid, of which ſaid Veſtry, and the Purpoſe thereof, Fourteen Days Notice ſhall alſo be given; but if after Declaration duly made to the ſaid remaining Directors of the Vacancy of Six of their Body, they ſhall refuſe or neglect, for the Space of One Calendar Month, to iſſue ſuch Notices as aforeſaid, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh qualified to vote in the Veſtry as hereinafter mentioned, to ſign a Requiſition to the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, to call a Veſtry, at which ſaid Veſtry all the Vacancies in the Liſt of Directors ſhall be filled up by Poll or Ballot, or in ſuch way of Election as ſhall be deemed moſt proper and convenient: Provided alſo, that no Perſon ſhall be entitled to vote in any Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, who ſhall not for Twelve Calendar Months previous to the holding thereof, have been and ſtill continue to be aſſeſſed to the Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, and who has paid the ſaid Rates for One Year before the holding of the ſaid Veſtry, if the ſame ſhall have been regularly demanded.

The Lady and Lord of the Manor of Tottenham to appoint Two Directors.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Right honourable *Anne* Lady *Southampton*, Lady of the Manor of *Tottenham* otherwiſe *Tottenhall*, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, and the Lord or Lady of the ſaid Manor for the Time being, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint, in addition to the Number of Directors hereinbefore nominated, and their Succeſſors, Two fit and ſubſtantial Inhabitant Houſeholders of the ſaid Pariſh, duly qualified as hereinbefore directed, and who ſhall take the Oath hereinafter required, to be Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and that upon ſuch Nomination and Appointment, under the Hand or Hands, Seal or Seals of the ſaid Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the ſaid Manor for the Time being, certified to the ſaid Directors above named, and their Succeſſors, the Perſons ſo nominated and appointed from Time to Time, ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority in the Execution of this Act, as the Directors, or any of them, hereinbefore nominated, or their Succeſſors to be choſen by virtue of this Act.

Directors, before they act, to take the following Oath.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as Director, or taking upon himſelf the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given to him by this Act (ſave and except the Power of adminiſtering the Oath hereinafter mentioned) until he ſhall have taken and ſubſcribed the following Oath:

"I, *A. B.*

The Oath.

'I, *A. B.* do ſwear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and 'honeſtly, according to the beſt of my Skill and Know-'ledge, execute the ſeveral Powers and Authorities repoſed in me 'as a Director of the Poor, appointed in purſuance of an Act paſſed 'in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, 'intituled [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] and that without Fa-'vour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice.

'So help me GOD.'

Which Oath the ſaid Directors, or any Two or more of them, at the firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting of the ſaid Directors to be held in purſuance of this Act, are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter.

Directors to accept their Truſt in a limited Time.

V. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That ſuch of the ſaid Directors nominated by this Act (except the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor for the Time being) who ſhall not, within Six Calender Months from and after the paſſing of this Act, accept the ſaid Office and take the aforeſaid Oath, and alſo ſuch of the ſaid Directors to be elected from Time to Time under this Act in Manner hereinbefore directed, who ſhall not within the like Space of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing given to or left for him or them, at his or their uſual Place of Abode, from the Clerk to the acting Directors (whoſe Duty it is hereby declared to be to cauſe ſuch Notice to be given to or left for all Perſons ſo to be elected Directors, as ſoon as conveniently may be after their Election) accept the ſaid Office, and take and ſubſcribe the aforeſaid Oath, or who ſhall remove out of the ſaid Pariſh, or who ſhall neglect to attend the Meetings of the ſaid Directors to be held by virtue of this Act for the Space of Nine Calendar Months, ſhall be held, adjudged, deemed, and taken to have declined and refuſed to accept ſuch Office of a Director under this Act; and the Office of ſuch Director is in that Caſe hereby declared to be vacant.

Qualification of Directors.

VI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon, (except the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor for the Time being) ſhall be capable of acting as a Director in the Execution of this Act, unleſs he ſhall at the Time of acting be ſeiſed or poſſeſſed in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, or be in the actual Poſſeſſion or Receipt of the Rents or Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, of the clear Yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, and aſſeſſed to the Rates hereinafter directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act, at the Rate of Thirty 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 ſaid Rates at the like Rent of Thirty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and alſo be poſſeſſed of a Real or Perſonal Eſtate to the Amount or Value of One Thouſand Pounds, over and above what ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and diſcharge his juſt Debts; and if any Perſon, 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, together with Coſts of Suit, to any Perſon or Perſons, being an Inhabitant Houſeholder of the

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ſaid Pariſh, and qualified to vote in the Veſtry thereof as hereinbefore mentioned, who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; previous to the bringing of which ſaid Action, Bill, Suit, or Information, the Perſon or Perſons intending to be Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Proſecutor or Proſecutors, ſhall deliver to or leave at the uſual Place of Abode of the Perſon againſt whom ſuch Action, Bill, Suit, or Information is intended to be brought or proſecuted, One Calendar Month's Notice or Warning in Writing; and in ſuch Action, Bill, Suit, or Information, the Proof of the Qualification ſhall be on the Perſon proſecuted; and it ſhall be ſufficient for the Plaintiff or Proſecutor to prove the Delivery of ſuch Notice, and that the Perſon ſo ſued or proſecuted had acted as a Director in the Execution of this Act ſubſequently thereto.

Eſtates and Effects in Poſſeſſion of the Churchwardens, &c. before this Act, for the Uſe of the Poor, veſted in the Directors.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Meſſuages or Tenements, Poorhouſes, Workhouſes, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Monies, Rates, Aſſeſſments, and Arrears of Rates and Aſſeſſments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which from and immediately before the paſſing this Act the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, were entitled unto or poſſeſſed of in Truſt for the Pariſhioners thereof, for and towards the Relief, Maintenance, Uſe, and Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, by virtue of any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or for any other Purpoſe whatſoever in which the ſaid Pariſhioners are intereſted, ſhall from and immediately after the paſſing hereof, be poſſeſſed by, paid, delivered, and belong to the ſaid Directors and their Succeſſors, by virtue of this Act, as fully, effectually, and beneficially, and in as large and ample Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as they the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or either of them, or other Perſon or Perſons, at or immediately before the paſſing hereof, were entitled thereto, or were in Poſſeſſion thereof as aforeſaid; ſubject nevertheleſs to be uſed, poſſeſſed, applied, and diſpoſed of, upon the Truſts in this Act contained, or upon ſuch other Truſts for which the ſame were held, and not otherwiſe; and alſo that the ſaid Directors under this Act ſhall be thereupon inveſted with all and every the Powers and Authorities for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, with which the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, by the Laws made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor, are or ſhall be inveſted (except only in ſuch Caſes wherein the ſame are expreſsly altered or varied by this Act, or are wholly repugnant thereto.)

Eſtates Money, &c. left to charitable Uſes, to be applied by Directors, according to the Will of the Donor.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all or any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Sum and Sums of Money, or other Effects, that ſhall come to the Hands of the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for the ſaid Pariſh, to be applied in any particular Manner for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, by virtue of any Will or Deed, which they may lawfully take by virtue of the Statutes of Mortmain, or by any other Means whatſoever, ſhall be by them conveyed, aſſigned, and paid to the ſaid Directors or their Treaſurer, and ſhall be applied and

and disposed of by the said Trustees, in the Manner and for the Uses and Purposes appointed and directed for the Application thereof, be the same by Deed, Will, Donation, Gift, Agreement, or otherwise, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

No Order valid, unless made at a public Meeting.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Act, Order, or Determination of the said Directors, or any of them (except in Cases where it shall be otherwise particularly directed by this Act) shall be valid, unless the same shall be made at a Meeting in pursuance of this Act; and that all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to and vested in the said Directors, shall and may be executed and exercised by the major Part of those present at any Meeting held pursuant to this Act (the Number of Directors present at such Meeting not being less than Nine, except in any Case where the Number necessary to be present is herein otherwise particularly directed); and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of such respective major Part so present, shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the said Directors.

Meetings of Directors.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall meet at the House known by the Name of *The Adam and Eve*, at *Tottenham Court*, within the said Parish, on the Third Tuesday next after the Day on which this Act shall have received the Royal Assent, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and shall then and there proceed to the 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 Directors present at any Meeting; and if there shall not attend at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Directors to act, or if the Directors present shall omit or neglect to adjourn themselves to another Day, then the Clerk to the Directors for the Time being shall adjourn the Meeting to a future Day, 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 Writing to each and every of the said Directors: Provided always, that the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, are hereby required to meet on Tuesday in every Week, at such Place as they shall think proper, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution; and the Directors present at all such Meetings shall defray their own Expences; and, for the better and more effectually carrying into Execution the several Powers contained in this Act, it shall be lawful to and for the said Directors, from Time to Time, as often as they shall think proper, to appoint a Committee or Committees to act in Rotation, or otherwise, as Occasion may require.

Directors to defray their own Expences at Meetings.

A Chairman to be chosen.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Directors present at every Meeting, before they proceed to any other Business, shall elect a Chairman of such Meeting; and if any Question shall be put to the Vote at such Meeting, and there shall be an Equality of Votes for and against the Question, then and in every such Case the Chairman present shall have a second or casting Vote.

Collectors appointed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or the major Part of them, at any of their Meetings, when they shall think proper (not less than Thirteen of them being present)

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to elect and appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates authorized to be made, collected, and levied by virtue of this Act, every ſuch Collector being a reſident Houſeholder in the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo to elect ſome Perſons, being Bankers to be their Treaſurer; and alſo to elect and appoint a Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe; and One or more Beadle or Beadles for the Removal of the Poor from Time to Time, and for other Purpoſes relative to the ſaid Poor; and alſo to nominate Annually on the Tueſday next before Eaſter, in lieu of the Nomination heretofore made in Veſtry, ſuch Number of Conſtables and Headboroughs as ſhall have been uſually nominated in the ſaid Pariſh, or as may be deemed by the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them as aforeſaid, to be neceſſary; and alſo to elect and appoint ſuch Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers and Servants as they ſhall deem neceſſary for the Execution of this Act, and to take ſuch Security as the ſaid Directors ſhall think proper for the due Execution of their reſpective Offices; and to remove ſuch Collector or Collectors, Treaſurer, Maſter or Miſtreſs, Beadles, Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers and Servants, at their Will and Pleaſure; and out of ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments to be collected and received by virtue of this Act, to make ſuch Allowances, by way of Poundage, to the ſaid Collectors, not exceeding Three Pence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the Rates aforeſaid; and alſo pay or allow to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as hath or have been employed, by virtue of any Reſolution of Veſtry, in making a Survey or Plan of the ſaid Pariſh, ſuch Sum or Sums for his or their Trouble, as the ſaid Directors ſhall think reaſonable, not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds; and alſo to pay or allow unto ſuch Maſter or Miſtreſs, Beadle or Beadles, Clerk or Clerks, and ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, not being Treaſurers, ſo to be employed by the ſaid Directors as aforeſaid, ſuch Salaries or Recompence, Yearly or otherwiſe, for his, her, and their Trouble, as to them the ſaid Directors, or the Majority of them preſent at any Meeting (not leſs than the Number of Thirteen being then preſent) ſhall ſeem meet and reaſonable; and to revoke and countermand, alter and vary ſuch Nominations and Appointments, Salaries or Recompence, and make others in their ſtead, or not, as to them ſhall ſeem meet and proper.

And a Treaſurer; Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe; and Beadles, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That, for the better ſecuring a due Check and Controul over the ſeveral Officers and Servants appointed and employed in or about the ſaid Workhouſe, and over the regular and faithful Execution of ſuch Contracts or Engagements as ſhall or may at any Time be entered into and made with the ſaid Directors, by any Perſon or Perſons, for or concerning the Care or Maintenance, or Employment, of the ſaid Poor, and alſo for the better providing a prompt and immediate Diſcharge of many Duties appertaining to the Office of Overſeers of the Poor, and requiring Diſpatch, in the Intervals when the ſaid Directors may not be aſſembled at any Meeting, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them (the Number of Thirteen being then preſent) at any of their Meetings, to elect and appoint ſome Perſon, being a Houſeholder in the ſaid Pariſh, to be Inſpector over the ſaid Workhouſe, under the Special Inſtructions of the ſaid Directors, and to continue in ſuch Office during their Pleaſure, which Perſon ſo appointed ſhall regularly report to the ſaid Directors

Inſpector of the Workhouſe.

rectors at their Meetings, such Matters as may have arisen in the Management or State of the said Poor since the last Meeting of the said Directors; and for the better encouraging the Care and Fidelity of such Inspector in executing the Duties of such Office, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or the major Part of them (the Number of Thirteen being then present) at any of their Meetings, to pay and allow him such Salary or Remuneration, Yearly or otherwise, as to them shall seem fit and reasonable, so that the same shall not be more than at the Rate of One Hundred Pounds *per Annum*.

Bye-Laws to be made.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or the major Part of them (the Number of Thirteen being then present) from Time to Time, to make such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regularions, as well for the better regulating their own Proceedings at any of their public Meetings, and the Manner of convening and holding such Meetings, where the same are not controuled by this Act, as for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, and also for applying towards the Purposes of this Act 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 Bye-Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, be repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*; and all such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and all other Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, of the said Directors, shall be entered by their Clerk for the Time being in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting; and the said Book or Books may and shall be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and all other Person or Persons whomsoever, to whom the said Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, shall or may relate, is and are hereby required, from Time to Time, to conform themselves to the said Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, at and under such reasonable Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, to be inserted in such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations respectively, not exceeding Five Pounds for every Non-comformity thereto, as shall be agreed upon at the Time of making the same; and to be recovered in like Manner as other Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures, are herein directed to be recovered, and to be paid to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they, or any Five or more of them, shall direct, and to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Altering or repealing Bye-Laws.

XV. And be it further enacted, That no Bye-Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, which shall be made by the said Directors conformably to the Powers given them by this Act, shall be made, altered, repealed, or revoked, unless a Notice of the Proposal or Intention to take into Consideration the Propriety of making, altering, repealing or revoking the same, be given by the Clerk of the said Directors for the Time being, in Writing, to each and every of the said Directors, and also of the Time and Place of a Meeting of the said Directors, to be holden for that Purpose; and that such Notice be given Ten Days at least prior to such Meeting.

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XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all ſuch Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations reſpectively, when made by the ſaid Directors, or altered as aforeſaid, ſhall be publiſhed by affixing a printed Copy thereof on the Door of the Church and Chapels of the ſaid Pariſh.

Treaſurer to pay Money to the Order of Directors.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall, and they are hereby empowered, by an Order under the Hands of Three of them, and counterſigned by their Clerk, at any public Meeting to be convened as hereinbefore mentioned, to direct the ſaid Treaſurer from Time to Time to pay ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be received for or on Account of the Poor Rates, or on Account of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and applicable to the Relief thereof, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Manner, as they ſhall think neceſſary and expedient for the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Treaſurer is hereby authorized and required to pay the ſame from Time to Time accordingly, which Sum or Sums ſo paid ſhall be allowed the ſaid Treaſurer in his Account.

Money coming to the Hands of Churchwardens, &c. to be paid to the Treaſurer.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Monies collected by virtue of the Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be made, and all other Monies whatſoever, which ſhall come to the Hands of the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor, applicable to the Relief of the Poor within the ſaid Pariſh (ſuch Monies as ſhall or may hereafter be given to the ſaid Pariſh, and applicable to the Uſe of the Poor thereof, the Management and Diſtribution of which ſhall or may be otherwiſe directed by the Donor or Donors thereof reſpectively, only excepted) ſhall be by them from Time to Time paid unto the Treaſurer to be appointed as aforeſaid, to and for the Purpoſes of this Act, within Seven Days after ſuch Monies ſhall have been received by the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, or any of them, as aforeſaid; and the reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and alſo the ſaid Collector or Collectors of the Rates hereby directed to be made, and the Maſter or Miſtreſs of the ſaid Workhouſe, and Clerk or Clerks, ſhall at all Times, when thereunto required by the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, reſpectively, make up and render unto the ſaid Directors at their Meetings, a full, true, and perfect Account in Writing, with all neceſſary Vouchers for the Confirmation thereof, and verified upon Oath (if required) of all Monies by them received and paid by virtue of their reſpective Offices as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe, for or on Account of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and the ſaid Collectors ſhall and they are hereby required, once in every Month at leaſt, at ſome Weekly Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to produce their reſpective Rate Books, in order that the ſaid Directors may be ſatisfied as to the Sum and Sums of Money rated and aſſeſſed, and not received, and may give ſuch Directions reſpecting the collecting and levying the ſame as they ſhall think proper; and the ſaid Maſter or Miſtreſs of the ſaid Workhouſe ſhall, and they are hereby required, to produce and lay before the Directors at every Weekly Meeting, an Account of all Monies by him or her received and paid in the Courſe of the preceding Week; and alſo a true and diſtinct Account of the Number of Perſons in the ſaid Workhouſe, diſtinguiſhing their Ages and Sex, and how they are employed,

ployed, and how much Money has been earned by the Labour of the ſaid Poor in the preceding Week; and what Quantity of Proviſions (diſtinguiſhing every Kind) in Weight or Value and alſo of Liquor, has been brought and delivered, and by what Tradeſman or Tradeſmen, into the ſaid Workhouſe in each Week; and the ſeveral Officers aforeſaid appointed by the ſaid Directors ſhall and they are hereby required, within Seven Days after they ſhall reſpectively quit their Offices, to pay over to the ſaid Treaſurer the Monies then remaining in their Hands upon every ſuch Account; and the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor reſpectively, who ſhall be in Office at the Time of paſſing this Act ſhall and they are hereby required, within Twenty-eight Days from and after the Day on which this Act ſhall have received the Royal Aſſent, to account unto the ſaid Directors for all Sums of Money received and diſburſed or paid by them reſpectively, for or on Account of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or for and on any other Account by virtue of their reſpective Offices, during the Time that they have reſpectively been in Office, and ſhall then produce and lay before the ſaid Directors all Books and Papers in their Hands neceſſary to illuſtrate ſuch Accounts, and diſtinct and ſpecial Vouchers for all Payments and Diſburſements made by them, and ſhall then pay over to the ſaid Directors, or to their Treaſurer, all and every ſuch Balance of Monies as ſhall then appear to be and remain in their Hands, reſpectively, in virtue of their ſaid Offices.

Penalty on refuſing or neglecting ſuch Payments to Directors, or to account regularly.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer, Collector or Collectors, Maſter or Miſtreſs of ſuch Workhouſe, Clerk or Clerks, as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to account and pay to the ſaid Directors in the Manner and within the Times above directed, in any of the ſaid Caſes, it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, (not being Directors) and they are hereby authorized and required, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, according to the Form and Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, authorizing or directing the Conſtable, Headborough, or Beadle of the ſaid Pariſh, to levy ſuch Sum and Sums of Money ſo remaining in their Hands, and unpaid as aforeſaid, by Diſtreſs of the Defaulters Goods and Chattels which ſhall be found either within the ſaid Pariſh or elſewhere; and if within Five Days after any ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, the Money ſo remaining in the Hands of ſuch Defaulter or Defaulters, and the reaſonable Charges attending the making ſuch Diſtreſs, and of keeping ſuch Goods and Chattels, ſhall not be paid, ſuch Conſtable, Headborough or Beadle, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Goods and Chattels, or a ſufficient Part thereof, to be appraiſed and ſold for paying the Money ſo remaining due as aforeſaid, and the reaſonable Charges aforeſaid, and the Charges of apraiſing and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively, upon Demand made by him or them; and in caſe it ſhall be certified that no ſufficient Diſtreſs can be had or taken, then it ſhall be lawful for Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* (not being Directors) to commit ſuch Defaulter or Defaulters to the Common Gaol, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Term not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, unleſs he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have previouſly made up and rendered a true Account, confirmed by

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all neceſſary Vouchers, and verified the ſame upon Oath as aforeſaid, and ſatisfied and paid ſuch Sum and Sums as ſhall reſpectively appear to be remaining in his, her, or their Hand or Hands, or ſhall have entered into Recognizances with ſufficient Surety or Sureties, in Double the Amount of the Sum mentioned in ſuch Warrant of Diſtreſs, to proſecute with Effect an Appeal reſpecting the ſame, and to pay the Money, with Coſts.

Directors to examine Matters upon Oath.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Matter or Thing reſpecting this Act ſhall be brought before the ſaid Directors at any of their ſaid Meetings, which ſhall require to be inveſtigated or inquired into upon Oath, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, if preſent, or if no ſuch Juſtice of the Peace ſhall be preſent, then for the Chairman of ſuch Meeting, to adminiſter an Oath to any Perſon or Perſons willing to take the ſame, for the more certain Information of the ſaid Directors, in any Matter or Buſineſs then depending before them; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the ſaid Directors, wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof convicted, ſhall be and is and are hereby declared to be liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as Perſons convicted of wilful or corrupt Perjury are liable to.

Rates, how to be made.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *St. Pancras* for the Time being, or any Nine or more of them, and they are hereby required from Time to Time and at all Times after the paſſing of this Act, as often as Occaſion ſhall require to meet in the Room appointed for the holding of Veſtries in the ſaid Pariſh, as hereinbefore is directed (Notice of ſuch Meeting having been firſt given on the Sunday next preceding ſuch Meeting in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh, and in ſuch Chapels, where Notices of Pariſh Meetings have uſually been given in Manner aforeſaid) and then and there to make one or more ſuch General Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, as by the Laws now in being Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor now are, or ſhall or may, or could or might be enabled or empowered to make, and as they the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall judge or determine to be neceſſary in and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and other the ſeveral Purpoſes that are as well in this Act as alſo in the ſeveral Laws now in being, touching and concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywiſe relating thereto particularly mentioned, ſo that ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, and ſhall be allowed by Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* (not being Directors under this Act) and ſhall be, on the Sunday next after ſuch Allowance, publiſhed in the Church of the ſaid Pariſh after Morning Prayers, before ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall be collected; and all and every ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made by the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall be deemed and taken to be good, valid, and effectual, in like Manner as if the ſame had been aſcertained and made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, any Law, Statute,

Statute, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding; and no Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall be made for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, other than is or are by this Act directed; and all Monies ariſing from ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates, allowed as aforeſaid, ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act: Provided always, that in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think him, her, or themſelves agrieved by any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſo to be made as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall and may appeal therefrom, in the Manner hereinafter particularly directed.

Collectors empowered to levy Rates.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons to be appointed in Manner aforeſaid Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, is and are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and levy the ſame, and that the Monies ariſing from ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates allowed as aforeſaid, ſhall and may be collected Quarterly, or otherwiſe; and, for the better enabling ſuch Collector or Collectors ſo to do, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for him or them to execute all ſuch Warrants of Diſtreſs, as ſhall be granted from Time to Time by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace (not being Directors under this Act) in the Manner hereinafter directed, againſt any Perſon or Perſons neglecting or refuſing to pay the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment, in the ſame Manner, and as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes, as Overſeers of the Poor, by any Law or Laws now in being, can or may execute the ſame.

How Rates are to be levied on Refuſal.

XXIII. And, for the better and more effectual raiſing and levying the Rates and Aſſeſſments directed to be made by this Act, Be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the Landlords or Occupiers, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, of any Land, Ground, Dwelling-houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach-houſe, Stable, Celler, Vault, Building, Tenement or Hereditament, within the ſaid Pariſh, hereinbefore 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, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, it ſhall be lawful to and for any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required to ſummon, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have refuſed or neglected as aforeſaid (upon Oath being made before him or them, by the Collector or Collectors appointed by the ſaid Directors as aforeſaid for the Time being, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling-houſe or laſt Place of Abode of all and every Perſon or Perſons then intended to be ſummoned, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, and of ſuch Perſon or Perſons having refuſed or neglected to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates; to appear before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in ſuch Summons; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Collector and Collectors appointed or to be appointed by the ſaid Directors, or for any of the Conſtables, Headboroughs, or Beadles of the ſaid Pariſh, to ſerve all and every ſuch Summons and Summonſes upon all

all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay as aforeſaid, either by delivering the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons thereby intended to be ſummoned, or leaving the ſame at his, her, or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premiſes for which the Rates mentioned in ſuch Summons ſhall remain due and owing; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned ſhall refuſe or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in ſuch Summons, or if he, ſhe, or they ſhall attend, and ſhall not ſhew good and ſufficient Cauſe to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices that they are not chargeable with ſuch Rate or Rates, that then all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have been ſo ſummoned, ſhall pay the reaſonable Coſts and Charges of ſuch Summons; and in all Caſes where the ſaid Rate or Rates, or any of them, ſhall not be paid upon the Return of ſuch Summons, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices who ſhall have iſſued ſuch Summons or Summonſes as aforeſaid, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of ſuch Summons or Summonſes by the Party who ſhall have ſerved the ſame, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand or Hands, Seal or Seals, according to the Form and Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, authorizing or directing the ſaid Collector or Collectors, or any Conſtable, Headborough, or Beadle of the ſaid Pariſh, to collect or levy all and every ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears thereof, and the Expence of the Summons (if the ſame ſhall not have been before paid) and Warrant, by Diſtreſs of the Goods and Chattels of the Party ſo neglecting or refuſing, which ſhall be found either within the ſaid Pariſh or elſewhere; and if within Five Days next after any ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, with all Arrears due thereon, ſhall not be paid, together with the reaſonable Charges of the ſaid Summons (if ſuch Summons ſhall not have been before paid for) and Warrant, and of making ſuch Diſtreſs, and keeping ſuch Goods and Chattels, the ſaid Collector or Collectors, Conſtable or Conſtables, Headborough or Headboroughs, Beadle or Beadles, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Goods to be appraiſed by one or more Appraiſer or Appraiſers, and to be ſold, or ſuch Part or Parts thereof, as ſhall be ſufficient to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reaſonable Charges aforeſaid, and the Charges of appraiſing and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

Perſons refuſing to attend when ſummoned.

XXIV. And whereas it may happen that many Perſons liable to, and who may be rated and aſſeſſed for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, may, before the Payment of the Sum which may be rated on them reſpectively, quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling-houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach-houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the ſaid Pariſh; Be it therefore further enacted, That when any Perſon or Perſons who hath or have been ſo rated and aſſeſſed, ſhall quit or be about to quit his or their Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach-houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, before he, ſhe, or they ſhall have paid the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment, and ſhall afterwards refuſe to pay the ſame when due, and demanded

For levying Rates from Perſons quitting or removing out of the Limits.

manded by the Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, that then in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collector or Collectors, or One of them, Oath being made by him or them that he or they hath or have Cause to suspect that such Person or Persons is or are removing, or hath or have removed his or their Goods and Chattels, by Warrant (according to the Form and Effect in the said Schedule) under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant) and such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty, to which such Person or Persons shall have removed (which Warrant such Magistrate is hereby required to back or countersign) to distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates or Assessments, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if any be) after having deducted the reasonable Charges and Expences attending such Distress and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made.

Rates payable Twenty-one Days before Quarter Day.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in order to avoid the Loss which frequently happens by Tenants or Occupiers of Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, quitting and removing from the same before the Quarter Day on which the Rates or Assessments charged by virtue of this Act on the said Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall become due and payable, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforesaid, to demand and receive, Twenty-one Days before every such Quarter Day, or at any other subsequent Time, the respective Rates and Assessments which would be due and payable on such Quarter Day; and in case of Non-payment thereof, to enforce the Payment of such Rates and Assessments in the same Manner, and with the same Powers, as in the case of the Non-payment of such Rates and Assessments upon or after the Quarter Day on which the same would have become due and payable.

For better Recovery of Rates on Houses let at small Rents, or to Weekly Lodgers or in separate Apartments, or furnished Lodgings.

XXVI. And whereasthere are divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish, let at small Rents, or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or let ready-furnished, and the Collection of the Poor Rates from such Houses, Tenements or Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and has frequently been evaded, so that much Loss has on that Account been sustained by the said Parish; for Remedy whereof; Be it enacted, That where the Yearly Rent or Value of any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall not exceed Twelve Pounds, or where the Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, and the Rents thereof shall become payable and be collected at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them (if they shall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the said Parish, for the Payment of the Poor Rates, at such a reduced Yearly Rental as the said Directors shall think reasonable, so that such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not rated at less than Two-Thirds nor more

more than Four-Fifths of the Rack Rent at which the ſame ſhall then be let, or of the Annual Value of the ſaid Premiſes reſpectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of ſuch Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as ſhall not exceed the Yearly Rent of Twelve Pounds, or as ſhall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, and from whence the Rents ſhall become due and be collected at any ſhorter Periods than Quarterly, is and are hereby required to enter into ſuch Compoſition with the ſaid Directors; and in caſe ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, ſhall object to enter into ſuch Compoſition, he or they ſhall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes, and ſhall thereupon be rated to, and from Time to Time ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid, the Rates or Aſſeſſments charged upon their reſpective Premiſes, for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, according to a fair and equal Aſſeſſment by the ſaid Directors, unto their Collector or Collectors for the Time being, who are hereby authorized and empowered to collect the ſame; and upon Non-payment thereof, to levy the ſame, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of the reſpective Premiſes aforeſaid, whereſoever they ſhall be found, or of the Perſon or Perſons inhabiting the ſame 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 Occupier; and where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, ſhall be let out in Lodgings or ſeparate Apartments, or ready-furniſhed, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all ſuch Premiſes, ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and ſhall be rated to, and pay the Rates or Aſſeſſments in reſpect of ſuch Tenements and Hereditaments, for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

Tenants liable to pay Rates, and deduct the ſame out of their Rents.

XXVII. Provided always, That the Goods and Chattels of any Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Poors Rates of which the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is or are hereby made ſubject or liable 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 which accrued and became due upon the ſaid Premiſes during the Time of their Occupancy only: Provided alſo, that each 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 from 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.

Landlords to pay for Ambaſſadors Houſes.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Rate, Tax, or Aſſeſſment, which ſhall be made or impoſed by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Houſe or Tenement, Coach-houſe, Stable, or Hereditament,

ment, which any Ambaſſador or Reſident, Agent or other Public Miniſter of any Foreign Prince of State, now doth or hereafter ſhall inhabit or occupy, ſhall be paid by the Landlord or Owner of every ſuch Houſe or Tenement, Coach-houſe, Stable, or Hereditament, who ſhall be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof; and the ſame ſhall and may be recovered in the ſame Manner as any Rates impoſed by this Act upon the Owners or Occupiers of any Premiſes within the ſaid Pariſh.

Perſons removing, and others ſucceeding them, to pay due Proportions, to be ſettled by Juſtices.

XXIX. And whereas Perſons frequently remove without paying the Money rated and aſſeſſed on them, and other Perſons do enter and occupy their Lands, Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Part of a Year, by Reaſon whereof great Sums of Money may be Annually loſt; Be it therefore further enacted, That where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall come into or occupy any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach-houſe, Stable, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, in the ſaid Pariſh, out of or from which any other Perſon, rated and aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall be removed, that then every Perſon ſo having removed from, and every Perſon ſo coming into or occupying the ſame, ſhall be liable to pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, in Proportion to the Time that ſuch Perſons occupied the ſame reſpectively, in the ſame Manner, and under the like Penalty of Diſtreſs, as if ſuch Perſon ſo having removed had not removed, or ſuch Perſon ſo coming in or occupying had been originally rated and aſſeſſed in ſuch Rates; which ſaid Proportion ſhall, in caſe of diſpute, be ſettled by any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex* (not being Directors) whoſe Determination ſhall be final.

Directors empowered to purchaſe Ground, &c.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors for the Time being, or any Thirteen or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to treat, contract, and agree with the Owner or Owners of the Whole or any Part of the Scite of Ground on which the preſent Workhouſe and the Premiſes thereunto belonging now ſtand, for the Reverſion in Fee thereof, after the Expiration of any Leaſe or Leaſes now ſubſiſting and held for the Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo to treat, contract, and agree with the Owner or Owners of, and with all other Perſons intereſted in, any Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, adjoining to or abutting Northward on the ſaid Scite of Ground on which the preſent Workhouſe, and the Premiſes thereunto belonging now ſtand, for the Purchaſe in Fee of ſo much of the ſaid Lands or Grounds, (not exceeding Four Acres) Tenements, or Hereditaments, as the ſaid Directors, or any Thirten or more of them, ſhall think neceſſary, in caſe it ſhall be reſolved by the ſaid Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, at ſome Meeting convened for that Purpoſe, and, after due Notice thereof given in the Manner hereinbefore directed, to enlarge the preſent Workhouſe, and the Scite of Ground on which the ſame, and the Premiſes thereunto belonging now ſtand, rather than provide a new Workhouſe in any other Situation; and in caſe the ſaid Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, at any ſuch public Meeting convened at aforeſaid ſhall reſolve to prefer ſome other Situation within the ſaid Pariſh as more convenient for ſuch Workhouſe, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, to treat, contract, and agree

agree with the Owner or Owners of, and with all other Perſons intereſted in any other Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and all Buildings thereon, in any other Situation within the ſaid Pariſh, which may ſo appear to the ſaid Directors to be more convenient and eligible for the Purpoſes of ſuch Workhouſe, and to purchaſe the ſame, not exceeding Five Acres, and all Buildings thereon, in the Name of the then Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, who are hereby enabled to accept and take a Conveyance thereof to them, or any Nine or more of them, and their Succeſſors, for ever; and upon Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be agreed on for ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes, to take Poſſeſſion thereof, and to employ the ſame in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper; and that the ſaid Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, may cauſe all Buildings thereon, or on the Ground now occupied by the preſent Workhouſe, to be pulled down, or altered and repaired, and ſhall and may erect and build thereon One or more Houſe or Houſes, with ſuitable and requiſite Offices, Outbuildings, and Fences, for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to alter, enlarge, and repair the ſame, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper; 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, building, or converting any ſuch Buildings, in Addition to or for the Purpoſe of a Workhouſe as aforeſaid, and furniſhing the ſame, and all other Expences to be incurred by the ſaid Directors 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 Directors out of the Monies to be raiſed, levied, and received by them from Time to Time, in Manner hereinafter directed.

No Contract to be entered into for the Purchaſe of Ground with any Director.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Contract or Agreement ſhall be entered into for the Purchaſe of any Land or Ground belonging to any Director of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or which, in caſe he has ceaſed to be a Director, did belong to him at any Time during his Continuance in ſuch Office, for the Purpoſe of erecting a new Workhouſe on ſuch Land or Ground, unleſs Two-Thirds in Number of the Directors aſſembled at any Meeting to be called for that Purpoſe, in Manner herein mentioned, and confirmed by Two-Thirds of the Directors aſſembled at ſome ſubſequent Meeting, in Manner herein mentioned, at each of which Meetings at leaſt Thirty Directors ſhall be preſent, ſhall concur in the Propriety and Expediency of entering into ſuch particular Contract, and ſhall declare the ſame by ſome Special Reſolution at ſuch public Meetings to be entered in their Book of Proceedings, and ſubſcribed by their reſpective Names, in their own Hand-writing.

Directors to diſpoſe of preſent Workhouſe, &c. when new one purchaſed.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Directors ſhall reſolve, as aforeſaid, to purchaſe Ground or Buildings in ſome other Situation within the ſaid Pariſh, which may appear to them more convenient than where the preſent Workhouſe ſtands, or adjoining thereto, for the Purpoſes of a Workhouſe, and ſhall have completed ſuch Purchaſe, and provided a new and proper Workhouſe on the

Ground or in the Buildings ſo purchaſed, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, to let, or ſell and diſpoſe of the preſent Workhouſe belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, and the Ground and Buildings adjoining thereto, and uſed or occupied therewith, according to the ſeveral Natures or Tenures thereof, for the beſt Price that can be got for the ſame, by public Auction, and apply the Monies ariſing from ſuch Sale to the Purpoſes of this Act; provided that Twenty-one Days previous Notice be given in Two or more of the public Newſpapers, of the Time of ſuch Auction being held.

How Directors are to proceed in making new Purchaſe, and building new Workhouſe.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That previous to the Purchaſe of any Ground or Premiſes by the ſaid Directors for the Purpoſe of providing a new Workhouſe, a Valuation of the Ground or Premiſes ſo to be purchaſed ſhall be made by Two or more able Surveyors, and not Partners upon Oath, delivered in Writing, and ſigned by the Perſons making the ſame, to the ſaid Directors, at ſome Meeting to be held for the Purpoſe of receiving the ſame; and after ſuch Valuation and Purchaſe, the ſaid Directors ſhall not begin to build a new Workhouſe until a proper Plan ſhall have been advertiſed for, and agreed to by a Majority of the ſaid Directors (not being leſs than Thirteen in Number preſent) of which Meeting Twenty-one Days Notice at leaſt ſhall be given in the ſaid Pariſh Church of *Saint Pancras*, and in the Chapels in which ſuch Notices have been uſually given, on a Sunday immediately after Divine Service in a Morning, nor until an exact Eſtimate ſhall be made of the Expence of erecting and finiſhing ſuch new Workhouſe according to the Plan to be agreed upon as aforeſaid, nor until a proper Agreement or Agreements ſhall be entered into by One or more able and experienced Workman or Workmen, with Two ſufficient and reſponſible Sureties on his or their Behalf, for the due Execution and Performance of ſuch Works as ſhall be contracted for and agreed upon for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Bodies Politic, &c. empowered to ſell Land, &c.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for all Perſon and Perſons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Truſtees and Feoffees in Truſt, Huſbands, Guardians, and Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or other Truſtees whomſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or under any other legal Diſability or Incapacity whatſoever, who is, are, or ſhall be ſeiſed of or in anywiſe intereſted in any ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be thought neceſſary for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, to contract and agree with the ſaid Directors for the Sale thereof, and to ſell and convey to them, or to any Perſon or Perſons, or their Heirs in Truſt for them, all or any ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, at or for ſuch Price or Satisfaction by Annual Payment, or Sum of Money in groſs, as ſhall be agreed upon between the ſaid Directors and the Perſon or Perſons ſeiſed of or intereſted in ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as aforeſaid, or as ſhall be aſcertained by a Jury as hereinafter mentioned; and every ſuch Contract, Agreement, Sale, and Conveyance, ſhall be valid

lid to all Intents and Purpoſes, any Law or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding; and upon Payment of the Purchaſe Money agreed upon between the ſaid Directors and the Perſon or Perſons ſeiſed of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or intereſted therein, or to be aſcertained by a Jury as hereinafter mentioned, or upon the Directors giving Security for ſuch Satisfaction, all and every Perſon or Perſons claiming or to claim any Eſtate or Intereſt in ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall thereupon be diveſted of all ſuch Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt therein, and the ſame ſhall from thenceforth become, and is and are by virtue of this Act, abſolutely veſted in the ſaid Directors and their Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, any Law, Statute, or Uſage, or other Matter or Thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, Truſtees, and all other Perſons whatſoever, ſhall be and are hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, notwithſtanding any Omiſſion or Miſtake of Matter or Form whatſoever.

Tenants after Six Months Notice to deliver Poſſeſſion.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Tenant at Will, or Leſſee for a Year, or other Perſon or Perſons in Poſſeſſion of any ſuch Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, or any Part thereof, which ſhall be purchaſed by or conveyed to the ſaid Directors as aforeſaid, and who ſhall have no greater Intereſt in the Premiſes than as Tenant at Will, or as Leſſee by Parole for a Year, or from Year to Year, ſhall, on the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing left upon the Premiſes, or ſo ſoon after as he, ſhe, or they ſhall be required, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſes to the ſaid Directors, or any other Perſon or Perſons authorized by them, or any Nine or more of them, to take Poſſeſſion thereof; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall refuſe to give ſuch Poſſeſſion, then it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, to iſſue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, to deliver Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall in ſuch Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the ſame; and the ſaid Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſes accordingly, and to levy ſuch Coſts as ſhall accrue from the iſſuing and Execution of ſuch Precept or Precepts on the Perſon or Perſons refuſing to give Poſſeſſion as aforeſaid, by Diſtreſs and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels.

How Purchaſe Money to be applied, when amounting to or exceeding £.200, and applicable to Corporation, &c.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed 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 Diſability or Incapacity, as in this Act particularly mentioned, 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 Directors 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 of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be so purchased, taken or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be vested 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 mean Time, 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 thereof shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Where less than £.200, and exceeding £.20.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes aforesaid, belong 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 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 Manner, hereinbefore directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Nine or more of the said Directors (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 Interest and Dividends arising

ſing therefrom, may be applied in Manner hereinbefore directed, ſo far as the Caſe may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Where leſs than £.20.

XXXVIII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where ſuch Money ſo agreed to be paid as next before mentioned, ſhall be leſs than Twenty Pounds, then and in ſuch Caſe 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 Directors, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall think fit; or in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively to the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo to be purchaſed, in caſe the ſame were not actually purchaſed and ſettled, purſuant to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

In caſe of not making out Titles, Purchaſe Money to be paid into the Bank, ſubject to the Order of Court of Chancery.

XXXIX. 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, 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 Directors; or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum 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 Directors, or any Seven or more of them, to order the ſaid Sum or 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 or 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 ſaid 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 their 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.

Directing to whom the Purchaſe

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of

Money shall be paid where any Question shall arise touching the Title.

of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, 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 of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Empowering the Court of Chancery to order reasonable Expences to be paid by the Directors.

XLI. 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 Houses, Buildings, 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, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to 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 Court shal deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Directors, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Directors may make Contracts.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, at any of their public Meetings, may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for making Bricks upon any Ground which may be purchased pursuant to this Act, and for providing Materials for erecting and finishing the Whole or any Part of any Workhouse hereby authorized or directed to be built, together with all requisite Outbuildings and Fences thereto; or for altering or repairing the present Workhouse or Premises thereunto belonging, or any Tenements or Hereditaments that shall or may be purchased in pursuance of this Act; and for providing from Time to Time such Furniture, Goods, Chattels, Provisions, Cloathing, Utensils, and Materials, as may be necessary or requisite for maintaining, cloathing, and employing the Poor to be received into the said Workhouse; and all Contracts and Agreements made and entered into by or between the said Directors, and any other Person or Persons whomsoever, relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing to be done or performed in Execution of this Act, shall be reduced into Writing, at the Expence of the Parties with whom such Contracts or Agreements shall be made by the said Directors, and signed by the Parties thereto, and shall be good,

Contracts to be reduced into Writing.

valid, and binding, as well upon the ſaid Directors as upon all other Parties thereto, his, her, and their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns; and in caſe of Breach thereof, Actions and Suits may be brought, maintained, and defended, and Damages and Coſts recovered thereon, againſt the Party or Parties refuſing or neglecting to perform the ſame.

Twenty-one Days Notice to be given of Meetings to make Contracts.

XLIII. Provided always, That previous to the Day appointed for the Meeting of the ſaid Directors for making any Contract whatſoever, Twenty-one Days Notice at leaſt of the Time and Place of the Meeting appointed for making any ſuch Contract, ſhall be given in Two or more of the Daily Newſpapers, expreſſing the Purport of every ſuch Contract, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame, may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe to the ſaid Directors, at the Time and Place mentioned in ſuch Notice.

No Contract valid, till confirmed at a ſubſequent Meeting.

XLIV. Provided alſo, That no Contract or Agreement whatſoever made by the ſaid Directors, ſhall be good, valid, binding, or effectual, until the ſame ſhall be approved and confirmed at their next Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, and ſigned by the Chairman preſiding at ſuch Meeting.

Furniture, Apparel, &c. provided for the Poor, veſted in Directors.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Property in all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, to be from Time to Time had, bought, procured, and provided for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and their Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes of this Act, who are hereby empowered to bring, or cauſe to be brought, any Action or Actions, or to prefer or order the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſteal, take, or carry away all or any ſuch Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, the Property of which ſaid Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths, Linen and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, and Things, ſhall be laid in any ſuch Action or Indictment to be the Property of "The Directors of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*;" and every ſuch Action and Indictment ſhall be brought or laid in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and ſo laid, ſhall be good in Law to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Contracts to be entered in a Book.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall cauſe Copies of all Contracts made in purſuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, and Diſburſements of the ſaid Directors, in Execution of this Act, and all Debts and Credits, and every Matter or 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 and Books, and alſo the Book and Books hereinbefore directed to be kept for entering the other Acts and Proceedings of the ſaid Directors, ſhall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay to the Poor Rates in the ſaid Pariſh, on Payment of One Shilling to the Clerk or Perſon in whoſe Cuſtody the ſame ſhall be.

XLVII. And

Appointment of Auditors.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That on the Fourth *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and other Parishioners of the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, and they are hereby required, to meet in the Room then appointed for the holding of Vestries (of which Vestry, and the Purpose thereof, the said Churchwardens for the Time being are hereby required to cause Notice to be given in the Manner as hereinbefore directed, on the *Sunday* next preceding the holding thereof) and then and there to elect Seven fit and substantial Householders of the said Parish (not being Directors) Four of whom shall be a Quorum, to act as Auditors of the Accounts of the said Directors, each and every of which Persons so elected shall be rated and assessed for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, for Premises of which they shall be Owners or Occupiers, at the Rent or Value of Forty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and shall take and subscribe an Oath of the like Purport and Effect to that hereinbefore required to be taken by Directors, and shall not be beneficially interested in any Contract, Office, or other Matter whatsoever, respecting the Maintenance or Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, or arising from or created by this Act; and the said Auditors so chosen and appointed as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby required, to meet in the Room where Vestries shall be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *July* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and four, at which Meeting, and all adjourned Meetings of the said Auditors, the said Directors are hereby required, by their Clerk, to produce and lay before the said Auditors an Account in Writing of all Monies which shall have come into their Hands, and also of all Monies paid, laid out, and expended by them in or about any of the Purposes of this Act, and in or about the obtaining and carrying this Act into Execution, or other Expences directed by this Act to be paid from the Time when they began to act as Directors, until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* then next preceding the Meeting of such Auditors; and so on *Tuesday* next after *Easter* Week in every succeeding Year, after the present Year One thousand eight hundred and four, it shall and may be lawful for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and other Parishioners of the said Parish, and they are hereby required, to meet in the Room appointed as aforesaid for the holding of Vestries (previous Notice of such Vestry, and the Purpose thereof, having been given as hereinbefore directed) and to elect Seven fit and substantial Householders of the said Parish (of whom Four shall be a Quorum to act as aforesaid) each and every of whom shall be rated and assessed as aforesaid, and shall take and subscribe the Oath above required, and shall have no beneficial Interest whatsoever in providing for or managing the Poor of the said Parish, or in any Contract or Office, and shall not then be nor in the preceding Year have been Directors under this Act, to be Auditors of the Accounts of the said Directors, from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in the Year preceding up to the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in the same Year in which they shall have been so chosen and appointed; and the said Auditors are hereby required to meet as aforesaid on the Second *Thursday* in the said Month of *July* next after their Election and Appointment, and to adjourn as they may think fit; at which Meetings and Adjournments the said Directors shall, by their Clerk, produce and lay before the said Auditors an

Account

Account in Writing of all Monies raiſed by virtue of this Act, and of all Sums of Money received by them, and alſo of all Monies paid, laid out, and expended by them, with all proper and neceſſary Vouchers for the ſame, in or about any of the Purpoſes of this Act, from and after the Time up to which the Accounts of the ſaid Directors were laſt audited and ſettled; and in caſe the ſaid Auditors ſo to be elected as aforeſaid, or the major Part of them, ſhall think there is juſt Cauſe to diſapprove or reject any or all of the Accounts ſo to be preſented as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Auditors, or ſuch major Part of them, if they ſhall think fit, to appeal to the next General or next Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; and the Juſtices at the ſaid General or Quarter Seſſions are hereby empowered to hear and determine every ſuch Appeal or Appeals, in ſuch Manner, and to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to them ſhall ſeem juſt; and no Appeal againſt the ſaid Accounts ſhall be allowed or proceeded in except the ſame be brought or directed to be brought by the ſaid Auditors, or the major Part of them, at ſome ſuch public Meeting as aforeſaid; and for their Aſſiſtance in inveſtigating the ſaid Accounts, the ſaid Auditors are hereby authorized and empowered, if they ſhall think fit, to employ ſome fit and able Perſon to be their Accountant for the Time being, and the ſaid Directors are hereby authorized and directed, on the Requiſition of the ſaid Auditors, to pay to ſuch Accountant for his Trouble a Remuneration not exceeding Ten Pounds.

No Director to hold any Place of Profit, or be concerned in any Contract.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Director, Treaſurer, Churchwarden, or Overſeer of the ſaid Pariſh, nor any Perſon in any Manner connected in Buſineſs with any ſuch Director, Treaſurer, Churchwarden, or Overſeer, of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall hold or enjoy any Contract, or Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or under the Powers hereby given enter into or be in any Manner beneficially intereſted or concerned in any ſuch Contract or Agreement as aforeſaid; and in caſe any Director, Treaſurer, Churchwarden, or Overſeer, or any Perſon in any Manner connected in Buſineſs with ſuch Director, Treaſurer, Churchwarden, or Overſeer, ſhall hold or enjoy any ſuch Place of Profit or Advantage, or enter into or be in any Manner, directly or indirectly, beneficially intereſted or concerned in any ſuch Contract or Agreement as aforeſaid, he or they ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be recovered and applied as hereinafter is mentioned.

For borrowing Money.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That for the purpoſe of providing for the Expences of purchaſing Ground or other Buildings, and of erecting or enlarging, finiſhing and furniſhing the Workhouſe and other neceſſary Offices, to be provided under the Authority of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Ten Thouſand Pounds upon the Credit of the Rates next hereinafter mentioned, ſo that no greater Rate of Intereſt than Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* be paid for the ſame, and by Writing under the Hands of any Eleven or more of the ſaid Directors, to charge the Rates or Aſſeſſments next hereinafter mentioned, with the Repayment thereof, to the Perſon or Perſons advancing or lending ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as his, her, or their Truſtee or Truſtees, together with In-

tereſt for the ſame; and every ſuch Charge may be according to the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the ſame Effect; and every ſuch Charge ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law.

An additional Two-penny Rate to be made to pay Contracts for Ground, and Premiſes for building the Workhouſe.

L. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, on Behalf of themſelves and the other Directors for the Time being, or for any Nine of the ſaid Directors, and they are hereby authorized and required, Once in every Year, to make as hereinbefore is mentioned an additional Rate or Aſſeſſment, not exceeding Two Pence in the Pound, on all Buildings or Premiſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, rateable to the Poor under this Act, over and above any Rates or Aſſeſſments which may be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, which additional Rate or Aſſeſſment, not exceeding Two Pence in the Pound, ſhall firſt be made after the Expiration of Six Calender Months from and after the paſſing of this Act, and ſhall be paid by the Collector or Collectors thereof in Manner hereinbefore directed to the Treaſurer appointed by the ſaid Directors, and ſhall be appropriated only to the Diſcharge of Contracts entered into by the ſaid Directors for purchaſing Ground or other Buildings, and erecting or enlarging, finiſhing and furniſhing the ſaid intended Workhouſe and other neceſſary Offices, and ſo on in every Year, the ſaid Additional Rate or Aſſeſſment not exceeding Two Pence in the Pound, ſhall be in like Manner paid as far as the ſame ſhall be collected, to ſuch Treaſurer as aforeſaid, and appropriated to the ſaid diſtinct Purpoſes, and no other whatſoever; and in caſe there ſhall be found any Surplus in the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer, or of the ſaid Directors, ariſing from the ſaid additional Rate or Rates, over and above what may have been required to ſatisfy and diſcharge all ſuch Contracts as aforeſaid, then ſuch Surplus ſhall go and be applied in Diminution of the Principal of the Debt to be incurred for building of the ſaid Workhouſe, or relating thereto, in Manner hereinafter mentioned.

Power to transfer Securities.

LI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Perſons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed and raiſed, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, to transfer ſuch Securities to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, which Transfer may be made by Indorſement on ſuch Securities in the Preſence of Two or more credible Witneſſes, in the Form contained in the ſaid Schedule, or in any other Words to the ſame Effect; and Copies of all Securities which ſhall be given in purſuance of this Act, and of all Transfers thereof, ſhall be entered in a Book or Books, to be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Directors, to which Book or Books any Perſon or Perſons intereſted ſhall at all ſeaſonable Times have Acceſs, and ſhall have free Liberty to inſpect the ſame without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every ſuch Security or Transfer, the ſaid Clerk ſhall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and after ſuch Entry of any ſuch Security or Transfer, the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be given or made, and his, her, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſhall be entitled to the Benefit thereof in proportion to the Sum therein mentioned, and ſhall be

Creditors

Creditors on the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments equally one with another, and ſhall have no Preference in reſpect to the Priority of advancing ſuch Money.

Monies to be paid off by Ballot.

LII. And, in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Perſons who may advance and lend Money upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments made by virtue of this Act, Be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, at any of their Meetings, to cauſe the Numbers of all the Securities for Groſs Sums which ſhall be then due and owing to the Creditors on the ſaid Rate, to be written on ſeparate Pieces of Paper, of an equal Size; and all ſuch Papers ſhall be rolled up in the ſame Manner as near as may be, and put into a Box, and that ſo many Numbers of the ſaid Securities ſhall be drawn out of the ſaid Box by the Clerk to the ſaid Directors, in the Preſence of the ſaid Directors, or any Nine or more of them, as ſhall make up the Sum then intended to be paid off, which Numbers he ſhall then read and deliver to the Chairman at ſuch Meeting, who ſhall cauſe the ſame to be entered by the Clerk in the Minutes; and that Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing, or printed, and ſigned by the Clerk to the ſaid Directors for the Time being, ſhall be given to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be entitled to ſuch Security or Securities ſo drawn out, or ſhall be left at his, her, or their laſt or moſt uſual Place of Abode, that his, her, or their reſpective Security or Securities, Principal and Intereſt will be paid off, and that at the Expiration of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of ſuch Notice given or left as aforeſaid, all Intereſt on ſuch Security or Securities ſhall ceaſe and determine, unleſs ſuch Money ſhall be demanded purſuant to ſuch Notice, and not paid; but the Principal Money in reſpect whereof ſuch Notice ſhall be given, and all the Intereſt thereof to the End of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, ſhall nevertheleſs be payable on Demand.

Actions to be brought in Name of Clerk

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall and may ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and the ſaid Clerk ſhall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in every ſuch Action or Suit, as the Caſe ſhall be; and if the Plaintiff ſhall recover in any ſuch Action, he ſhall have full Coſts, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgment are now by Law levied and recovered, in which Action no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and every ſuch Clerk, being Plaintiff or Defendant as aforeſaid, ſhall always be reimburſed and paid, out of the Monies to be received by the Directors by virtue of this Act, all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences, as he ſhall be put unto, or become chargeable with, by reaſon of his being ſo made Plaintiff or Defendant.

Directors may puniſh the Poor who are idle, or miſbehave themſelves.

LIV. And whereas many Perſons maintained in Pariſh Workhouſes refuſe to work, or are guilty of profane curſing or ſwearing, or Drunkenneſs, or of embezzling or purloining, or other Miſbehaviour, and by the Laws now in being, no Puniſhment can be inflicted upon them without committing them to the Houſe of Correction or Common Gaol, which Commitments have not been found to anſwer the Purpoſes

poſes thereby intended; Be it therefore further enacted, That if any Poor Perſon maintained in any Workhouſe belonging to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras* ſhall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel provided for or belonging to the ſaid Workhouſe, or any Materials or Things provided in or for the ſaid Workhouſe; or be guilty of profane curſing or ſwearing, or of Drunkenneſs, or of any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to perform the Work or Service which he or ſhe 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), it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending to be puniſhed in ſuch Workhouſe, either by Diſtinction of Diet or Dreſs; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contary notwithſtanding.

Encouragement to the induſtrious Poor.

LV. And, to the End that all the Poor in the ſaid Workhouſe may be encouraged to apply themſelves with Diligence to the Labour or Taſks in which they may be employed; Be it further enacted, That out of the Profits ariſing from the Work which ſhall be done by the Poor, ſuch Rewards ſhall be diſtributed to the induſtrious and ſkilful, in proportion to the Quality and Perfection of their Work, as to the ſaid Directors ſhall appear reaſonable.

Penalty on buying Cloaths furniſhed for the Poor.

LVI. 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 Workhouſe; or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the ſame to be wrought up, manufactured, and uſed by the Poor therein; or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof; or any of the Proviſions allotted or provided for the Poor of the ſaid Workhouſe, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings upon Conviction, on the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, which Penalty, when paid or recovered, ſhall go, One Moiety to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the ſaid Directors, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouſe.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or ſtrong Liquors ſhall be conveyed into the ſaid Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, unleſs with the Permiſſion of the ſaid Directors, or by the Special Order of the Apothecary appointed to attend ſuch Workhouſe; and every Perſon who ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, ſhall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, which Penalty ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, who is and are hereby declared not to be an incompetent Witneſs or Witneſſes by being an Informer or Informers.

Form of Conviction.

LVIII. And, for the more ſpeedy and eaſy Conviction of Offenders againſt this Act, be it 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 Form mentioned in the ſaid Schedule, or in any other Words to the ſame Effect.

Children to be apprenticed.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children who ſhall at any Time be maintained by the ſaid Directors, ſhall be and remain under their Care and Government until they arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years, and after attaining that Age, or ſooner, if the ſaid Directors ſhall think fit, the ſaid Directors may and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to bind and put forth, with the Conſent of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* not being Directors, any ſuch Children as Apprentice to any reputable Perſon, where they ſhall ſee it convenient, to be taught any Art, Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation, or in any Handicraft Buſineſs or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, or in Farming and Huſbandry, as the ſaid Directors ſhall think moſt ſuited to the Strength and Capacity of ſuch Child or Children, 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 as an Indenture between the Maſter or Miſtreſs, and Apprentice, and ſhall in all Reſpects be in Force and Effect, according to the Laws in Force concerning the apprenticing of poor Children whoſe Parents are not able to provide for them; and that the ſaid Directors ſhall, and they are hereby required, to provide neceſſary Cloathing for every ſuch Apprentice upon his or her being bound as aforeſaid.

Children may be diſcharged, or hired out.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors may, and they are hereby empowered, to diſcharge out of the ſaid Workhouſe, or to hire out, either before or as ſoon as may be after any Child that ſhall have attained the Age of Fourteen Years, any of the poor Children in the ſaid Workhouſe, for One Whole Year at the leaſt, for the Benefit of ſuch Child or Children; and alſo before ſuch Age, to hire out any ſuch poor Child or Children; and alſo any other of the Poor within the ſaid Workhouſe, to work and labour in the Time of Hay and Corn Harveſt, or at any other Time, for the Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, and for ſuch Time or Term as the ſaid Directors, and the Perſon or Perſons hiring ſuch Poor, ſhall agree and determine; and the poor Perſon ſo hired out, ſhall go and perform the Work and Labour ſtipulated and agreed to be done, to the beſt of their Power; and after ſuch Work ſhall be completed and finiſhed, ſhall, without Delay, return to the ſaid Workhouſe, with their Working Implements (if any) and the Apparel with which he, ſhe, or they went out to work (Allowance being made for reaſonable wear) or in Default thereof, ſhall and may be apprehended by Warrant, under the Hand and Seal of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and conveyed back to the ſaid Workhouſe, to be employed as aforeſaid.

Penalties may be recovered by Warrant of One Juſtice.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed, the Recovery and Application whereof is not particularly deſcribed, ſhall, upon Proof of the Offences reſpectively before any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, either by the Con-

feſſion of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, be levied, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the ſame, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of ſuch Juſtice, who is hereby authorized and required to grant ſuch Warrant or Warrants, and to adminiſter all ſuch Oaths; and the Overplus, after ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale (ſuch Charges to be ſettled by the ſaid Juſtice) are received and deducted, ſhall be returned, on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels; and all ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, when ſo recovered and paid (if not otherwiſe directed to be applied by this Act) ſhall from Time to Time be paid to the ſaid Directors, or their Treaſurer or Clerk, to be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor in the ſaid Workhouſe, or in otherwiſe putting this Act in Execution; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, or ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of the ſaid County, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Charges as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Penalties how applied.

Appeal.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the ſaid Directors in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall and may apply for Relief to the ſaid Directors, at any Meeting to be held within Three Calendar Months next after ſuch Matter or Thing done or committed by or by Order of the ſaid Directors; and ſuch Directors, or any Nine or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, if they ſhall think ſuch 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 Directors, then he, ſhe, or they may, within Fifteen Days after ſuch Determination of the ſaid Directors, and upon Ten Days' Notice in Writing to be given to their Clerk, of his, her, or their Intention, appeal to Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* (not being Directors) at any Petty Seſſions; and ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized to hear and determine every ſuch Appeal in ſuch Manner, and to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes, as to them ſhall ſeem meet: Provided always, that if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not be ſatisfied with the Determination of ſuch Juſtices, then he, ſhe, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be held for the ſaid County next after ſuch Determination of the ſaid Juſtices, ſuch Appellant or Appellants firſt giving or cauſing to be given Ten Days' Notice at leaſt, in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring ſuch Appeal, to the Clerk to the ſaid Directors, and within Two Days next after ſuch Notice, entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds before a Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County (not being a Director) conditioned for proſecuting ſuch Appeal, and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the Juſtices at

at ſuch General or Quarter Seſſions; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch General or Quarter Seſſions, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice given as aforeſaid, and of 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 General or Quarter Seſſions ſhall be final and concluſive.

Juſtices may relieve upon Appeal againſt Rates, without quaſhing the whole Aſſeſſment.

LXIII. 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 or altering ſuch Rates with reſpect to other Perſons mentioned in the ſame; 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 in the Manner hereinbefore directed.

Directors in certain Caſes to relieve the Poor at Home, inſtead of receiving them into the Workhouſe.

LXIV. And whereas in Caſes where One or more Juſtices of the Peace is or are empowered, by the Laws in being, to order any poor Perſon to be admitted into the Workhouſe of the Pariſh to which he or ſhe may belong, ſuch Proviſion has been frequently abuſed to the Purpoſes of Idleneſs among the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, great Numbers of whom, inſtead of maintaining themſelves by their Labour, do, under various frivolous Pretences, gain Admiſſion into the ſaid Workhouſe, by which Means it has been often over-crowded with Numbers, and the Pariſhioners have from thence been unneceſſarily burdened with great Expences; and it would tend greatly to diſcourage thoſe Abuſes, and to diminiſh thoſe unneceſſary Burdens, with equal Benefit to the Poor, if, in certain Caſes, a reaſonable Diſcretion were given to the ſaid Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh to relieve any ſuch poor Perſon at his or her own Habitation, inſtead of admitting him or her into the ſaid Workhouſe; Be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, on any Summons iſſued by One or more Juſtices of the Peace to the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, to attend and ſhew cauſe why any poor Perſon ſhould not be admitted into the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh (which Summons ſhall be conſidered as regularly and duly obeyed if attended by One or more of the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Poor, or by any Perſon or Perſons duly appointed for that Purpoſe, by Writing under the Hands of the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, in like Manner as if the ſame had been attended by the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Poor) if on ſhewing ſuch Cauſe, it ſhall appear that the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh is then as full of poor Perſons as is conſiſtent with Health, or that Sickneſs then prevails in it, or that the poor Perſon ſeeking ſuch Admiſſion only labours under ſome temporary Diſorder or Diſability, and is neither Lunatic nor crippled, nor ſpecially infirm with old Age, then and in any of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Poor, at their Diſcretion, to relieve ſuch poor Perſon at his or her own Habitation by a Weekly Allowance in Money, not exceeding Five Shillings, and by providing proper Medicines, or Medical Advice and Aſſiſtance, as the Caſe may require, to ſuch poor

Perſon,

Perſon, as long as the ſame ſhall be neceſſary; and ſuch Weekly Allowance ſhall continue to be paid by the ſaid Directors until it ſhall be certified under the Hand-writing of the Medical Perſon ſo attending, that ſuch poor Perſon is enabled to maintain him or herſelf; which Certificate, being produced and laid before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, he or they is and are hereby empowered and required to make an Order that ſuch Allowance do thenceforth ceaſe and be diſcontinued; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Juſtices to proceed on Complaint of Directors, or Perſons appointed by them.

LXV. 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 being, 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 Directors, or of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall have been duly appointed, by Writing under the Hands of the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, for that Purpoſe, in ſuch and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Complaint had been made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh.

How Vagrants are to be ſent to their reſpective Pariſhes.

LXVI. 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 *St. Pancras* to the Pariſh or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors (if they think fit) to cauſe ſuch poor Perſon or poor Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, to be reſpectively removed in the uſual Manner of removing Paupers or Vagrants, by a Beadle, or ſome Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, for that Purpoſe, by Writing under their Hands; and every Overſeer of the Poor, or other proper Officer of the Pariſh or Place to which ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, ſhall be ordered to be removed as aforeſaid, is hereby required to receive every ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he and they would have been bound to do if ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, Vagrant or Vagrants, had been delivered to him, her, or them, by One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Orders and Proceedings not to be quaſhed for want of Form.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforeſaid, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for Defect or Want of Form only, or be removed or removable 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 Proceedings relating thereto; nor ſhall the Party

Party or Parties making the ſame 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 ſhall and may recover Satisfaction for the ſpecial Damage only in an Action upon the Caſe.

Expences of the Act to be firſt paid.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, or carrying the ſame into Execution, ſhall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Rates levied or to be levied for the Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or out of the firſt Monies which ſhall come into the Hands of the ſaid Directors, or their Treaſurer, by virtue of this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

LXIX. 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 anywiſe relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall have been thereof given in Writing to the Clerk of the ſaid Directors, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall have been made; 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 *Middleſex*, and not elſewhere, and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit 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 if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have been brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforeſaid, or after Satisfaction or Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall have been made, or after the Time hereinbefore limited for bringing the ſame, or 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, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall be nonſuited, or ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment 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.

Public Act.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed to be a Public Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons whomſoever, without the ſame being ſpecially pleaded.

The SCHEDULE Referred to in the foregoing ACT.

No. 1.—WARRANT of DISTRESS for Nonpayment of the RATES.

Middlesex, to wit. } *To the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Collectors of the Poor Rates of the Parish of* Saint Pancras, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and to all Constables and other Peace Officers for the same Parish.*

WHEREAS the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants, Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of some Building or Tenement within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, were and are truly rated and assessed, or liable to the Rate and Rates duly made for the Purpose of an Act made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*Set forth the Title of the Act*]: AND Whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums of Money, at and against their Names hereunder respectively set down, for Money due from them for or towards the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, and the said several Sum and Sums are still remaining due in Arrear, and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County; and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear before to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to the said Justice upon Oath, and nor either of them having shewn any sufficient Cause why such Sum or Sums of Money should not be paid; THESE are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to levy the said several Sums due from the said Persons, and 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 for 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 and other His Majeſty's Peace Officers for the ſaid County, 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

	Sums Due. £.	s.	d.
A. B. - - - - - -			
C. D. - - - - - -			
E. F. the Landlord for divided - -			
G. H. - - - - - -			

N° 2.—WARRANT of DISTRESS for Non-payment of the Balances in the Hands of the Collectors, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, Churchwardens, or Overſeers of the Poor.

Middleſex, to wit. } *To the Conſtables, Headboroughs, and Beadles of the Pariſh of* Saint Pancras, *in the ſaid County, and to every or any of them.*

WHEREAS One of the Collectors of the Poor Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, duly elected to ſuch Office under and by virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, intituled, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*]; [*or*, *A. B.* Maſter of the Workhouſe belonging to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; *C. D.* Miſtreſs of the ſaid Workhouſe; One of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh; *or*, One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, *as the Caſe may be*] have (*or*, hath) refuſed or neglected to pay over the Money remaining in their or his Hands, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Manner as directed in and by the ſaid Act: AND Whereas it appeareth unto us and Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County, that the Sum of now remains due and owing from the ſaid to the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and that the ſaid have (*or*, hath) refuſed or neglected to pay the ſame, as directed by the ſaid Act; THESE are therefore, in His Majeſty's Name, to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to levy the ſaid Sum of ſo remaining unpaid as aforeſaid, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of them (*or*, him) the ſaid which ſhall be found either within the ſaid Pariſh or elſewhere, ſuch Goods and Chattels being kept for the Space of Five Days before the ſame are ſold, rendering to them (*or*, him) the ſaid

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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, and other His Majeſty's Peace Officers for the ſaid County, 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

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N° 3.—WARRANT for Want of DISTRESS of GOODS of the Collectors, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, Churchwardens, or Overſeers of the Poor.

Middleſex, to wit. } *To all Conſtables and other Peace Officers for the County of* Middleſex, *and alſo to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the ſaid County, or his Deputy.*

WHEREAS One of the Collectors of the Poor Rates; *A. B.* Maſter of the Workhouſe belonging to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; *C. D.* Miſtreſs of the ſaid Workhouſe; One of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh; *or* One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras* in the ſaid County, duly elected to ſuch Office, under and by virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, intituled [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*]; [*or,* One of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh; *or,* One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh] refuſed or neglected to pay over the Money remaining in their (*or,* his) Hands, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Manner as is directed in and by the ſaid Act: AND Whereas it appeareth unto us and Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County, that the Sum of remained due and owing from the ſaid to the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and that the ſaid refuſed or neglected to pay the ſame, as directed by the ſaid Act; 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 their (*or,* his) Goods and Chattels, rendering to them (*or,* him) the Overplus (if any): AND Whereas One of the Conſtables of the ſaid County, 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 or Search, it appeareth

peareth unto him, that the ſaid
have (*or* hath) not any Goods or Chattels, whereof a ſufficient Diſtreſs could be had or taken, to levy the ſaid Sum of
and the ſaid Sum is ſtill due and unpaid: THESE are therefore, in His Majeſty's Name, to will and require you the ſaid Conſtables, and other Peace Officers, and every of you, to apprehend the ſaid and them (*or*, him) ſafely to convey and deliver to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the ſaid County, or his Deputy, together with this our Warrant, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until the Day of unleſs they (*or*, he) ſhall have paid the ſaid Sum of as aforeſaid; and We do hereby alſo command you, the ſaid Keeper or Deputy Keeper, to receive the ſaid into your ſaid Common Gaol, and them (*or*, him) ſafely to keep, until the Day of unleſs they (*or*, he) ſhall have fully paid and ſatisfied the ſaid Sum of and all reaſonable Charges attending the Recovery and Receipt thereof. Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord

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No. 4—WARRANT for not rendering an Account.

Middleſex, to wit. } *To all Conſtables, and other Peace Officers, for the County of* Middleſex, *and alſo to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the ſaid County, or his Deputy.*

WHEREAS [*or*,
One of the Collectors of the Poor Rates of the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the ſaid County] duly elected to ſuch Office under and by virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, intituled [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*] [*or*, *A. B.* the Maſter of the Workhouſe, belonging to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; *C. D.* the Miſtreſs of the ſaid Workhouſe; *or*, One of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh; *or*,
One of the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh] refuſed or neglected to make up and render a full, true, and perfect Account in Writing, verified on Oath, of all Monies by them (*or*, him) received and paid, for or on Account of
and to pay over the Money remaining in their (*or*, his) Hands, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, in ſuch Manner as is directed in and by the ſaid Act: THESE are therefore, in His Majeſty's Name, to will and require you the ſaid Conſtables, and other Peace Officers, and every of you, to apprehend the ſaid
and them (*or* him) ſafely to convey and deliver to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the ſaid County, or his Deputy, together with this our Warrant, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until the Day of unleſs they (*or*, he) ſhall have previouſly made up and rendered a true Account in Writing, verified upon Oath,

Oath, of all Monies by them (*or*, him) received and paid by virtue of their (*or*, his) Office as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe for and on Account of and until they (*or*, he) ſhall have previouſly paid ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall appear to be remaining in their (*or*, his) Hands, and to be due to the ſaid Directors as aforeſaid: And we do hereby alſo command you the ſaid Keeper, or Deputy Keeper, to receive the ſaid into your ſaid Common Gaol, and them (*or*, him) ſafely to keep, until the Day of unleſs they (*or*, he) ſhall have previouſly made up and rendered the ſaid Account, verified upon Oath as aforeſaid, and fully ſatisfied and paid ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall appear to be remaining in their (*or*, his) Hands reſpectively, and all reaſonable Charges *attending* the Recovery and Receipt thereof. Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord

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No. 5.—CONVICTION.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of the Reign of is convicted before of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, by virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*ſet forth the Title of this Act*] (*ſpecifying the Offence*). Given under our Hands and Seals (*or*, my Hand and Seal) the Day and Year aforeſaid.

No. 6.—NOTICE of APPEAL.

IN PURSUANCE of an Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*ſet forth the Title of this Act*] WE do hereby give you Notice, that we intend to appeal to the next Seſſions of the Peace, to be holden [*if* by Adjournment, *then thoſe Words to be added*] at in and for the County of *Middleſex*, againſt the Order, Conviction, or Determination [*as the caſe may be*] of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, whereby they have [*ſtating the Matter intended to be appealed againſt.*] Dated the Day of

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No. 7.—FORM of SECURITY for MONEY borrowed at INTEREST.

BY virtue of an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*ſet forth the Title of this Act*

Act]: WE, the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, in Conſideration of the Sum of advanced and lent to the ſaid Directors by upon the Credit, and for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act, do hereby charge the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of the ſaid Act, and the ſeveral Sums of Money to be raiſed thereupon, within the ſaid Pariſh, with the Payment unto the ſaid his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, of the Principal Sum of and Intereſt at *per Centum* *per Annum*, to be paid Half-Yearly from henceforth. Witneſs our Hands the Day of

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No. 8.—FORM of ASSIGNMENT of SECURITY.

I, the within named in Conſideration of the Sum of to me paid by of in the County of at or before the ſigning 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 his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns. Witneſs my Hand, the Day of

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