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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. xxxix.

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Select Veſtry in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and for other Purpoſes relating thereto.

[19th *May* 1819.]

WHEREAS the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*, is of great Extent, and very populous, and its Population greatly increaſing, and the Affairs of the Pariſh (except ſuch as are regulated under the Act of Parliament herein-after noticed) have been managed by an open or public Veſtry: And whereas by an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for repealing an Act made in the Forty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled 'An Act for better 'governing, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the Pariſh of* Saint 'Pancras, *in the County of* Middleſex; *for building a new Workhouſe for 'the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh; for appointing Collectors of the Rates; and for 'other Purpoſes therein mentioned;' and for making more effectual Proviſion for thoſe and other Purpoſes*, certain Powers and Authorities were given and granted to the Perſons therein named and appointed, and their Succeſſors, Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for the ſeveral Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned: And whereas the ſaid Directors have accompliſhed ſome of the moſt material Objects intended by the ſaid Act, and particularly have built and furniſhed a new Workhouſe in and for the ſaid Pariſh, and have entirely paid off and diſcharged all Sums of Money borrowed 45 G. 3. c. 99.

borrowed and raiſed for the Purpoſes thereof: And whereas it has been found that many of the Proviſions in the ſaid Act are highly uſeful and beneficial; but that the general Intereſts of the ſaid Pariſh would be much better provided for, if the Matters remaining to be done by the ſaid Directors, and the ſeveral Matters and Things now under the Juriſdiction and Controul of the Open Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh, were ſubjected to the Juriſdiction and Controul of a Select Veſtry, and if the ſaid Act paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty were repealed, and the Power of aſſeſſing, impoſing, and levying the Poor Rates, and providing for the Repairs of the Highways within the ſaid Pariſh, and of regulating and controuling the Expenditure, and auditing and allowing the Accounts thereof, and the ſeveral Matters and Things now under the Juriſdiction and Controul of the Open or Public Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh, were confided to ſuch Select Veſtry: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the Second *Tueſday* next after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid recited Act made in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and all the ſeveral Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, ſhall be and the ſame is and and are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; ſave and except for the Recovery of any Rates, Penalties, Forfeitures, or Payments which may have become due and payable under the ſaid recited Act previous to the paſſing of this Act; and alſo ſave and except ſuch of the Powers, Authorities, Regulations, and Clauſes of the ſaid recited Act as are by this Act adopted or directed to continue in force.

45 G. 3. c. 99. repealed;

except for the Recovery of Rates, &c.

The Repeal of 45 G. 3. c. 99. not to be a Revival of 44 G. 3. c. 47.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the repealing of the ſaid recited Act made in the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, or any Thing in this Act contained, ſhall not be deemed or conſtrued to be a Revival of the ſaid recited Act made in the Forty-fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty; but that all and every the Enactments, and every Matter and Thing therein contained, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby repealed.

Veſtrymen to be appointed.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Vicar of the ſaid Pariſh and the Churchwardens (to be elected in manner herein-after mentioned) of the ſaid Pariſh, together with *John Adolphus*, *James Alexander*, *George Bagſter*, *Robert Baker*, Reverend *Edward Balme*, *Alexander Balmanno*, *John Barker*, *John Bell*, *Samuel Birch*, *James Bird*, *Samuel Block*, *Alexander Brice*, *William Bundy*, Reverend *Edward John Burrow*, *John Chriſtmas*, *Thomas Clark*, *Edmund Coffin*, *Edward Coleman*, *James Compigne*, *John Cooper*, *William Cooper*, *William Lewis Davies*, *Peter Dawſon*, *Samuel Denton*, *Chriſtian Dietrichſen*, *William Dunn*, *Joſeph Farington*, *William Fiſher*, *James Fittler*, *Richard Flemming*, *Gabriel Gillett*, *Chriſtopher Greatham*, *Robert John Harper*, *Richard Harriſon*, *Thomas Harriſon*, *William Haſlewood*, *Wickens Hodges*, *Richard Holmes*, *George Hornby*, *John Hughes*, *William Inwood*, *Robert Iſherwood*, *George Jackſon*, *Richard Jeffreys*, *William Kitchener*, *Nicholas Ladler*, *John Lane*, *John Lewis*, *John George Lockett*, *George Barnard Lonſdale*, Reverend *Anthony Stephen Mathew*, *Robert Marſden*, *Andrew Menſal*,

Menſal, William Minſhull, Thomas Ody, George Palmer, Thomas Palmer, Philip Perring, William Piſtell, Reverend *Joſiah Pratt, Benjamin Price, Martin Prior, Samſon Rainforth, John Iuland Rawlinſon, John Thomas Redman, Thomas Rhodes, John Roſe, William Rothwell, Chriſtopher Scott, Charles Sewell, John Shore, Nehemiah Spicer, Robert Tate, Thomas Taylor, Henry Thwaites, George Henry Vandeput, Charles Varnham, Charles Waiſtell, William Waugh, John Wolfe, James Agar, William Agar, John Farquhar Aſhburner, Thomas Bainbridge, Daniel Beale,* Colonel *William Bird, William Brooks, George Dance, William Eſſex, Thomas Farrer, Charles Forbes, John Forbes,* Sir *Robert Gifford, John Maſon Good, William Grane, James Heath, John Kemp, Wyndham Knatchbull, John Main, Robert Mitford, William Page, James Patterſon, Peter Potter, Robert Raynsford, John Rigge, William Roberts,* Sir *Stephen Shairp, Edward Shaw, James Spiller, William Stones, Richard Townſend, Edward Wells,* and together with the Seven additional Veſtrymen to be appointed in manner herein-after mentioned, and their Succeſſors, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, for carrying this preſent Act into Execution, and the ſeveral Powers and Authorities hereby given and granted; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall conſtitute a Select Veſtry, and ſhall have, in addition to the ſeveral Powers and Authorities by this Act expreſsly given to and veſted in them, all ſuch Powers and Authorities whatſoever as have heretofore been lawfully veſted in or exerciſed by the Open or Public Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh; and from and after the paſſing of this Act no Public or Open Veſtry ſhall be held within the ſaid Pariſh, nor ſhall any Powers or Authorities whatſoever be exerciſeable by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Portion of them, in Open Veſtry or otherwiſe aſſembled.

First and ſubſequent Meetings.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and may meet together at any convenient Place within the ſaid Pariſh, on the Second *Wedneſday* next after the paſſing of this Act, or within Ten Days afterwards, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and they, or any Seven or more of them ſo aſſembled, ſhall and may proceed to put this Act into Execution; and in like Manner the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall and may from Time to Time afterwards meet together and proceed in the Execution of this Act; and it ſhall be lawful for the Veſtrymen preſent at ſuch Firſt Meeting, and at every ſubſequent Meeting to be convened and held according to the Proviſions of this Act, to adjourn themſelves to meet at ſuch future Time and at ſuch Place within the ſaid Pariſh as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint, or according to ſuch Summons as is herein-after directed to be given; and of each Meeting to be held by Adjournment Notice in Writing or printed, with the Name or Names of the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks for the Time being thereto ſubjoined, ſhall be given to or left for each of the ſaid Veſtrymen at his or their laſt or uſual Place of Abode, Three Days previous to each intended Meeting; and if it ſhall happen that any ſuch Meeting ſhall ſeparate without making a regular Adjournment, or if there ſhall not appear at any ſuch intended Meeting Seven or more of ſuch Veſtrymen to act, then and in each ſuch Caſe the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks ſhall, and he or they is and are hereby required to ſummon the Veſtrymen to meet at the Place where the laſt Meeting ſhall have been held, or appointed to be held, within Eight Days next after the Day on which ſuch laſt Meeting was held, or was intended

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to have been held as aforeſaid, ſuch Summons to be by a written or printed Notice as aforeſaid, and to be delivered at the uſual Place of Abode of every Veſtryman within the ſaid Pariſh, at leaſt Three Days before the Day appointed for ſuch Meeting; and in caſe the ſaid Clerk or Clerks ſhall happen to die before ſuch Summons ſhall iſſue, or ſhall neglect to iſſue ſuch Summons, then any Three or more of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and may, by Notices in Writing or printed, with their Names thereto ſubjoined, ſummon the ſaid Veſtrymen in like Manner to meet at any Place within the ſaid Pariſh which they ſhall think proper, and at any Time not exceeding Eight Days from the Time at which the laſt Meeting ſhall have been held or appointed to be held as aforeſaid.

Veſtrymen to hold Quarterly Meetings.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That a General Quarterly Meeting of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall from Time to Time be held at ſuch Place as ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, on the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *March*, the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *June*, the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *September*, and the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *December*, in every Year, unleſs the ſame ſhall happen on a Day on which Divine Service is or ſhall be ordered by Authority to be celebrated (in all which Caſes the ſame is to be held on the next following Day); and ſuch Quarterly Meetings ſhall be held between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; but ſuch Quarterly Meetings are not to prevent or interfere with the adjourned or other Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, as herein-before mentioned; and the ſame Meeting and Meetings reſpectively ſhall be ſubject to be adjourned, in caſe Seven Veſtrymen at the leaſt ſhall not be preſent, in like Manner as herein-before provided and directed with reſpect to the other Meetings to be held by virtue of this Act.

Special Meetings.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it ſhall at any Time be thought neceſſary that a Special Meeting of the ſaid Select Veſtry ſhould be holden, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Veſtry Clerk or Clerks ſhall and is and are hereby required, on Delivery to him or them of an Order for that Purpoſe in Writing, ſigned by Three or more of the ſaid Veſtrymen (although not aſſembled at a Meeting) to ſummon a Special Meeting, to be held in ſuch Manner as is herein-before directed with reſpect to ordinary Meetings, but ſo that the Order to be delivered to ſuch Clerk or Clerks as aforeſaid, and alſo the Summons to be iſſued by him or them, ſhall ſpecify the Time, Place, and Purpoſe of ſuch earlier Meeting; and the Time of ſuch earlier Meeting ſhall not be leſs than Three Days after ſuch Summons; and if the Veſtry Clerk ſhall die without having iſſued ſuch Summons, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to iſſue ſuch Summons, then and in each ſuch Caſe, ſuch Special Meeting ſhall be ſummoned in the ſame Manner as herein-before mentioned with reſpect to ordinary Meetings (except the Reſtriction as to Time); and all Proceedings of the Veſtrymen at any ſuch Special Meeting, ſhall be as good and valid as if the ſame had been an ordinary Meeting, in purſuance of an Adjournment; and ſuch Special Meetings ſhall and may be adjourned, and every ſuch Adjournment ſhall be conſidered as an Adjournment of an ordinary Meeting; provided always that the holding of any ſuch Special Meeting ſhall not diſcharge any then pending Adjournment of the laſt preceding Meeting: Provided always, that at all Meetings to be held in

in purſuance of this Act, whether Ordinary or Special, the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall bear, pay, and defray their own Expences. Veſtrymen to pay their own Expences.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Veſtryman of the ſaid Pariſh, during the Time he ſhall hold any Office or Place of Profit under this Act, or have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract or Work to be made or done in purſuance or Execution of this Act; but it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch of the ſaid Veſtrymen who ſhall be in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, to act as Juſtices of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, notwithſtanding their being Veſtrymen. Veſtrymen not to hold a Place of Profit; but may act as Juſtices.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That at the Quarterly Meeting in *June* in each and every Year, or within Ten Days afterwards, the ſaid Veſtrymen, or Seven or more of them, ſhall and are hereby required to aſſemble at a Meeting to be appointed for that Purpoſe as herein-after directed, to elect and appoint One or more fit and ſubſtantial Perſon or Perſons to be a Veſtryman or Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in the Room or Stead of any Veſtryman or Veſtrymen who may have died or ceaſed to dwell in the ſaid Pariſh, or refuſed or become incapable to act, or diſqualified from acting, ſince the paſſing of this Act, or ſince the laſt preceding Day of Election (as the Caſe may be); and each and every Perſon who ſhall be elected and appointed at ſuch Meeting, ſhall be and is hereby veſted with the ſame Powers and Authorities as the Perſon in whoſe Place he ſhall ſucceed: Provided always, that the Summonſes or Notices for every ſuch Meeting for electing Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, ſhall be in like Form as herein-before preſcribed for Notices of Special Meetings, and ſhall ſtate the Time and Place at which ſuch Meeting is to be held, and the Number of Veſtrymen to be elected, and the Names of the Veſtrymen whoſe Places are ſo to be ſupplied; but nevertheleſs, ſo that any Vacancy or Vacancies which may happen between the iſſuing of ſuch Summonſes and the Time of ſuch Meeting, ſhall and may be filled up at ſuch Meeting; and ſuch Summonſes ſhall be left at the uſual or laſt Place of Abode of each and every Veſtryman for the Time being, Ten Days at leaſt before the Day on which ſuch Meeting ſhall be held: Provided alſo, that the Number of Veſtrymen, including the Vicar and Churchwardens, and their Succeſſors, and ſuch Seven additional Veſtrymen as ſhall be appointed in Manner herein-after provided, and their Succeſſors, ſhall never exceed the Number of One hundred and twenty-two; provided alſo, that the Election at every ſuch Meeting ſhall be by Ballot, in the uſual Manner of balloting by Liſts; and after ſuch Election ſhall be finiſhed, the Chairman of ſuch Meeting ſhall report to ſuch Meeting the Names of the Perſons who ſhall be ſo elected. For electing new Veſtrymen. Number not to exceed 122.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Perſons who ſhall act as Veſtrymen in the Execution of this Act (except the Vicar and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and except the Seven additional Veſtrymen to be elected as herein-after directed, and their Succeſſors), ſhall be qualified as follows; (that is to ſay,) Two-third Parts of ſuch Perſons ſhall, at the Time of acting, be reſident Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, each of whom ſhall be ſeiſed or poſſeſſed, in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, at Law or in Equity, or in Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the Qualification of Veſtrymen.

ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred and fifty Pounds, and aſſeſſed to the Rates hereby directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act at the Rate of Sixty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, or 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 Sixty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and alſo ſhall be poſſeſſed of a Real or Perſonal Eſtate of the Amount or Value of Three thouſand Pounds, over and above what ſhall be ſufficient to ſatisfy and diſcharge his juſt Debts; and the remaining One-third Part of ſuch Perſons ſhall be reſident Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, each of whom ſhall, at the Time of acting, be ſeiſed or poſſeſſed, in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, at Law or in Equity, or in the Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the ſaid Pariſh, of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds, and aſſeſſed to the Rates hereby directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act, at the Rate of Thirty-five Pounds *per Annum*, or upwards, or ſhall be Tenant or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the ſaid Pariſh, aſſeſſed to the ſaid Rates at the like Rent of Thirty-five Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and alſo be poſſeſſed of a Real or Perſonal Eſtate of 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 duly qualified according to the Rate at which he ſhall have repreſented himſelf to be qualified by the Oath herein-after mentioned, 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 full Coſts of Suit, to any Perſon or Perſons being a reſident Houſeholder or Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, and duly aſſeſſed to the Rates made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* by Action of Debt or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; but no ſuch Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information ſhall be brought or proſecuted, unleſs One Calendar Month's Notice thereof ſhall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, or left at his or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, ſigned by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Proſecutor or Proſecutors, ſpecifying the Cauſe thereof; and in every ſuch Action, Bill, Plaint, and Information, the Proof of ſuch Qualification ſhall be on the Defendant, and it ſhall be ſufficient for the Plaintiff or Proſecutor to prove the Delivery of ſuch Notice, and that he or ſhe is a reſident Houſeholder in the ſaid Pariſh, and duly aſſeſſed as aforeſaid, and that the Perſon ſo ſued or proſecuted hath acted as a Veſtryman in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheleſs, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Perſon and Perſons acting as a Veſtryman or Veſtrymen in the Execution of this Act (though not duly qualified as aforeſaid), previous to his and their being convicted of ſuch Offence, or to the Recovery of any ſuch Penalty as aforeſaid, ſhall, notwithſtanding ſuch Conviction or Recovery, be as valid and effectual as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons had been duly qualified according to the Proviſions of this Act.

Penalty of 50l. for acting without being qualified.

Acts of Veſtrymen good before Conviction.

Seven additional Veſtrymen may be appointed.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or the major Part of them, aſſembled at any of their

their Meetings, the Number of ſuch Veſtrymen not being leſs than Thirteen, and having been convened for that Purpoſe in manner herein directed, to elect and appoint any Number of Perſons, not exceeding Seven in the whole, to be Veſtrymen for executing this Act, in addition to the Veſtrymen hereby appointed; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſo to be elected and appointed ſhall be and are hereby inveſted with the ſame Powers and Authorities for executing this Act, as if they had been named and appointed by this Act.

Veſtrymen before they act to take the following Oath.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Veſtryman or additional Veſtryman in the Execution of this Act (except in adminiſtering the Oath herein-after mentioned to the other Veſtrymen), until he ſhall have taken and ſubſcribed the following Oath; which Oath the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Two or more of them, at any of their Meetings to be holden in purſuance of this Act, are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter:

Form of Oath.

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honeſtly, according to the beſt of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the ſeveral Powers and Authorities repoſed in me as a Veſtryman of the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, appointed in purſuance of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] by virtue of the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe, and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice; and that I am qualified to act as a Veſtryman, [*or*, as an additional Veſtryman, *as the Caſe may be*] of the ſaid Pariſh, appointed in purſuance of the ſaid Act, according to the higher [*or*, lower] Rate of Qualification [*or*, Rate of Qualification for additional Veſtrymen] by the ſaid Act preſcribed.

'So help me GOD.'

Provided always, that in the Oath to be taken by the Vicar and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh, ſo much of the above-mentioned Form as relates to the Qualification of Veſtrymen ſhall be omitted.

Abſence of One Year to be conſidered a Refuſal to act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon herein nominated, or who ſhall be appointed or elected a Veſtryman by any of the Ways or Means aforeſaid, (ſave and except the Vicar of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and alſo except ſuch Seven additional Veſtrymen as aforeſaid and their Succeſſors,) ſhall wholly neglect to act as ſuch during the Space of One Year, ſuch Neglect ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be a Refuſal to act, and ſhall diſqualify ſuch Perſon from being a Veſtryman within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

No Act valid unleſs at a Meeting.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall be or be deemed to be good or valid, unleſs the ſame ſhall be done at ſome Meeting to be holden in purſuance of this Act (ſave and except as may be herein excepted); and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or veſted in ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall and may from Time to Time be exerciſed by the major Part of them preſent at any ſuch Meeting (the Number of ſuch Veſtrymen preſent at ſuch Meeting not being leſs than Seven), and all the Orders and Directions of the major Part of ſuch Veſtrymen preſent at ſuch Meeting ſhall have the ſame Force and Effect as if the ſame were made or done by all ſuch Veſtrymen for the Time being (ſave and except as may be herein excepted); and at every

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Chairman to be appointed; to have a Casting Vote.

such Meeting, in case the Vicar of the said Parish shall not be present, a Chairman shall and may be appointed; and when and as often as it shall so happen that there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any Question (including the Vote of the said Chairman), then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Chairman to give the casting or decisive Vote: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall prevent any such Meeting from appointing any Committee or Committees for any special or limited Purpose, with Power to act in the Name of the Select Vestry for any such special or limited Purpose, and with such other Powers or Authorities in relation to such Purpose as shall be necessary for the convenient Dispatch of Business; provided that no such Committee shall consist of less than Three Vestrymen.

Entries of Proceedings good Evidence.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That a fair and regular Entry shall be made in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all the Acts, Orders, Rules, Regulations, Transactions, and Proceedings of the said Vestrymen at each and every Meeting to be held as aforesaid, with the Names of those Vestrymen who shall have been present at such Meeting; and such Entry shall be read (as the first Business) at the next succeeding Meeting, and shall be signed or subscribed with the Name of the Chairman of the Meeting at which the same shall be so read; and all Entries so made, signed, or subscribed, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Suits, Actions, and Proceedings, as well Criminal as Civil, touching any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in anywise relating thereto.

Entries of Proceedings under former Acts good Evidence.

XV. Provided always, and be it also enacted, That all and every Book and Books in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings, Rule or Rules, Order or Orders, Act or Acts, of the Directors or other Person or Persons acting by and under the Authority of the said recited Acts, or either of them (such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of and made Evidence by the said recited Acts, or either of them), shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence, in such Manner as if this Act had not passed.

Provision for bringing and defending Actions in the Name of the Clerk.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Vestrymen may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being; and that all Actions or Suits that may be necessary or expedient to be brought for the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum of Money due or payable by virtue of this Act, or for or in respect of any other Matter or Thing relating to this Act, may be brought in the Name of the said Clerk or Clerks; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against the said Vestrymen, or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk or Clerks, or by any Act or Default of such Clerk or Clerks done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the said Vestrymen, but the Clerk or Clerks to the said Vestrymen for the Time being shall be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action or Suit, as the Case may be; except such Action or Actions as shall be prosecuted between the said Vestrymen and their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, in which Action or Suit any One of the said Vestrymen shall or may be Plaintiff or Defendant,

fendant, as the Caſe may be: Provided alſo, that in all Caſes in which the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, or any One ſuch Veſtryman as aforeſaid, ſhall, in purſuance of this Act, be the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or Defendant or Defendants, on the Record in any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, in which in Effect the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall be ſuing or ſued in the Name of ſuch Clerk or Clerks, or of ſuch One Veſtryman as aforeſaid, the ſaid Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, or ſuch One Veſtryman aforeſaid (although appearing as the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, on the Record, may and ſhall nevertheleſs, if not otherwiſe intereſted or objectionable), be a good, examinable, and competent Witneſs, in every ſuch Action or Suit, either for or againſt the ſaid Veſtrymen; and all Affidavits of Debt or Service, which may be neceſſary or expedient to be made preparatory to or in the Proſecution or Defence of any and every ſuch Action, Suit, or Proceeding, ſhall and may be lawfully made by ſuch Clerk or Clerks, or ſuch One Veſtryman, as the Caſe may be, notwithſtanding he or they ſhall be nominal Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, on the Record as aforeſaid; and in like Manner all Actions or Suits, that may be neceſſary to be brought or defended by the Directors to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, ſhall be brought and defended in the Name of the ſaid Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or of One Director; and all the Proviſions herein-before contained, relative to Actions or Suits by or againſt the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſhall apply alſo, with ſuch Variations as may be neceſſary, to ſuch Actions or Suits by or againſt the ſaid Directors: Provided alſo, that every ſuch Clerk and Clerks, or Veſtryman, or Director, in whoſe Name any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, proſecuted, or defended, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall always be reimburſed and paid out of the Monies to ariſe by virtue of this Act, all ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences as he or they ſhall be put to or become chargeable with by reaſon of his or their being ſo made Plaintiff or Defendant therein, and ſhall not be perſonally anſwerable or liable for the Payment of the ſame, or any Part of them, unleſs ſuch Action or Suit ſhall ariſe in conſequence of his or their own wilful Neglect or Default, or have been brought or commenced or be defended without the Order or Direction of the ſaid Veſtrymen or Directors, as the Caſe may be.

Clerk or Veſtryman, being nominal Plaintiff or Defendant, a competent Witneſs.

To be reimburſed their Expences.

XVII. And whereas certain Clerks or Officers have been employed, as well by the Open or Public Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh as by the Directors of the Poor acting under or by virtue of the herein-before recited Act, made in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty; be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to aſcertain and ſettle the Engagement or Employment to be given to, and the Duties to be performed by, and to make ſuch Allowances and Remuneration to ſuch reſpective Clerks or Officers, for their reſpective Services, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think meet; ſuch Clerks or Officers to be ſubject nevertheleſs to ſuch Controul and Power of Removal by the ſaid Veſtrymen, as other Officers and Servants, to be employed or appointed under and by virtue of this Act, are ſubject and liable to.

Power of Veſtry as to former Officers.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Collector of the Rates, and the Treaſurer and Chaplain, and the Maſter and Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, and each and every Clerk, Agent, Beadle, Conſtable, and

Officers, &c. appointed by former Acts to continue.

until removed by the Veſtry.

and other Officer and Servant, nominated and appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or either of them, ſhall hold and enjoy his or her Office or Employment, with ſuch Addition to or Alteration of the Duties of ſuch Office or Employment as ſhall take place in conſequence of this Act, and together with the ſeveral and reſpective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he or ſhe ſhall be removed by the Veſtrymen acting by virtue of this Act; and every ſuch Collector, Treaſurer, and Chaplain, and the Maſter and Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, and every ſuch Clerk, Agent, Beadle, Conſtable, and other Officer and Servant, ſhall be ſubject to the like Pains and Penalties, and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, and ſhall have and exerciſe all the ſame Powers and Authorities, and perform the ſame Duties, as if he or ſhe had been nominated or appointed by virtue of this Act.

Appointment of Collectors, Clerks, and other Officers.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or the major Part of them, aſſembled at any of their Meetings, the Number preſent of ſuch Veſtrymen not being leſs than Thirteen, and having been duly convened for that Purpoſe, in Manner herein-before directed, to elect and appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons, being a reſident Houſeholder or Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates authorized to be made, collected, and levied by virtue of this Act; and alſo to elect and appoint ſome Perſon or Perſons to be the Treaſurer or Treaſurers; 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 to the Concerns of the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo to elect and appoint ſuch Viſitor or Viſitors, Agent or Agents, as they ſhall deem neceſſary, for inquiring into the State and Circumſtances of the Poor, diſpenſing caſual Relief, and inſpecting the Supplies and Management of the ſaid Workhouſe, under the ſpecial Inſtructions of the ſaid Veſtrymen, and of the Directors of the Poor herein-after mentioned; and alſo to elect and appoint ſome Clergyman or Clergymen of the Church of *England*, to inſtruct ſuch Perſons as ſhall be maintained in ſuch Workhouſe in the Principles of the Eſtabliſhed Church of *England*, and to perform the Service of the ſaid Church in the ſaid Workhouſe, and alſo to viſit the Sick, and perform other Duties of his Profeſſion in the ſaid Workhouſe; 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 direct ſuch Security to be taken from all ſuch Perſons ſo elected and appointed, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper, for the due Execution of their reſpective Offices; and from Time to Time to remove ſuch Collector or Collectors, Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Maſter or Miſtreſs, Beadle or Beadles, Viſitor or Viſitors, Agent or Agents, Clergyman or Clergymen, Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers and Servants, at the Will and Pleaſure of them the ſaid Veſtrymen; and out of the 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 Four-pence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the Rates aforeſaid; and alſo to allow unto ſuch Maſter or Miſtreſs, Beadle or Beadles, Viſitor or Viſitors, Agent or Agents, Clergyman or Clergymen, Clerk or Clerks, and ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, not being a Treaſurer or Treaſurers, ſo to be employed by the ſaid Veſtrymen as

as aforesaid, such Salaries or other Recompence or Remuneration, yearly or otherwise, for his, her, and their Trouble, as to the said Vestrymen, or the Majority of them present at any Meeting, the Number of Vestrymen present not being less than Thirteen, shall seem meet and reasonable; and from Time to Time to revoke and countermand, alter and vary such Nominations and Appointments, Salaries or Recompence, and make others in their Stead, as to them shall seem meet and proper; all which Salaries and Allowances shall be paid by the Directors herein-after directed to be appointed, out of the Monies herein-after appropriated for that Purpose.

Clerk and Treasurer not to be the same Person.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Vestrymen to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Vestrymen; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Collectors, &c. to account.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector or Collectors of any Rates, Assessments, or Monies which shall have been imposed or levied under the Authority or Directions of the said former Acts, or either of them, or otherwise, and also all and every Collector or Collectors of the several Rates or Assessments and Monies to be imposed and levied under this Act, and also every Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Officer by whom any Monies shall be or have been received under the Authority or for the Purposes of the said former Acts or of this Act, or otherwise, and also all and every Surveyor and Surveyors of the Highways heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed within the said Parish, shall, at all Times when thereunto required by the Directors to be appointed by virtue of this Act, or any Five or more of them respectively, make up and render unto the said Directors, at such of their Meetings as they shall direct for that Purpose, a full, true, and perfect Account in Writing, with all necessary Vouchers for the Confirmation thereof, of all Monies by such Collector or Collectors, Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officer or Officers received, for or on account of any such Rates or Assessments, or otherwise as aforesaid; and such Collectors shall produce their respective Rate Books, in order that the said Directors may be satisfied as to the Sum or Sums of Money rated and assessed, received and to be received, and may give such Directions respecting the same as they shall think proper; and the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse for the Time being, acting under the said former Acts, or to be appointed under this Act, and each of them, shall, and he or she is hereby required, once at least in every Calendar Month, to produce and lay

Master or Mistress of Workhouse to account.

lay before the ſaid Directors, at ſome Meeting, or before ſome Committee of the ſaid Directors to be appointed for that Purpoſe, an Account of all Monies by him or her received and paid in the courſe of the preceding Month, or at any Time ſince ſuch Account ſhall have been laſt required and made out; and alſo a true and diſtinct Account of the Number of Perſons in the ſaid Workhouſe, diſtinguiſhing their Ages and Sex, and how ſuch Perſons reſpectively are employed, and how much Money has been earned by the Labour of the ſaid Poor in the preceding Month, or ſince the laſt preceding Account; and what Quantity of Proviſions, diſtinguiſhing every Kind in Weight or Value, and alſo of Beer, Wine, and Spirits, has been brought and delivered, and by what Tradeſman or Tradeſmen, into the ſaid Workhouſe, within the ſaid preceding Month or other Period of Time; and all and every ſuch Agent or Agents, Viſitor or Viſitors as aforeſaid, acting under the ſaid former Acts, or to be appointed under this Act, ſhall and he and they is and are hereby required, at each and every weekly or other adjourned Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to produce his, her, or their reſpective Books before the ſaid Directors, in order that the ſame may be inſpected and examined by them, and to give an Account of all ſuch Monies by ſuch Viſitor or Viſitors, Agent or Agents reſpectively, received and paid in the courſe of the preceding Week; and ſuch Collectors, Clerks, Surveyors, Inſpectors, Agents, Viſitors, and other Officers, and Maſter or Miſtreſs as aforeſaid reſpectively, ſhall and they are hereby required, within Ten Days after they ſhall reſpectively quit their Office, to deliver up to the ſaid Directors all Books, Papers, and Writings in their Hands neceſſary to illuſtrate their Accounts, or which may be demanded or required by the ſaid Directors, or any Committee of them authorized for that Purpoſe, and to pay over to the ſaid Directors, or to the Treaſurer, all and every ſuch Balance of Monies as ſhall then appear to be and remain in their Hands reſpectively by virtue of the reſpective Offices: Provided always, that all Officers acting under the ſaid former Acts ſhall account in the Manner preſcribed by the ſaid Acts, as applicable to their reſpective Caſes, in the meantime and until the Meetings of the Directors under this Act ſhall commence: Provided alſo, that all Books, Papers, and Documents heretofore poſſeſſed or kept by the Veſtry Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other Perſon or Perſons, relative to the Affairs or Concerns of the Open Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall at ſuch Time after the paſſing of this Act as the ſaid Veſtrymen or any Five of them ſhall require, be delivered up to the ſaid Veſtrymen or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall for that Purpoſe appoint.

Agents to account,

within Ten Days after quitting their reſpective Offices.

How Officers refuſing to account are to be dealt with.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, Viſitor, or Agent, or other Officer or Perſon as aforeſaid, employed by virtue of or under this Act or either of the ſaid former Acts, or by the Open Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh or otherwiſe, ſhall refuſe or neglect to make and render any ſuch Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the ſame, or to make Payment of any Balance of Monies which may appear to be and remain in his or her Hands by virtue of his or her Office, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to deliver to the ſaid Directors, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, within Ten Days next after being thereunto required by the ſaid Directors, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the laſt or uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Maſter,

or

or Miſtreſs, Viſitor or Agent, or other Officer or Perſon, all Books, Papers and Writings, in his or her Cuſtody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or of the ſaid former Acts, or either of them, or to the Open Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, or give Satisfaction to the ſaid Directors reſpecting the ſame, or ſhall make any other Default or Neglect in his or her Duty, contrary to the Proviſions and Directions of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe, upon Complaint made by the ſaid Directors, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, of any ſuch Refuſal or Neglect as aforeſaid, to any Juſtice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein ſuch Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, Viſitor or Agent, or other Officer or Perſon, ſo refuſing or neglecting, ſhall be or reſide, ſuch Juſtice may and he is hereby authorized and required to iſſue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, for the Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting to appear before him; and upon his or her appearing, or having been ſummoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a ſummary Way; and if upon the Confeſſion of the Party, or by the Teſtimony of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to adminiſter), it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that any of the Monies that ſhall have been collected or raiſed by virtue of this Act ſhall remain due from ſuch Perſon, ſuch Juſtice may, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Money to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Maſter or Miſtreſs, Agent, Viſitor, or other Officer or Perſon as aforeſaid; and if no ſuch Goods and Chattels can be found ſufficient to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money, and the Charges of diſtraining and ſelling the ſaid Goods and Chattels; or if it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that ſuch Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Maſter or Miſtreſs, Viſitor or Agent, or other Officer, ſhall have refuſed or neglected to render and give ſuch Account, or to verify the ſame as aforeſaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act ſhall be in the Cuſtody or Power of ſuch Perſon, and he or ſhe ſhall have refuſed or neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction reſpecting the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in each and every ſuch Caſe ſuch Juſtice ſhall commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the County, City, or Place where ſuch Offender ſhall be or reſide, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or ſhe ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he or ſhe ſhall compound with the ſaid Directors for ſuch Money, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint (which Compoſition the ſaid Directors are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he or ſhe ſhall deliver up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Directors; but no ſuch Perſon ſhall be detained in Priſon by virtue of this Act, for Want of ſufficient Diſtreſs, for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months: Provided nevertheleſs, that no Proſecution or Commitment of any Collector, Clerk, Surveyor, Inſpector, Agent, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, or other Officer or Perſon as aforeſaid, ſhall acquit or diſcharge any Surety or Security that ſhall or may have been taken by or given to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or the Directors appointed by the herein-before recited Acts, or the Directors to be appointed as herein-after men-

Commitment of Collectors not to diſcharge their Sureties.

tioned, for the due and faithful Execution of his or her Office, or the Payment of the Money received or to be by him or her received as aforesaid.

Collectors not to keep above 100l. in their Hands.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if the Collector or Collectors of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall at any Time keep and retain in his or their Hands more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds for any longer Space of Time than Two Days, he or they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Day that he or they shall retain any Sum exceeding the said Sum of One hundred Pounds beyond the said Two Days.

Officers taking any Fee or Reward besides their Salary;

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, Collector, Visitor or Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or any other Officer or Servant acting under the said former Acts, or either of them, or to be appointed or employed under this Act, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as have been or shall be appointed and allowed to them respectively by the said Vestrymen, for or on account of any thing done or to be done by them under the said recited Acts or this Act, or on any account whatsoever relative thereto; or shall in any wise be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract made or to be made by or with the said Vestrymen or Directors of the Poor to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, for any of the Purposes of this Act, every such Person so offending shall, upon Conviction thereof before the said Vestrymen at any of their Meetings, or upon Verdict or Judgment being had against him in such Action as next hereinafter mentioned, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

or being concerned in Interest in any Bargain or Contract, to forfeit 100l.

Treasurer to pay Money to the Order of Directors.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and they are hereby empowered, by an Order or Orders in Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, and countersigned by their Clerk or Clerks, at any of their Meetings to be held as aforesaid, to direct their Treasurer or Treasurers from Time to Time to pay such Sum or Sums of Money out of the several Monies raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act, and paid to or received by such Treasurer or Treasurers, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as they the said Directors shall think necessary and expedient for the Purposes of this Act; and upon the Receipt of such Order or Orders, such Treasurer and Treasurers is and are hereby authorized and required to pay from Time to Time the Sum or Sums of Money expressed in such Order or Orders; which Sum or Sums so paid shall be allowed to the said Treasurer and Treasurers in his or their Accounts.

Present Churchwardens to cease, and new ones to be elected.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, the present Churchwardens of the said Parish shall cease to be Churchwardens, and the said Vestrymen shall forthwith elect Two fit and proper Persons, Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Churchwardens of the said Parish, for so long Time as the

preſent Churchwardens would have held the ſame in caſe this Act had not been made.

Churchwardens and Sideſmen to be appointed annually in EaſterWeek;

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required at a Meeting to be held in the Manner hereinbefore preſcribed for Special Meetings, annually in *Eaſter* Week, or within One Calendar Month after *Eaſter*, to nominate and appoint Two ſubſtantial Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, not being Veſtrymen, to be Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh; and alſo Two ſubſtantial Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, not being Veſtrymen, to be Sideſmen to aſſiſt the ſaid Churchwardens in the Execution of their Office, for the Year then next enſuing, and until others ſhall be appointed in their Room; and in caſe of the Death of them, or either of them, before the Expiration of their reſpective Offices, another and others ſhall be in like Manner nominated and appointed; and the Churchwardens to be appointed as aforeſaid ſhall (in addition to the Powers and Duties veſted and repoſed in them by this Act), have and be inveſted with all the ſame Powers and Authorities, and ſhall perform all the ſame Duties, as Churchwardens appointed by the Courſe of the Common or Eccleſiaſtical Law have or are inveſted with, or can or may legally exerciſe or perform, or as the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras* have heretofore been uſed to exerciſe or perform, ſo far as the ſame are not varied or altered by this Act; and ſuch Churchwardens (but not the Sideſmen) ſhall, after their Appointment and during their Continuance in Office, be Veſtrymen *virtute Officii*.

in caſe of Death, others to be appointed.

Sideſmen may act as Churchwardens, with their Conſent.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Sideſmen of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, nominated as aforeſaid to aſſiſt the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being in the Execution of their Office, ſhall, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, or either of them, to be ſignified in Writing ſigned by every ſuch Churchwarden reſpectively, do, perform, and execute all and every ſuch Matter and Thing as is directed by Law to be done, or as is uſually done and performed by Churchwardens, in as full and ample a Manner as if ſuch Matter and Thing had been done, performed, and executed by ſuch Churchwardens; and ſuch Matters and Things ſo done, performed, and executed, ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, except in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given and granted.

Surveyor of the Highways to be appointed.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and they are hereby required, with all convenient Speed after the paſſing of this Act, at any Meeting to be held as aforeſaid (at which not leſs than Thirteen Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent), to elect and appoint ſome fit and proper Perſon to be Surveyor of the Highways within the ſaid Pariſh, with ſuch Salary or Remuneration as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think fit; which Surveyor ſo to be appointed ſhall hold his Office until he ſhall be removed therefrom by the ſaid Veſtrymen at ſome Meeting to be holden as aforeſaid, at which not leſs than Thirteen Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent; and ſhall, during the Continuance of his Office, have ſuch Powers and perform ſuch Duties as Surveyors of the Highways have or are directed to perform by any Statute, Law, or Uſage whatſoever; but ſubject always to the ſame Rules and Regulations, and liable to the ſame

Penalties

Penalties and Forfeitures, as Surveyors of the Highways appointed by Juſtices of the Peace are ſubject and liable to by any Act or Acts relating to the Highways or otherwiſe.

Veſtrymen to chooſe, and Juſtices to ſwear, Conſtables.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required, at ſome Meeting to be held in the Month of *March*, or as ſoon after as conveniently may be, in every Year, to make a Liſt of a ſufficient Number of Pariſhioners, to be returned to Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, in Petty Seſſions, for them to appoint thereout ſuch a Number as ſhall be directed by the ſaid Veſtrymen, to ſerve as Conſtables for the ſaid Pariſh for the enſuing Year; and if any One or more of the ſaid Conſtables ſhall die, or remove out of the ſaid Pariſh, or become incapable of acting within ſuch Year, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any ordinary or ſpecial Meeting, at any intermediate Time of the Year, to make a Liſt of a ſufficient Number of Pariſhioners, to be returned to Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, in Petty Seſſions to be held in the ſaid Pariſh, for them to appoint thereout One or more Conſtable or Conſtables to ſupply the Place of the Conſtable or Conſtables ſo dying or removing out of the ſaid Pariſh, or becoming incapable as aforeſaid, for the remaining Part of the Year: Provided always, that it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon appointed to be a Conſtable as aforeſaid, to recommend to the ſaid Veſtrymen a Perſon to be his Subſtitute to ſerve in his Room or Stead, and if ſuch Perſon ſhall be approved of by the ſaid Veſtrymen, he ſhall afterwards be ſworn in by the Juſtices of the Peace at ſome Petty Seſſions to be held in the ſaid Pariſh.

Allowing Subſtitutes.

Fine for not ſerving the Office of Conſtable, or finding Subſtitute.

Penalty on Neglect of Duty.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be appointed a Conſtable by virtue of this Act, ſhall neglect or refuſe to be ſworn, and to take upon himſelf the Execution of ſuch Office, or to provide a Subſtitute as aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Neglect or Refuſal forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds; and if any Conſtable or Deputy Conſtable ſhall neglect his Duty, or miſbehave himſelf, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

None liable to be re-elected within Seven Years;

nor above Sixty Years of Age.

XXXII. Provided nevertheleſs, That no Perſon who ſhall have ſerved the ſaid Office of Conſtable, or provided a Subſtitute as aforeſaid, or paid the Penalty of Ten Pounds for refuſing to ſerve ſuch Office, ſhall be liable to be appointed to ſerve ſuch Office for the Space of Seven Years next enſuing, after the End of the Year for or in reſpect of which he ſhall have ſo ſerved or provided a Subſtitute, or paid the ſaid Penalty; and no Perſon ſhall be compelled or compellable to ſerve the ſaid Office, who ſhall be of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Veſtry to appoint Sexton.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be held for that Purpoſe, to appoint a fit and proper Perſon to be Sexton of the ſaid Pariſh, when and ſo ſoon as the ſaid Office ſhall have become vacant, by the Death or Removal of the preſent Sexton; and from Time to Time afterwards to remove ſuch Sexton, or any other to be appointed in his Place, in caſe he

he ſhall neglect or miſbehave himſelf in the Execution of the ſaid Office, or ſhall become incapable of executing the ſame, and to appoint a fit and proper Perſon to be Sexton on the Death or Removal of the Sexton for the Time being; and alſo from Time to Time to fix the Remuneration or Profits of the Sexton to be appointed as aforeſaid, but without Prejudice to the Rights of the preſent Sexton.

Veſtrymen may appoint Inſpectors of Weights and Meaſures.

XXXIV. And, in order effectually to prevent the Dealing by or with unlawful Balances, Weights, or Meaſures, within the ſaid Pariſh, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required, at the Quarterly Meeting in *March* in every Year, or within Ten Days afterwards, to make a Liſt in Writing of a ſufficient Number of Houſeholders reſiding within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, whom they the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think fitly qualified for ſerving the Office of Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, within the ſaid Pariſh; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall order their Clerk or Clerks to iſſue written or printed Summonſes, with his or their Names ſubjoined thereto, requiring ſuch Houſeholders to be and appear before the ſaid Veſtrymen at a ſubſequent Meeting, the Time and Place of which ſhall in ſuch Summonſes be mentioned; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall and may, at ſuch ſubſequent Meeting, nominate and appoint ſo many of ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think proper; and the ſeveral Perſons ſo nominated and appointed ſhall be and be called "Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures," within the ſaid Pariſh, and ſhall take an Oath to the following Effect, which Oath the Chairman at the Meeting of ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, or any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County then preſent, is hereby empowered to adminiſter:

Inſpector's Oath.

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That during the Time of my Continuance in the Office whereunto I am now appointed, I will diligently from Time to Time inſpect the Balances, Weights, and Meaſures in the ſeveral Houſes, Shops, Brewhouſes, and Warehouſes in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and that I will not preſent any Perſon or Thing through Hatred or Malice, nor leave the ſame unpreſented through Love, Favour, Affection, Reward, or Hope thereof.

'So help me GOD.'

Inſpectors to ſerve until Succeſſors appointed. New Inſpectors may be appointed in caſe of Death.

And each and every Inſpector ſo to be appointed ſhall ſerve and continue in the ſaid Office until the next Appointment of Inſpectors ſhall have taken place; but in caſe any ſuch Inſpector ſhall within that Period die, or become diſabled from ſerving the ſaid Office, then and in every ſuch Caſe another Inſpector ſhall or may be appointed in place of the Inſpector ſo dying or becoming diſabled (if thought neceſſary, but not otherwiſe), by the ſaid Veſtrymen, at ſome Special Meeting to be for that Purpoſe holden as aforeſaid.

Penalty on Perſons refuſing to ſerve as Inſpectors.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid to take upon him the ſaid Office of Inſpector of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear according to the Direction of ſuch Summons, or appearing ſhall refuſe to take upon him the ſaid Office (being thereunto nominated and appointed), every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; and ſuch Penalty ſhall be levied and recovered by ſuch Ways and Means as any other Penalty may be recovered by virtue of this Act;

and such Penalty, when recovered, shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

Duty of the Inspectors.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, and strictly required, once in every Calendar Month at least, at seasonable Times in the Day, to enter into all and every Shop, House, Brewhouse, and Warehouse, Inn or Victualling House, within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, or into any other House or Houses belonging to any Person or Persons that deal by Weight or Measure, as well of Milk as other Measures; and if the said Inspectors shall find any Balance, Weight, or Measure to be defective, or not marked and stamped according to the Directions of this Act or of the said former Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inspectors, and they are hereby directed and required, to break and destroy the same, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof, or such Person or Persons in whose Custody or Possession the same shall be found, in any Penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings for the First Offence, and not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the Second Offence, and not exceeding Forty Shillings for the Third and every other Offence; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen, and they are hereby required, within One Calendar Month next after such Person or Persons is, are, or shall be convicted of such Second and every subsequent Offence, to cause his, her, or their Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode, and Addition or Additions, together with the Nature of his, her, or their Offence, to be inserted in any Newspaper or Newspapers printed and circulated in the County of *Middlesex*; and the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer or Printers, or any other Person or Persons concerned therein, are hereby authorized to print the same, when he, she, or they is or are required so to do, by or by Order of the said Vestrymen; and he, she, and they is and are hereby indemnified from any Prosecution or Prosecutions, Action or Actions, for inserting or causing the same to be inserted in such Newspaper or Newspapers, by and from any Person or Persons whomsoever; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Persons using short Weights, &c.

Names, &c. of Persons guilty of subsequent Offence, to be inserted in the Newspapers.

Inspectors not to serve Twice in Seven Years, nor after Sixty Years of Age.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person who shall be nominated and appointed, and shall have served the said Office of an Inspector within the said Parish, or shall have paid the Fine for refusing or neglecting to serve the same, shall be again summoned or appointed to serve the said Office in less than Seven Years after the End of the Year of such former Service, or in respect of which such Fine shall have been paid; and no Person shall be liable to serve the said Office who shall be of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Standards of Weights, &c. to be kept at the Workhouse.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept, at the Workhouse in the said Parish, a common Balance and common Weights, sealed according to the Standard in the Exchequer, or such other Standard as shall be by Law used in the County of *Middlesex*, not to be removed from the said Workhouse, and a Duplicate or Duplicates thereof, to be used by the said Inspectors in the Execution of their Duty; which said Balances, Weights, and Measures shall be paid for out of any of the Monies in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Vestrymen;

Veſtrymen; and it ſhall be the Duty of the Maſter of the ſaid Workhouſe, or any other Perſon to be authorized and appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen for that Purpoſe, to attend at the ſaid Workhouſe on every *Thurſday* or oftener in every Week, if he ſhall be thereunto required by the ſaid Veſtrymen, for the ſpecial Purpoſe of ſizing, ſealing, marking, or ſtamping all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures that may be brought by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh; and every ſuch Maſter of the ſaid Workhouſe for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſon as aforeſaid, is hereby required, on Application to him made, to ſize and ſeal, and alſo to mark or ſtamp, all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures which ſhall be brought to him for that Purpoſe, and which ſhall be agreeable to the Standard aforeſaid; and the ſaid Maſter of the Workhouſe ſhall demand and receive for each Balance, Weight, and Meaſure ſo by him ſealed and marked as aforeſaid, for his Pains and Trouble therein, the Fees following, and no more; (that is to ſay),

Maſter of the Workhouſe or other Perſon to mark Weights, &c.

For every Buſhel, the Sum of Four-pence.
For every Half Buſhel, the Sum of Two-pence.
For every Peck, Half Peck, and Quarter Peck, the Sum of One Penny.
For every Sack, the Sum of Two-pence.
For every Ale, Beer, Milk, or other Meaſure, the Sum of One Penny.
For every One Hundred Weight, the Sum of Four-pence.
For every Half-hundred Weight, the Sum of Two-pence.
For every Quarter of a Hundred Weight, the Sum of One Penny.
For every Weight from a Quarter of a Hundred to a Pound, the Sum of One Halfpenny.
For every Weight under a Pound, and every Balance, the Sum of One Farthing.

Fees.

And all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, belonging to Perſons dealing by Weight or Meaſure within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, not marked or ſtamped in manner before directed, ſhall be deemed unlawful; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Inſpectors, or any Four or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to deſtroy all ſuch unlawful Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof in ſuch Penalty or Penalties as herein-before mentioned: Provided always, that all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, which have been ſized, ſealed, and marked according to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall be deemed and conſidered to be duly ſized, ſealed, and marked according to the Proviſions of this Act.

Balances, &c. under former Act to be good.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Maſter of the Workhouſe for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſon as aforeſaid, after all neceſſary Charges and Expences attending the ſizing, ſealing, marking, and ſtamping ſuch Balances, Weights, and Meaſures as aforeſaid ſhall have been deducted, ſhall and he is hereby required and directed, Half-yearly, or within One Calendar Month next after the Expiration of every Half-year, to pay or cauſe to be paid to the Directors herein-after mentioned, One Moiety of the clear Money ariſing from or on account of ſuch ſizing, ſealing, marking, or ſtamping as aforeſaid, to be applied to the Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

Application of Money.

XL. And

Inſpectors may be fined.

XL. And to the Intent that the good Purpoſes intended by this Act may not be defeated, be it further enacted, That if any Inſpector ſhall in any Manner neglect or refuſe to execute the Duty of his Office, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, upon Complaint to them made of any ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, to fine ſuch Inſpector, for every ſuch Offence or Neglect, in any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor leſs than Forty Shillings, to be applied for and towards the Maintenance of the ſaid Poor; and all and every the Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, appointed by or in purſuance of the Directions of the before-recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall have and are hereby declared to have and be inveſted with ſuch and the ſame Powers, Juriſdictions, and Authorities, and ſhall be under the ſame Controul and Juriſdiction, as the Inſpectors to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Inſpectors appointed under former Act, to have ſame Powers, and ſubject to ſame Controul, as thoſe appointed under preſent Act.

Veſtrymen to appoint Directors of the Poor, &c. annually.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall, at their Firſt Meeting to be held purſuant to this Act, or at ſome Special Meeting to be holden as herein-before is provided, within Twenty Days next after ſuch Firſt Meeting, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and of which Special Meeting a Summons or Notice in Writing or printed, with the Name of the Clerk or Clerks thereto ſubjoined, ſhall be iſſued and given in manner herein-before directed Fourteen Days or more previous to ſuch Meeting, to nominate and appoint Forty Perſons, being Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, to be and be called Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Powers given and intruſted to them by this Act; which Directors, or the Survivors of them, ſhall thenceforth continue in Office for the Term of One Year, and until other Directors ſhall in like manner be appointed in their Room, in manner herein-after mentioned; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required, annually in *Eaſter* Week, or within One Calendar Month after *Eaſter*, or at ſome Special Meeting to be for that Purpoſe ſummoned as laſt aforeſaid, to appoint Forty Veſtrymen to be Directors as aforeſaid, in the Place of the Perſons who ſhall have been laſt previouſly appointed; which Directors, or the Survivors of them, ſhall continue in Office for the Space of One Year, and until their Succeſſors ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid: Provided nevertheleſs, that no ſuch Election of Directors ſhall take place at any ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid, unleſs Thirteen or more of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent at ſuch Meeting.

Vicar and Churchwardens to be Directors.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Vicar and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, each and every of them, ſhall be and they are hereby declared to be Directors of the Poor, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and ſhall have full Power and Authority, together with the ſeveral Directors to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed as herein mentioned, to act as ſuch to all Intents and Purpoſes as if they had been elected and choſen by the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh to be Directors in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act; but nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize any Sideſman, as ſuch, to act either as a Veſtryman or as a Director of the Poor; but without Prejudice to the Right of any Perſon

Perſon ſo to act, being thereto duly elected, notwithſtanding his being alſo elected or appointed a Sideſman.

How Vacancies by Death, &c. are to be filled up.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Special Meeting to be held as aforeſaid, but at which not leſs than Thirteen Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent, ſhall and may, as often as Occaſion ſhall require, and as they ſhall deem it neceſſary ſo to do, fill up any Vacancies that may have happened in the Number of the ſaid Directors, either by Death, Removal, Refuſal to act, or other Diſqualification; but no ſuch Director ſo to be elected to fill up any Vacancy, ſhall continue a Director for any longer Time than the Perſon in whoſe Place he ſhall or may be elected, might or ought to have continued by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given of every ſuch Meeting, to the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, ſpecifying therein the Cauſe of ſuch Meeting, and the Number of Vacancies to be filled up.

Fourteen Days Notice to be given of ſuch Meeting.

Directors before they act to take the following Oath.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, before they take upon themſelves the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given them by this Act (ſave and except the Power of adminiſtering to one another the Oath herein-after directed and preſcribed), ſhall ſeverally take the following Oath:

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That I will, without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the beſt of my Skill and Knowledge, execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities to be veſted in me as a Director of the Poor, appointed in purſuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*]. So help me GOD.'

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

Directors to meet weekly.

Special Meetings.

Five or more Directors to be preſent, except in Committees;

and no Act valid, unleſs done at a Meeting.

Chairman to be appointed.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the Poor ſo to be elected as aforeſaid (together with the ſaid Vicar and Churchwardens for the Time being), ſhall meet at ſome Place within the ſaid Pariſh on the Firſt *Tueſday* next after the Election of ſuch Directors, and afterwards on *Tueſday* in every Week, and ſhall put in Execution the ſeveral Powers and Authorities veſted in them by virtue of this Act; and Special Meetings of ſuch Directors ſhall and may be ſummoned and held in like Manner as is herein-before provided touching Special Meetings of the ſaid Veſtrymen: Provided always, that no ſuch Meeting of Directors as aforeſaid, ſhall be competent to act in the Execution of the Powers of this Act, or any of them, unleſs Five or more of ſuch Directors ſhall be preſent at ſuch Meeting, but without Prejudice to the Right of any ſuch Meeting to appoint One or more Committee or Committees for any ſpecial or limited Purpoſe; and no Act done by ſuch Directors ſhall be valid in Law, unleſs the ſame ſhall be done or directed to be done by the Directors preſent at ſome ſuch Meeting as aforeſaid, or ſhall be done in purſuance of and in conformity to ſuch Direction; and at each and every Meeting of the ſaid Directors, in caſe the Vicar of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall not be preſent, a Chairman ſhall be appointed by the Majority of the Directors preſent; and in caſe there ſhall be at any ſuch

Meeting an Equality of Votes on any Queſtion, including the Vote of the Chairman, ſuch Chairman ſhall have another or the caſting Vote.

Directors to be Overſeers of the Poor.

Directors to appoint nominal Overſeers.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Appointment of Directors as aforeſaid, the ſaid Directors and their Succeſſors ſhall and may exerciſe all the Powers and Authorities which Overſeers of the Poor are or ſhall be by Law authorized to exerciſe; but ſuch Directors ſhall, at their Firſt Meeting after their Appointment, annually elect Two or more fit and proper Perſons to be nominal Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; upon which Election taking place, or at any Time afterwards, it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, One of whom ſhall be of the Quorum, dwelling in or near the ſaid Pariſh, or in the Diviſion where the ſaid Pariſh lies, and they are hereby required, to nominate or confirm the Two Perſons who ſhall be ſo elected to be Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and when and ſo ſoon as ſuch Appointment and Confirmation ſhall have taken place, ſuch nominal Overſeers ſhall and may inſtitute or defend any Appeal under any Orders of Removal, and iſſue or receive any Notices reſpecting the ſame, as Overſeers of the Poor are by any Laws in Force or Effect empowered or required to do; and all Notices and Applications, directed by any Act or Acts of Parliament or otherwiſe, to be given or made to the Overſeers of the Poor, with reſpect to the Care and Management or Removal of the Poor, or for any other Purpoſes, ſhall be given and made to ſuch nominal Overſeers; but in caſe any Orders or Notices ſhall happen by Miſtake to be given or ſent to any Churchwarden, or to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, the ſame ſhall be as valid and effectual as if given to ſuch nominal Overſeers; and ſuch Churchwarden, Clerk or Clerks, ſhall forthwith deliver the ſame to ſuch nominal Overſeers, or One of them, or to the Agent or Viſitor of the Poor for the Time being, to be appointed as herein-before mentioned, or ſhall forfeit Forty Shillings for his Neglect; Provided always, that when ſuch Viſitor or Viſitors, Agent or Agents, ſhall be nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, neither the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall interfere or intermeddle in or with the Care or Management of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh in any Caſe, other than under the Orders of the ſaid Directors, at their public Meeting or Meetings reſpectively: Provided alſo, that ſuch nominal Overſeers, and ſuch Agents or Viſitors as aforeſaid, ſhall ſeverally and reſpectively act in all Things under the Controul and Direction of the ſaid Directors.

Old Contracts good.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Contracts or Contract, Agreements or Agreement, ſtill exiſting and entered into and made by the Directors of the Poor by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall be and be deemed to be good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, and the Obſervance and Performance thereof may be enforced and compelled by ſuch Ways and Means as the Obſervance and Performance of any Contract or Agreement made by the Veſtrymen, or by the Directors by virtue of this Act, or by the ſaid recited Acts, may be enforced and compelled, until any new Contract or Contracts to be made under this Act, and which ſhall ſuperſede or be inconſiſtent with ſuch old Contract or Contracts, ſhall be made.

XLVIII. And

Directors may make Contracts;

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, at any of their Meetings, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to contract or agree with any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for altering, repairing, finiſhing, or completing the ſaid Workhouſe or Infirmary, and for providing from Time to Time ſuch Furniture, Goods, Chattels, Proviſions, Cloathing, Utenſils, and Materials, as may be requiſite or neceſſary for maintaining, cloathing, and employing the Poor to be received into the ſaid Workhouſe or Infirmary; and alſo for any other Article, Matter, or Thing to be provided by virtue of this Act; and all ſuch Contracts and Agreements, when made and entered into by or between the ſaid Directors, or any other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be reduced into Writing, and ſigned by the Contractor or Contractors, and on the Part of the ſaid Directors as herein-after mentioned, and ſhall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the ſaid Directors as upon all other Parties; and the ſaid Directors ſhall and may pay or order Payment to be made of the Monies due upon any ſuch Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, to the Perſon or Perſons entitled to receive the ſame: Provided always, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, in any Caſe in which they ſhall think it proper ſo to do, to direct the Expences of preparing, engroſſing, and executing any ſuch Contract or Contracts as aforeſaid, to be paid out of any Monies applicable to the Payment of Expences under this Act.

which are to be reduced into Writing.

Directors may contract for keeping the Poor; and ſubſcribe to Hoſpitals.

XLIX. Provided always, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, if they ſhall think fit, to contract and agree from Time to Time with any Perſon or Perſons, as well out of as in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing all or any of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and the ſaid Directors may alſo (if they ſhall think fit) ſubſcribe annually or otherwiſe to any Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, or Charitable Inſtitutions, and pay the Amount of ſuch Subſcriptions out of the firſt Monies to be afterwards raiſed under this Act; and ſuch Directors may ſend any of the ſaid poor Perſons, who may happen to be afflicted with any particular Complaint or Diſorder, to any ſuch Hoſpital, or to any ſuch Charitable Inſtitution, Houſe, or Place, which the ſaid Directors ſhall think proper, for the Benefit of ſuch poor Perſons.

Notice to be given of Meetings to make Contracts.

Confirmation of Contracts at a ſubſequent Meeting.

L. Provided always, That before any ſuch Contract or Contracts as aforeſaid ſhall be entered into, Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given, in Two or more of the daily Newſpapers, expreſſing the Purpoſe of every ſuch Contract or Contracts, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe, to be offered and preſented to the ſaid Directors at a certain Time and Place in ſuch Notice to be mentioned: Provided alſo, that no Contract or Agreement made by the ſaid Directors ſhall be valid, binding, or effectual, until the ſame ſhall be approved and confirmed at a Second Meeting of Directors; and every ſuch Contract and Agreement ſhall be ſigned by the Chairman preſiding at ſuch Second Meeting; and Copies of all Contracts made in purſuance of this Act ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe; and ſuch Book and Books ſhall, from Time to Time and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection of all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay to the Poor Rates in the

ſaid

said Parish, on Payment of One Shilling to the Clerk or Person in whose Custody the same shall be.

No Vestryman or Director to be concerned in any Employment for Supply of the Poor, under Penalty of 500l.

LI. And be it further enacted, That no Vestryman, Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden of the said Parish shall, directly or indirectly, in his own Name or otherwise, hold any Contract or Engagement, or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or be beneficially employed, or in any Manner interested or concerned, directly or indirectly, in his own Name or otherwise, in supplying any Articles, Provisions, or Materials for the Use of the Poor, or of the said Vestrymen or Directors, in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of the said Parish, or other the Purposes of this Act; and in case any Vestryman, Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden shall hold any Contract, or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or shall be in any Manner beneficially employed, or concerned directly or indirectly in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the Poor, or of the said Vestrymen or Directors, or in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of the said Parish, or for other the Purposes of this Act, every such Vestryman, Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and One Moiety of such Penalty when recovered shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Vestrymen, and shall be applied towards the Maintenance of the said Poor, or in otherwise putting this Act into Execution; and the Person or Persons so convicted shall be absolutely disqualified from acting any longer as a Vestryman, Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden; and no such Person interested in any such Contract, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, shall vote in any Question touching or concerning the same: Provided always,

Penalties under Contracts may be compounded for.

that it shall be lawful for the said Directors, either before or after they shall have brought any Action for recovering the Penalty or Forfeiture contained or to be contained in any Contract to be entered into by virtue of this Act, with the Consent of the said Vestrymen, or any Seven or more of them present at a Vestry Meeting, but not otherwise, to compound for such Penalty or Forfeiture with the Person or Persons liable thereto, for such Sum of Money as they shall judge proper.

Orders to be entered in Books, and to be good Evidence.

LII. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Directors, at their Meetings, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and signed by the Chairman, in like Manner as is herein-before directed concerning the Proceedings of the said Vestrymen at their Meetings; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings shall then be deemed and taken to be original Acts, Orders, and Proceedings; and such Books shall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, and in all Cases, Criminal as well as Civil.

Furniture, &c. provided for the Poor,

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the Property of all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing

Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, had and to be had, bought, procured, and provided for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the ſaid Directors 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 detain, ſteal, take, or carry away any or any Part of ſuch Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, the Property of which ſaid Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things ſhall be laid in every ſuch Action and 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 the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, in manner herein-before directed in other Caſes; and in like Manner it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen or Directors reſpectively, to order any Actions or Proſecutions, or any Applications or Proceedings whatſoever, to be brought, had, or carried on againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Offence againſt this Act, or any of the Regulations hereof, or connected with the well-being and ordering of the ſaid ſaid Pariſh, or for any other public or general Purpoſe in which the ſaid Pariſh ſhall be concerned or intereſted; and the Expences of all ſuch Actions, Proſecutions, Applications, and Proceedings as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid out of the Monies to be collected and received by or by virtue of the Rates to be impoſed as herein-before mentioned, or otherwiſe under the Authority of this Act.

Veſted in Directors.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That all Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, and Sums of Money whatſoever, now payable or which ſhall hereafter become payable to the Churchwardens or Overſeers, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for and to the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, not being directed or liable to be applied for the Support of any private or particular Poor or Charity, or by the Donation particularly appropriated (not being Sacramental Money, excepting Rents Charge and the Rents and Profits and Shares of Rents and Profits of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments now held in Truſt for the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh), ſhall from Time to Time, from and after the Appointment of the ſaid Directors, be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to be applied in aid of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor thereof.

Donations and other Monies to be paid to the Treaſurer.

LV. And be it further enacted, That all Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, Beadles, and other Pariſh Officers for the Time being, of the ſaid Pariſh (except the Churchwardens and Sideſmen of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being), ſhall from Time to Time and all Times hereafter aid and aſſiſt the ſaid Directors to the beſt of their Power, and ſhall at all Times obey their Warrants and Orders relative to the Execution of this Act; and in caſe any Overſeer of the Poor, Conſtable, Beadle, or other Officer, ſhall neglect or refuſe to obey ſuch Warrants or Orders, every ſuch Overſeer of the Poor, Conſtable, Beadle, or other Officer ſo neglecting or refuſing, ſhall be ſummoned by Writing under the Hands of any Three

Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, &c. to aid, aſſiſt, and obey Directors.

Directors to a Meeting to be holden as aforesaid; and if such Overseer of the Poor, Constable, Beadle, or other Officer so summoned, shall neglect or refuse to appear at such Meeting, or if appearing, he or any of them shall not sufficiently excuse himself, herself, or themselves, but shall, in the Judgment of the major Part of the said Directors present at such Meeting, be adjudged guilty of disobeying such Warrant or Warrants, Order or Orders, that then and in every such Case all and every such Person or Persons so adjudged guilty, and being convicted thereof before One Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*; and such Forfeitures shall be paid to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Vestrymen, and shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act; but if any such Overseer of the Poor, Constable, Beadle, or other Officer so offending and convicted as aforesaid, shall think himself aggrieved, it shall and may be lawful for such respective Officer to appeal to the next Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, against the Judgment of the said Meeting; and the Justices for the said County, at such Sessions assembled, shall and may hear and determine such Appeal, and may confirm, mitigate, or set aside such Penalty, in such Manner, and award such reasonable Costs as they shall think proper; and the Judgment of such Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions shall be final, and without any Appeal therefrom.

Overseers, &c. aggrieved may appeal to the Sessions.

Directors may provide a convenient Stock of Materials for employing the Poor.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, shall and may and are hereby authorized and empowered to keep, maintain, and employ, and to cause to be kept, maintained, and employed, in any Works, Trades, Manufactures, and Employments whatsoever, all and every the Poor maintained or to be maintained in any Workhouse or Workhouses, or any other Houses or Tenements made use of for the Purposes of this Act, and shall and may provide a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials, for the Employment of the Poor received into such House or Houses; and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and occupy any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever, in such House or Houses, and may sell, vend, and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize as shall be manufactured or made by such Poor in such Workhouse or Workhouses; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that all Profits to be gained by the Ways or Means aforesaid shall go or be applied in Aid of any Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act for the Relief of the said Poor.

Directors may sue on Bonds given to former Directors, or Officers may take Bonds in future in their own Names.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds and Securities which have already been given to any Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers, or other Officers of the said Parish, or to the Directors of the Poor, acting in the Execution of either of the said recited Acts, for indemnifying such Parish from any Charge that may arise from any Bastard Child or Children, or for the due Performance of any Office, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, and the Appointment of Directors as before mentioned, be vested in the

the ſaid Directors and their Succeſſors; and all Bonds and Securities to be given hereafter, for the ſame or the like or other Purpoſes, ſhall be made to the ſaid Directors appointed by or by virtue of this Act only, any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding; and ſuch Directors for the Time being ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized to ſue on ſuch Bonds and Securities already given, or hereafter to be given as aforeſaid, for the Purpoſe of recovering the Penalties thereon, in the Name of the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Veſtrymen.

Directors may grant Certificates to Perſons willing to remove.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Five or more of the ſaid Directors, at any of their Meetings under this Act, to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Perſon whoſe legal Settlement ſhall be in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, and who ſhall be willing to remove or ſhall have removed out of the ſaid Pariſh; and all ſuch Certificates under the Hands of Five of the ſaid Directors, and atteſted by their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, and ſigned by Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, ſhall be good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, and no other Certificates of his, her, or their legal Settlement or Settlements to be granted within the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be valid or of any Effect; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Paupers and Vagabonds to be removed by Directors.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any poor Perſon or Perſons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants, ſhall be ordered to be removed from the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras* to the Pariſh or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors (if they ſhall 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 as herein-before directed for the Appointment of Officers; and every Overſeer 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.

Overſeers, &c. may take up wandering Poor not belonging to the Pariſh.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any of the Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, Beadles, and other Officers of the ſaid Pariſh, to take and carry any Perſon or Perſons whom they ſhall find wandering and begging, or committing other Acts of Vagrancy within the ſaid Pariſh, and not able to give a good Account of himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, before One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid County, to be puniſhed and dealt with as the Law in ſuch Caſes ſhall direct and appoint.

Directors, &c. empowered to apprehend Vagrants.

LXI. And whereas divers Perſons belonging to, and who ought by the Laws now in force to be relieved by the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, may be found wandering and begging in the ſaid Pariſh, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and miſbehaving themſelves by expoſing their Perſons in an indecent Manner, or committing other Diſorders: And whereas divers

divers Perſons, by reaſon of their idle diſorderly living, neglect or refuſe to maintain themſelves and their Families, and it would be advantageous if Power were given to apprehend ſuch Perſons, or to take charge of any of their Families, and ſend them to the Workhouſe or Workhouſes, to be dealt with in manner herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall have Power and Authority to order and compel or permit all and every Perſon and Perſons (being a Perſon or Perſons belonging to, or who ought by Law to be relieved and provided for by the ſaid Pariſh), who ſhall be found wandering and begging in the ſaid Pariſh, or committing Acts of Vagrancy, or indecently expoſing their Perſons; and alſo all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons as aforeſaid, who ſhall neglect or refuſe to maintain, or threaten to deſert his, her, or their Family or Families (not being able to maintain themſelves), or who ſhall lead an idle and diſorderly Life, or any Part or Parts of the Family or Families which ſhall not be maintained, or ſhall be deſerted as aforeſaid, and ſhall not be able to maintain themſelves; or any ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid who, from Decay of Nature, or Poverty, or any other Cauſe, ſhall require to be provided for, to come into, dwell, and inhabit in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes of the ſaid Pariſh, or any other fit and convenient Place, to be appointed by the ſaid Directors; and there to be detained and kept, ſo long as it ſhall appear to the ſaid Directors to be neceſſary or expedient for preventing ſuch Diſorders and Miſchiefs as aforeſaid, or for the proper Maintenance of ſuch Perſons requiring to be provided for as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Directors ſhall have Power and Authority to employ, ſet, and compel all Perſons who ſhall, for the Reaſons aforeſaid, or for any other Reaſons, be received or come into, or dwell and be in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or other Places as aforeſaid, during ſuch their Abode and Reſidence, and whilſt maintained by the ſaid Directors, to do, execute, and perform ſuch Work, Labour, Buſineſs, and Employ, as the ſaid Directors ſhall think and judge ſuch reſpective Poor are and ſhall be able and fit to do and perform, for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh; and any Perſon who ſhall be found wandering and begging, committing Acts of Vagrancy, expoſing their Perſons, leading idle and diſorderly Lives, or deſerting, threatening to leave, or neglecting or refuſing to maintain their Families, or committing any other Diſorders as aforeſaid, ſhall and may be detained in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or other Places, and ſhall be made to work and labour therein as aforeſaid, until ſuch Perſons, by their Work or Labour there, ſhall have got and received ſo much Money, above their Maintenance, as ſhall be ſufficient to repay and reimburſe to the ſaid Directors the Charges and Expences they ſhall have ſuſtained in the maintaining and providing for ſuch Perſons and their Families, or any of them; and in caſe ſuch Perſons ſhall not, by their Work and Labour, have gained ſo much Money as ſhall be ſufficient to reimburſe the ſaid Directors as aforeſaid, and ſhall neglect or refuſe to apply themſelves to ſuch reaſonable Work or Labour as ſhall be given to them by the Governor or Maſter of ſuch Workhouſe, or any other Perſon or Perſons under the Directions aforeſaid, then the ſaid Directors ſhall have Power to proſecute and proceed againſt ſuch Perſon, as the Law of the Land in ſuch Caſes ſhall direct and appoint.

Diſcretion given to Directors, in certain Caſes,

LXII. And be it further enacted, That on any Summons iſſued by One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace (which Summons ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be duly obeyed if attended by One or more of the

the ſaid Directors, or by their Viſitor or Agent, duly appointed for that Purpoſe, as herein-before mentioned, in like Manner as if the ſame had been attended by Churchwardens or Overſeers of the ſaid Poor), to ſhew Cauſe why any Perſon or Perſons ſhould not be relieved or admitted into the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, if on ſhewing ſuch Cauſe it ſhall appear that the ſaid Workhouſe is then as full of poor Perſons as is conſiſtent with Health, or that Sickneſs then prevails in it, or that any poor Perſon claiming Relief only labours under ſome temporary Diſorder or Diſability, and is neither Lunatic nor ſo crippled, or ſo generally infirm, as to be incapable of earning his or her own Subſiſtence, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors, at their Diſcretion, to relieve any 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 as long as the ſame ſhall be neceſſary; and ſo ſoon as it ſhall be teſtified, under the Hand-writing of the Medical Perſon ſo attending, that ſuch poor Perſon is enabled to maintain himſelf or herſelf (which Certificate ſhall be produced and laid before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace), he or they is and are hereby empowered and required to order ſuch Allowance thenceforth to ceaſe and be diſcontinued; and if ſuch poor Perſon ſhall have been received into the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors to diſcharge him or her from thence; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

to relieve the Poor at Home; and when Relief is to ceaſe.

LXIII. And whereas many Perſons maintained in Pariſh Workhouſes refuſe to work, or are guilty of profane Curſing and Swearing, or Drunkenneſs, or of embezzling or purloining, or other Miſbehaviour, and by the Laws now in force 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 thereby intended: For Remedy whereof, be it 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 and may be lawful to and 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 Confinement not exceeding Forty-eight Hours, or by Diſtinction of Diet or Dreſs; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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

LXIV. 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 may 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.

Encouragement to the induſtrious Poor.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the said Workhouse of the said Parish, for the Use of the Poor there, unless with the Permission of the said Directors, or by the special Order of the Physician, Surgeon, Apothecary, or other Medical Person appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be convicted of such Offence, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

Directors empowered to bind Children Apprentices.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Five of them, to bind and put forth, or consent and concur in binding and putting forth, assigning, or transferring any poor Child or poor Children of the said Parish as Apprentice or Apprentices, to be taught any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or any Handicraft, Business, or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, or in Farming or Husbandry, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, and with the like Powers and Authorities, as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are by Law authorized or empowered to do; 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 concerning the apprenticing of poor Children, whose Parents are not able to provide for them.

How Justices are to proceed on Complaint of Directors.

LXVII. 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 now in being, to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish or Parishes, or of any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby required to proceed, on the Complaint of any of the said Directors, or of the Agent or Agents, or of such Person or Persons as shall have been duly appointed by any Writing under the Hands and Seals of Seven or more of the said Vestrymen, at any Meeting of Vestrymen or of Directors of the Poor to be held under this Act, in such and the like Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if such Complaint had been made by such Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them.

Old Rates to be deemed good, and Arrears vested in the Directors of this Act.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Rate and Assessment, or Rates and Assessments, which previous to the passing of this Act shall have been made under the Authority of the said former Acts, or either of them, or of the Surveyors of the Highways, or of the Open or Public Vestry, shall be and remain of the same Force and Validity as if this Act had not been made: Provided always, that all such Rates or Assessments, and all Monies which shall have been collected or recovered on account thereof, and also all Arrears thereof remaining unpaid, shall be and are hereby vested in the Directors appointed and to be appointed under this Act, and shall and may be levied, assessed, and collected by such Ways and Means and under such Restrictions and Regulations as any Rate or Assessment ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected by virtue of this Act, or any Monies received on account thereof, or any

Arrears

Arrears of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, can or may be raiſed, levied, and collected.

Rates to be made.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven 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 at ſuch Time and Place as to them ſhall ſeem proper, for the Purpoſe of making ſuch Rate or Rates as herein-after mentioned, Notice of ſuch Meeting and the Purpoſe thereof having been firſt given on the *Sunday* immediately preceding ſuch Meeting, in the Pariſh Church of *Saint Pancras*, immediately after Morning Prayers; which Notice the Clerk officiating in the ſaid Pariſh Church is hereby required to read or give; and at ſuch Meeting or Meetings to make one or more ſuch general Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, as by the ſeveral Laws in force and effect Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor now are, or ſhall or may, or could or might be enabled or empowered to make, as they the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall judge or determine to be neceſſary in or 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 in force and effect touching and concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywiſe relating thereto, particularly mentioned; and for paying all ſuch Sums of Money as by any Law in force and effect are directed to be paid out of any Rate or Rates made or to be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor; and all ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſo to be made, when ſigned by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, and allowed and confirmed by Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and Notice thereof given on the *Sunday* next after the ſame ſhall have been ſo allowed and confirmed, in the Pariſh Church of *Saint Pancras* aforeſaid, after Morning Prayers, ſhall and may be collected and received by any Perſon or Perſons appointed, or to be appointed, to collect and receive the ſame, by the ſaid Veſtrymen; and all and every ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments ſo made, allowed, and confirmed, and Notice thereof given as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid, and effectual, as if the ſame had been aſcertained and made by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, any Law, 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 by ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be and are hereby veſted in the ſaid Directors; and ſuch Monies, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates or Aſſeſſments, as well the Sinking Fund Rate as otherwiſe, ſhall be applied and diſpoſed of, firſt in Payment of all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of collecting, levying, recovering, and managing the ſaid Rates, Aſſeſſments, and Monies reſpectively; and ſecondly, in making ſuch Appropriations for the Expences of keeping Highways in Repair, as herein-after mentioned; and afterwards the Overplus ſhall be applied in, for, and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for the ſeveral other Purpoſes of this Act, and other the Purpoſes mentioned and deſcribed in the ſeveral Laws in force and effect touching or concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywiſe relating thereto; and for paying all ſuch Sums of Money as by any Law in force and effect are directed to be paid out

out of any Rate or Rates made or to be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor: Provided always, that in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſo to be made as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall appeal therefrom in the Manner herein-after directed.

Power for Directors to appropriate to the Extent of One Penny in the Pound of Poor's Rates, for Repairs of Highways.

LXX. And whereas the Highways in the ſaid Pariſh, the Regulation and Management of which is intended to be repoſed in the Surveyor herein-before directed to be appointed (ſubject to ſuch Controul as aforeſaid), are merely Footpaths, as all the ſeveral Roads or Carriageways within the ſaid Pariſh are repaired, regulated, and managed under various Truſts and Local Acts of Parliament: And whereas Rates have heretofore been made, ſpecially and ſpecifically for the Repair of ſuch Footpaths, but it would tend conſiderably to diminiſh the Expences of ſuch Footpaths, if the granting and making a ſpecific Rate for thoſe Purpoſes were diſcontinued, and the ſame were provided for out of the Poor's Rate; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, and they are hereby authorized and required, yearly and every Year, to appropriate and ſet apart, out of the Rates to be aſſeſſed and levied as herein-before provided, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall or may be found requiſite and neceſſary for and towards the Repairs, Regulation, and Management of the ſeveral Highways and Footpaths within the ſaid Pariſh, or otherwiſe relating thereto; and alſo for paying and diſcharging all ſuch fair Balances or Sums of Money as are now due, or which ſhall hereafter become due to the late and preſent Surveyors of the ſaid Pariſh, on account of the ſaid Highways and Footpaths, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall deem juſt and proper; provided that ſuch Appropriation and Payment ſhall not in each or any Year exceed the Amount of One Penny in the Pound upon the Annual Rent or Value of the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Properties compriſed in the Rate or Rates for that Year; and provided alſo, that no ſuch Appropriation ſhall be made to affect or charge any Perſon or Perſons who is or are by Law exempted from the Payment of Highway Rates within the ſaid Pariſh.

Collectors empowered to levy Rates.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Perſon or Perſons to be appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen as Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive, levy, and collect the ſame, and the ſeveral Sums of Money ariſing from ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates or Aſſeſſments, ſhall and may be received, levied, and collected quarterly or otherwiſe; and for the better enabling ſuch Collector or Collectors ſo to receive, levy, and collect all ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments, or any of them, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Collector or Collectors to execute all ſuch Warrants of Diſtreſs as ſhall be granted from Time to Time by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in the Manner herein directed, againſt any Perſon or Perſons neglecting or refuſing to pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, or any of them, in the ſame Manner and as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as Overſeers of the Poor, by any Law or Laws in force and effect can or may execute the ſame.

How Rates are to be recovered on Refusal.

LXXII. And, for the better and more effectually raising and levying the several Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be made; be it further enacted, That in case any Landlord or Occupier, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, of any Land, Ground, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, within the said Parish, herein-before made liable to pay any Rate or Assessment, made, laid, or assessed by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Monies rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, it shall and may 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 or 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 Vestrymen 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, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons having refused or neglected to pay the same Rate or Rates) to appear before such or any other 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 Vestrymen, or for any of the Constables, Headboroughs, or Beadles of the said Parish, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, mentioned in such Summons, shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if he, she, or they shall attend, and shall not shew good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices that he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case 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, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justice or Justices who shall have issued such Summons or Summonses as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them, of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Party who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, 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 Costs and Charges of the Summons, (if the same shall not have been before paid) and the Costs and Charges of such Warrant, and of executing the same by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish

Persons refusing to attend when summoned.

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 Coſts, Charges, and Expences aforeſaid, and the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of appraiſing and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

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

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That when the yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament within the ſaid Pariſh ſhall not exceed Twenty Pounds, or where any Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament ſhall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, or in ſeparate Apartments, furniſhed or unfurniſhed, and the Rents thereof ſhall become payable and be collected at any ſhorter Period than quarterly, then and in every ſuch Caſe, (but ſubject to the Proviſo herein-after contained) it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh to compound, if they ſhall think proper, with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, of all and every or any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments in the ſaid Pariſh, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made by virtue of this Act, at ſuch a reduced yearly Rental as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think reaſonable; ſo that no ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, be rated at leſs than Two Thirds or more than Four Fifths of the Rack Rent at which the ſame reſpectively ſhall then be let, or of the annual Value of the ſaid Premiſes reſpectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, of all ſuch Houſes, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as ſhall not exceed the yearly Rent of Twenty Pounds, or as ſhall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, or in ſeparate Apartments, furniſhed or unfurniſhed, as aforeſaid, and from whence the ſeveral Rents thereof ſhall become due and be collected at any ſhorter Period than quarterly, is and are hereby required to enter into ſuch Compoſition with the ſaid Veſtrymen; and in caſe ſuch Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, ſhall refuſe to enter into ſuch Compoſition, he, ſhe, or they ſhall from thenceforth be rated to, and from Time to Time ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid the Rates or Aſſeſſments charged upon their reſpective Premiſes by virtue of this Act, unto the Collector or Collectors for the Time being; who is and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and to collect the ſame, and upon Nonpayment thereof, or of the Amount of ſuch Compoſition, to levy the ſame by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, of the reſpective Premiſes aforeſaid, whereſoever they may be found, or of the Perſon or Perſons inhabiting the ſame reſpectively, in ſuch Manner as by this Act is provided for Recovery of the Rates in other Caſes:

Provided always, that no ſuch Landlord, Owner, or Leſſee ſhall be charged with or be liable to pay for any increaſed Rent reſerved or made payable to him, for or on account of ſuch Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the Rates heretofore chargeable upon the ſeveral Occupiers of ſuch Premiſes; and provided alſo, that the Goods and Chattels of all and every Perſon or Perſons renting or occupying any ſuch Houſe, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, whereof the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is and are hereby made liable and ſubject to as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable at all Times to be diſtrained and ſold for Payment of ſuch of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and of all Arrears thereof, as became due upon the ſaid Premiſes during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only; but no ſuch Occupier or Occupiers ſhall at any Time be required to pay, or be ſubject or liable to pay, any greater Sum for or towards the Diſcharge of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments or any of them, and Arrears thereof, than the Amount of the Rent actually due or payable by ſuch Occupier or Occupiers, to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, of the Premiſes ſo occupied by him, her, or them: Provided alſo, that each and every Occupier, who ſhall pay any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or any Arrears thereof, or upon whom the ſame ſhall be levied, ſhall and may from Time to Time deduct the ſame from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them to the reſpective Landlords, Owners, or Leſſees of the Premiſes, unleſs there ſhall be ſome Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant; and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch Occupier or Occupiers, and to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall pay, in the Manner directed by this Act: Provided alſo, that where the yearly Rent or Value of any Houſe which ſhall be let out furniſhed, either all together or in ſeparate Apartments, ſhall exceed Twenty Pounds *per Annum*, it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, upon ſuch Compoſition being made as aforeſaid, to take leſs than the full Amount of the Rate or Rates which ſhall be aſſeſſed in reſpect of ſuch Houſe; but nevertheleſs ſuch Compoſition ſhall be made, in Manner aforeſaid, for Payment of the whole of ſuch Rate with and by the Landlord, Owner, or Leſſee of the ſaid Premiſes.

Tenants to be liable, and may deduct Rate from Rents.

LXXIV. And be it enacted, That from and after any Compoſition at a reduced Rate ſhall be made with the ſaid Veſtrymen, as herein-before mentioned, in Caſes where ſuch Compoſition at reduced Rates is authorized, the Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments therein comprized, ſhall be rated and aſſeſſed according to the ſame reduced Rental in every future Pariſh Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made by the ſaid Veſtrymen, until the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper otherwiſe to rate and aſſeſs the ſaid Premiſes, and without any Notice to be given to the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſame.

Compoſitions to remain in force until altered by Veſtrymen.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Diſtreſs for the Non-payment of any ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, or Compoſitions to be made under this Act, ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of Warrant of Diſtreſs.

'TO

Middlesex, to wit. } ‘ TO the Collectors of the Poor Rates in the Parish of ‘ *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and to ‘ all Constables and other Peace Officers of 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 Parts of Buildings or Tene- ‘ ments, 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 ‘ Purposes of an Act made in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King ‘ *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this 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 the said several Persons so summoned, ‘ or either of them, not 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 suf- ‘ ficient Distress can be had or taken, that then you certify the same, 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 Pre- ‘ mises. 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 Premises			
‘ *G. H.* the Landlord for Houses in Street, compounded for - -			
‘ *E. T.* Landlord [*or*, Receiver, &c. *as the Case may be*] - -			
‘ *K. L.* Tenant. - - -			

LXXVI. And

For levying from Perſons quitting the Pariſh.

LXXVI. 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 Dwelling Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, 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 ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and ſhall afterwards refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame when due, and demanded by the Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the ſame as aforeſaid; then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Collector or Collectors, or any One of them, (Oath being made by him or them, that he or they hath or have Cauſe to ſuſpect that ſuch Perſon or Perſons is or are removing, or hath or have removed his or their Goods and Chattels) by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant); and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall have removed, 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, or any of them, and to ſell the ſame, rendering the Overplus, if any, after having deducted the reaſonable Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively.

Landlords to pay for Ambaſſadors Houſes.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Rate 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, which now or hereafter ſhall or may be inhabited or occupied by any Ambaſſador, Agent, or Public Miniſter, of any Foreign Prince or State, or any Secretary, Chaplain, Domeſtic Servant, or other Officer or Perſon whatſoever, to whom the Privilege of ſuch Ambaſſador, Agent, or Miniſter, doth or may extend, ſhall be paid by the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees, of every ſuch Houſe or Tenement, Coach Houſe, Stable, or Hereditament, who ſhall be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof, except ſuch Ambaſſador, Agent, or Public Miniſter, or ſuch Secretary, Chaplain, Servant, or other privileged Officer as aforeſaid; and the ſame ſhall and may be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Caſe, (from ſuch Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees), except as aforeſaid, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any One of the Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Perſons removing, and others ſucceeding them,

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall remove out of or from, or quit the Poſſeſſion of any Houſe, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, before any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment

to pay due Proportion, to be ſettled by the Juſtices.

Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, charged or to be charged thereon reſpectively, by virtue of the ſaid former Acts, or either of them, or of this Act, ſhall be paid and diſcharged; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall enter into the Occupation of any Houſe, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, out of or from which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall have ſo removed before ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments ſhall have been paid and diſcharged, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo removing out of or from, or quitting the Poſſeſſion of, and the Perſon or Perſons entering into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, ſhall be reſpectively ſubject and liable to the Payment of all ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, in proportion to the Time that ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively ſhall have poſſeſſed or occupied the ſame reſpectively, in the ſame Manner as if the Perſon or Perſons ſo removing or quitting as aforeſaid, had remained in the Poſſeſſion and Occupation of ſuch Houſe, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated and aſſeſſed in ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, which Proportion ſhall, in caſe of Diſpute, be ſettled by any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, whoſe Determination ſhall be final.

Perſons receiving Rents to be deemed the Owners.

LXXIX. Provided always, and to prevent Diſpute touching the Deſignation of the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees, intended to be made liable by this Act; be it enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons receiving or claiming to be entitled to the Rents of every ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditaments or Premiſes, immediately payable by the Tenant or Occupier thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Landlord or Owner, Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſame, for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall continue to be rated to and liable to the Payment of all and every ſuch Rates as aforeſaid, until ſome other Perſon or Perſons ſhall be rated to or pay the ſame, unleſs the real Landlord, Owner, or Leſſee is known to voluntarily compound for the ſame with the ſaid Veſtrymen: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall alter or impeach, or be deemed to alter or impeach any Contract or Agreement which may have been, or may hereafter be made or entered into, between any Landlord and Tenant or Landlords and Tenants.

Act not to affect Agreement between Landlords and Tenants.

Veſtrymen may rectify Omiſſion in the Rates.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Omiſſion of the Name of any Perſon or Perſons liable to be rated for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall appear to the ſaid Veſtrymen, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Ordinary or Special Meeting, to cauſe to be added to the ſaid Rate the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons omitted, and a Deſcription of the Property to which he, ſhe, or they ought to be rated; and every ſuch Addition made to any of the ſaid Rates ſhall be as valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the Name of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and a Deſcription of ſuch his, her, or their Property had been inſerted in the original Rate at the Time the ſame was firſt made out.

Veſtrymen may remit to Poor.

LXXXI. Provided always, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen from Time to Time, and at any Time or Times, to exonerate and releaſe any poor Houſeholder or Houſeholders from the Payment of all or any Part of the Rate or Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, for and during ſuch Time or Times and in ſuch Proportion or Proportions as the ſaid

Veſtrymen, or the Majority of them preſent at any Meeting, ſhall think him, her, or them incapable of paying.

Rates payable 28 Days before Quarter Day.

LXXXII. 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, Twenty-eight Days before every ſuch Quarter Day, or at any other ſubſequent Time, to demand and receive 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 auditing Directors Accounts.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That at the Quarterly Meeting in the Month of *March* next, and at the Quarterly Meeting in the Month of *March* in each and every enſuing Year, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch of the ſaid Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh as ſhall not have been a Director or Directors of the Poor under this Act for any Part of the Year ending the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* then laſt paſt, and they are hereby required, to nominate, elect, and appoint a Committee of the ſaid Veſtrymen, conſiſting of not leſs than Seven nor more than Eleven, and neither of whom ſhall have acted as a Director of the Poor under the ſaid former Acts or this Act for the Year then laſt paſt, of which Number any Four ſhall be a Quorum, to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Poor who ſhall have acted under the ſaid former Acts or this Act; and the ſaid Committee of Veſtrymen, who ſhall be ſo nominated, elected, and appointed, ſhall meet on the laſt *Wedneſday* in ſuch Month of *March*, between the Hours of Nine and Eleven in the Forenoon, Ten Days Notice having been firſt given (by the Clerk) of ſuch Meeting in the Room where the Meetings of the ſaid Directors ſhall have been uſually held, and proceed to audit the Accounts of the ſaid Directors, under the ſaid former Acts or this Act, as the Caſe may be, from the Time up to which ſuch Accounts ſhall laſt previouſly have been audited, up to the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* next preceding the Meeting of ſuch Auditors; and the ſaid Auditors at all and every ſuch Meeting and Meetings ſhall be at Liberty to adjourn as they ſhall ſee Occaſion; at which original and adjourned Meetings the ſaid Directors ſhall, by their Clerk or Clerks, produce and lay before the ſaid Auditors an Account in Writing, accompanied with proper Vouchers, of all Monies raiſed by virtue of the ſaid former Acts or this Act, during the Period for which ſuch Auditors ſhall be directed to audit the Accounts, and of all Sums of Money which ſhall have come into the Hands of the ſaid Directors, or their Treaſurer or Treaſurers, in virtue thereof, during ſuch Period; and alſo of all Monies paid, laid out, and expended by them during ſuch Period in or about any of the Purpoſes of this Act, and in or about the obtaining and carrying the ſame into Execution, and in Payment of any other Expences directed by this Act to be paid; which Accounts, when ſo audited, ſhall be ſigned by the Perſons by whom the ſame ſhall have been audited,

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and ſhall be laid before the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh at their next Meeting; and in caſe the ſaid Auditors ſo to be elected as aforeſaid in any Year, or the major Part of them, ſhall think there is juſt cauſe to diſapprove of any Part or Parts of the Accounts ſo to be preſented as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Auditors, or ſuch major Part of them, or the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, 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 any ſuch Appeal or Appeals in ſuch Manner, and to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes, as to them ſhall ſeem juſt: Provided always, that 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 Meeting as aforeſaid, and during ſuch Time as they are engaged in auditing ſuch Accounts, or by the ſaid Veſtrymen as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Accounts, ſo audited, ſhall at all reaſonable Times be open for Inſpection by the Inhabitants of the Pariſh who ſhall be aſſeſſed to any of the Rates impoſed by this Act, upon paying the Sum of Sixpence; and that a correct Abſtract, or Heads of ſuch Account ſhall be printed and delivered to ſuch Inhabitants aſſeſſed to any Rates under this Act, upon Payment of the Sum of One Shilling, provided the ſame ſhall be applied for within One Month from the Time of ſuch auditing.

Veſtrymen to appoint Seven Truſtees;

and to appoint new Truſtees from Time to Time.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen, at their Firſt Meeting, or at ſome Special Meeting to be afterwards held for that Purpoſe, (at which not leſs than Thirteen Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent) ſhall elect and appoint Seven Perſons (being Veſtrymen) to be Truſtees of the Meſſuages or Tenements, Poorhouſes, Workhouſes, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Money belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, or ſettled for the Uſe and Benefit of the Poor of the ſame Pariſh; and when and ſo often as any Truſtee, ſo elected and appointed, ſhall die, or refuſe by Writing under his Hand to accept of or to act in ſuch Truſt, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, in like Manner, to elect and appoint a new Truſtee in the Place of each or any Truſtee who ſhall ſo die or refuſe to act as aforeſaid.

Truſt Eſtates before veſted in Directors to be now veſted in Veſtrymen.

Proviſo exempting Lands, Rents, &c. veſted in Truſtees upon Truſts declared.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and ſingular the Meſſuages or Tenements, Workhouſes, Poorhouſes, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments and Premiſes, Monies and Securities for Money whatſoever, which at or immediately previous to the paſſing of this Act ſhall have belonged to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, or ſhall have been liable to any Truſt or Obligation for the Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh or otherwiſe, and ſhall be veſted in the Directors acting under the Authority of the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, with their reſpective Rights and Appurtenances, and all the Securities for ſuch Monies as aforeſaid, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Seven Perſons ſo to be elected Truſtees as aforeſaid, and in their Succeſſors ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid: Provided always, that the Clauſe and Enactment laſt hereinbefore contained, or any Clauſe, Matter, or Thing contained in the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, ſhall not extend or be deemed or taken to comprize any Meſſuages or Tenements, Lands, Rents, or Hereditaments, Monies or Securities for Money whatſoever, which at the Time of the paſſing of the ſaid recited former Acts reſpectively, or either of them, were veſted

veſted in any Truſtee or Truſtees acting under any Truſt or Truſts theretofore declared, for the Poor of the Pariſh, or for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh generally, or otherwiſe for the Benefit of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or any of them, or for Parochial Purpoſes; all which ſaid laſt-mentioned Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Money, ſhall remain in the ſame Condition as if this Act or the ſaid former Acts had not been made or paſſed; and when and ſo often as any new Truſtee or Truſtees ſhall be appointed in Manner aforeſaid, all the Truſt Eſtates, Meſſuages, Poorhouſes, Workhouſes, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Money which it ſhall be neceſſary to veſt in the new Truſtee or Truſtees, ſhall from Time to Time be conveyed, ſurrendered, aſſigned, and aſſured in ſuch Manner as to veſt the ſame, and all the Truſt Eſtate or Eſtates, Term or Terms, Intereſt or Intereſts of and in the ſame reſpectively, in the new Truſtee or Truſtees (either alone or together with any continuing Truſtee or Truſtees, as the Caſe may require), and his or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, upon and for ſuch Truſts and Purpoſes as the ſame are or ſhall be liable to as aforeſaid; and all and every ſuch Truſtee or Truſtees, his and their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſhall and may act in the Truſts to which he or they ſhall be appointed, and have and be inveſted with and exerciſe all the Powers and Authorities which ſhall be intended to be veſted in him or them, as fully and amply to all Intents and Purpoſes as the Truſtee or Truſtees in whoſe Place he or they ſhall be appointed could have acted in and exerciſed ſuch Truſts and Powers reſpectively if he or they had continued a Truſtee or Truſtees: Provided nevertheleſs, that all ſuch Truſtees as aforeſaid, already appointed or entruſted, or hereafter to be appointed or entruſted, and their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns reſpectively, ſhall ſtand ſeiſed and poſſeſſed of ſuch Truſt Eſtates, Rents, Monies, Securities, and Premiſes reſpectively, and the Rents, Profits, Dividends, and Intereſt thereof, and ſhall apply and diſpoſe of the ſame reſpectively for the Truſts and Purpoſes to which the ſame ſhall be liable, under the Direction and Controul of the ſaid Veſtrymen, in all Caſes where ſuch Direction and Controul ſhall not be inconſiſtent with the Truſts or Regulations of the Donor, Feoffor, Settlor, or Teſtator, by whom ſuch Premiſes ſhall have been given, ſettled, deviſed, or bequeathed: Provided alſo, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be deemed to extend to the Lands and Hereditaments commonly called Church Lands, and which are veſted in certain Truſtees appointed in or acting under and by virtue of an Act made and paſſed in the Fifty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for building a new Pariſh Church and a Parochial Chapel in the Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and for other Purpoſes relating thereto.

Truſt Eſtates, &c. to be transferred to new Truſtees.

Truſt Eſtates to be under Controul of the Veſtry where not inconſiſtent with the Truſt.

LXXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Grants, Surrenders, Conveyances, and Leaſes of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments heretofore made to, by, and in the Name of the Directors of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, and their Succeſſors, acting by and under the Authority of the ſaid recited Acts, for any Term or Terms of Years, or for ever, ſhall be and be deemed to be as good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever as if the ſaid recited Acts had not been hereby repealed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Conveyances under repealed Acts good.

Workhouſe may be enlarged.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be ſummoned for that Purpoſe, and of which Fourteen Days Notice ſhall be given as aforeſaid, and at which not leſs than Thirteen Veſtrymen ſhall be preſent, to direct the Workhouſe or Infirmary of the ſaid Pariſh to be altered or enlarged, for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Part or Parts thereof to be pulled down and rebuilt, and ſuch Additions and Improvements to be made therein as may be found neceſſary or expedient; and alſo at any Time or Times to cauſe One or more convenient Room or Rooms to be built for holding the Meetings of the Veſtrymen and of the Directors of the Poor under this Act reſpectively, and for tranſacting other Pariſh Buſineſs, and to furniſh the ſame with ſuitable Furniture; and the Repairs, Buildings, or other Works ſo to be done as aforeſaid, may be contracted for by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, in the ſame Manner and under the ſame Reſtrictions and Regulations as herein-before mentioned with reference to Contracts to be entered into by the Directors to be appointed as herein-before provided in other Caſes and for other Purpoſes; and the Expences of ſuch Repairs, new building and furniſhing as aforeſaid, ſhall be defrayed out of any Monies which ſhall or may be or firſt become applicable to the Payment of the Expences of this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained ſhall authorize the ſaid Veſtrymen to purchaſe any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatſoever: Provided alſo, that no Part of the preſent Workhouſe or Infirmary ſhall be pulled or taken down without the Conſent of Three-fourths of the Veſtrymen aſſembled at a Meeting to be ſummoned ſpecially for that Purpoſe.

Veſtry and other Offices may be built;

but Veſtrymen not to purchaſe Land.

No common Slaughterhouſe to be kept within 1,000 Yards of the Workhouſe.

LXXXVIII. And whereas it is of great Conſequence, not only to the preſerving of the Health of the Poor who may be aſſembled in the ſaid Workhouſe, but to the preventing of the ſpreading of contagious Diſorders, that no infectious or noxious or unwholeſome Trade or Buſineſs ſhould be carried on near to the ſaid Workhouſe; be it therefore enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall keep, uſe, or employ any Houſe or Place for the Purpoſe of ſlaughtering or killing any Horſe, Aſs, Mule, Bull, Ox, Cow, Heifer, Calf, Sheep, Hog, or other Cattle, which ſhall not be killed for Butcher's Meat, or of boiling or preparing Varniſh or Oil, or of carrying on any other infectious, noxious, or unwholeſome Buſineſs, within the Diſtance of One thouſand Yards from the Workhouſe, every ſuch Houſe and Place kept for ſuch Purpoſe ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Common and Public Nuiſance, and ſhall and may be removed, taken down, or abated, and the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall keep, uſe, or employ the ſame may be proceeded againſt by Indictment or otherwiſe, according to Law, with reſpect to Nuiſances.

Penalty on Perſons interrupting or aſſaulting Officers, &c.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times obſtruct, hinder, or moleſt any Viſitor, Agent, Inſpector of Weights and Meaſures, Collector, Receiver, Surveyor, Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Workhouſe, or other Officer or Officers, Workmen, Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who is, are, or ſhall be employed by virtue of or under this Act, in the Performance or Execution of his, her, or their Duty, or of any of the Matters or Things to be done in virtue or in purſuance of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall

for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Inhabitants may be Witneſſes.

XC. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Proſecutions, Informations, Cauſes, and Proceedings whatſoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or any Matter or Thing touching or concerning the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Pancras*, no Inhabitant of the Pariſh aforeſaid ſhall be deemed an incompetent Witneſs, on account of his or her being charged with and liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be raiſed, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act.

Forfeitures and Penalties to be paid to the Clerk.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures and Penalties, or Moieties of Forfeitures and Penalties, which by Law ought to be applied to the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and all Monies to become payable under the Proviſions of this Act, where the ſame are not hereby directed to be otherwiſe paid, ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, and applied to the Purpoſes of this Act; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Recovery of Penalties.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed and incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method hath been directed by this Act), ſhall be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, which Warrant ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered and required to iſſue, upon Confeſſion of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witneſs upon Oath (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter); and the Overplus of the Money (if any) ariſing by ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, ſhall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Coſts and Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and in caſe ſufficient Goods and Chattels cannot be found, or ſuch Penalties or Forfeitures ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any ſuch Juſtice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of and for the ſaid County, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reaſonable Charges attending the ſame, ſhall be ſooner paid or ſatisfied.

Form of Conviction.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes wherein any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, or any Matter in purſuance thereof, the Conviction ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

‘ Middleſex } BE it remembered, That on this Day of
‘ to wit. } , in the Year of our Lord
‘ *A. B.* is duly convicted before
‘ [One *or* Two, *as the Caſe may be*] of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace
‘ for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, of having [*here ſtate the Offence*
‘ *againſt the Act, as the Caſe may be*], contrary to the Form of the Sta-
‘ tute in that Caſe made and provided: And I [*or* we, *as the Caſe may*
‘ *be*], do declare and adjudge that the ſaid *A. B.* hath forfeited for his
‘ [*or*

'[*or* her, *as the Case may be*] said Offence the Sum of
'Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals, *as the Case*
'*may be*], the Day and Year first above written.'

Distresses not unlawful for Want of Form.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage in an Action upon the Case: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Vestrymen, or left at his or their last or usual Place of Abode, Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Judgment shall be had, made, and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Plaintiff not to recover without Notice, or after Tender of Amends.

Appeal.

XCV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall apply for Relief to the said Vestrymen, at any Meeting to be held within One Calendar Month next after Demand made of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or next after any such Matter or Thing done and committed by or by Order of the said Vestrymen; and the said Vestrymen are hereby authorized and empowered (if they shall think such Person or Persons aggrieved) to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of such Vestrymen, he, she, or they shall be obliged to pay such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and to comply with such Order of the said Vestrymen, and then he, she, or they may appeal to any Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex*, within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Vestrymen; such Appellant first giving, or causing to be given, Twenty-one Days Notice at the least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Clerks to such Vestrymen; and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into Recog-

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nizance before such Justice of the Peace for such County, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions; and the said Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices at the Quarter or General Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

Justices to deliver Recognizances to Clerk to Vestrymen, who is to sue thereon.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Recognizance and Recognizance to be entered into by any Person or Persons on any such Appeal as aforesaid, shall be delivered on Demand by the Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same, to the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being of the said Vestrymen; and such Clerk or Clerks shall and may sue for and recover and receive the Penalty or Penalties in any such Recognizance or Recognizances mentioned, in such and the same Manner as any Rate, Penalty, or Fine may be sued for, recovered, or received by virtue of this Act.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, nor any Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari*, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, at their Discretion, from stating, for the Opinion of the Court of King's Bench, any Case or Cases relating to or concerning any Matter or Thing pending before such Justices.

Justices may relieve on Application, without quashing the whole Assessment.

Vestrymen or Directors not liable to be sued individually.

XCVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That on any Appeal from the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, to be made for the Purposes of this Act, the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions shall and may amend the same, in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief, without quashing or altering such Rates or Assessments with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if, upon Appeal from the whole Rate or Assessment, it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Case the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in manner herein directed: Provided always, that no Vestryman or Director, acting under or by virtue of all, any, or either of the Powers and Authorities in this Act contained, shall be or be deemed or considered to be personally liable or responsible for any Act, Deed, Matter, or Thing whatsoever made or done in the Execution hereof, except for his own personal Acts, Conduct, or Default; nor shall any Action or Actions, Bill or Bills, Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, be brought, commenced, or prosecuted against any such Vestryman or Director, for or by reason, or means, or on account of any such Act, Deed, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, except as aforesaid.

Limitation of Actions.

XCIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be brought, commenced, or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done or to be done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cauſe of ſuch Action ſhall have ariſen; and every ſuch Action ſhall be brought and laid in the County where the Cauſe of Action ſhall have ariſen, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead, at his, her, or their Election, ſpecially, or the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance or by the Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of ſuch Action or Suit it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or that ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after ſuch Notice ſhall have been given as aforeſaid, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the ſame as aforeſaid, or be brought or laid in any other County than as aforeſaid, then and in every of the ſaid Caſes the Jury ſhall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in all Caſes where a Verdict ſhall be found for any Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein ſhall diſcontinue the ſame after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared thereto, or ſhall be nonſuited, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgment ſhall be given againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover Treble Coſts, and have ſuch and the like Remedy for recovering the ſame Coſts as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for recovering Coſts of Suit in any other Caſes by Law.

How the Expences of obtaining this Act ſhall be paid.

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

Public Act.

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

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