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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 208.

An Act for better regulating, maintaining, and employing the Poor within the Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, in the County of *Middlesex*; for better lighting, watching, paving, cleansing, repairing, and improving the Streets and other public Places in the said Parish; and for repealing Three Acts severally passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, and in the Tenth and Fifteenth Years of His present Majesty, relative thereto.

[20th *June* 1810.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and better enlightening, paving, and cleansing the Streets and other Passages, and repairing the Highways, within the Parishes of* Saint John Wapping, Saint Paul Shadwell, *the Hamlet of* Ratcliff, *the Parish of* Saint Ann, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and the Precinct of* Well Close *in the Liberty of the Tower of* London: 29 G. 2. c. 87.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of* Saint Paul Shadwell, *in the County of Middlesex*: And whereas another Act was passed 10 G. 3. c. 56.

in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled
15 G. 3. *An Act for paving and regulating, and for preventing Nuisances and Obstructions within* New Gravel Lane, *and the several Streets, Lanes, Passages and Places within the Parish of* Saint Paul Shadwell, *in the County of* Middlesex, *not comprised in an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for paving and regulating* Rosemary Lane, *and the other Places therein mentioned:* And whereas upon putting the said several Acts in force, they have been found to be inadequate to the several Purposes for which they were intended, and it is necessary that the same Acts, so far as they relate to the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, should be repealed; and it would tend very much to facilitate the Execution of the several Objects and Matters in the said several Acts contained, if all such Objects and Matters were contained, incorporated, and consolidated into One Act of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of

Former Acts repealed.

the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said several recited Acts, and all the several Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, so far as they relate to the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and no further or otherwise, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, save and except as to the recovering, levying, collecting, or receiving any Penalties, Rates, or Assessments due at the Time of passing this Act, and the Payment of the several Bonds, Annuities, and other Debts and Sums of Money secured and now remaining due, or subsisting and payable under those Acts or any of them, and which said Penalties, Rates, and Assessments may and shall be recoverable, levied, and collected, and Bonds, Annuities, and Debts paid, under the Powers and Authorities of this Act; and that this Act shall be considered as extending in its Operation, Effects, and Powers over the whole of the said Parish of *Shadwell*, and consequently that such Parts of the said Parish as hath not been already paved under or by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fifteenth Year of His present Majesty, shall be paved under the Provisions of this present Act.

II. Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby declared, That this Act, or any Power or Provision herein contained, or the Exercise or Use of any such Power, shall in nowise controul or interfere with or retard the Operation of the said Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for paving and regulating* Rosemary Lane, *from the Parish of* Saint Botolph Aldgate *to* Cable Street, *also the said* Cable Street, *the Footpath in* Back Lane, *Part of the Precinct of* Well Close, *the Street leading from* Nightingale Lane *to* Ratcliff Cross, Butcher Row, *and* Brook Street, *and the several Streets, Lanes, and Passages opening into the same, and for removing all Obstructions and Annoyances therefrom, and preventing the like for the future.*

Meeting to be held of Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and Vestrymen, qualified as herein-after mentioned, shall meet within Fourteen Days next after passing this Act, and at a public Vestry shall nominate Twenty substantial and discreet Persons, being Vestrymen residing within the said Parish, and publish the

Names of the Persons so nominated, and within Ten Days afterwards at a Public Vestry chuse Fourteen out of the said Twenty Persons, who, together with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, shall be Trustees for carrying this Act into Execution, so far as relates to the Clothing, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor; and that all the said Trustees, when chosen, so long as they continue qualified, shall execute the several Trusts to be reposed in them in pursuance of this Act, until *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, at which Time Half of the Number of Persons concerned in such Trust shall resign and be out of Office, and their Place supplied as herein-after directed, and that the remaining Half of the said Trustees shall resign and be out of Office at *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and twelve; and that no Person shall continue in the said Office of Trustee more than Two Years together, nor be eligible to serve again in that Office until after the Expiration of Three Years; and that the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen shall meet together in Vestry on the *Tuesday* preceding *Good Friday* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and then and on each succeeding Return of the same Day in every Year, shall nominate a sufficient Number of Persons duly qualified, being not less than double the Number wanted, and on the following *Easter Tuesday*, and in every Year on each succeeding *Easter Tuesday*, shall chuse and elect Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and a Constable, and shall also chuse and elect a sufficient Number of Persons to fill the Vacancies which may have arisen in the said Trust by Death, Removal, or otherwise, and also to supply the Places of such Trustees as in consequence of the Directions herein-before contained shall annually go out of Office.

Trustees named for lighting, watching, and cleansing.

IV. And be it further enacted, That *William Appleton*, *John Arnold*, *William Butler*, *John Barker*, *Richard Bolton*, *William Bawtree*, *Newel Connop*, *James Coombs*, *Joseph Crew*, *Edward Colbeck*, *William Cook*, *Andrew Dowding*, *William Davis*, *John Errington*, *George Errington*, *George Fox*, *Thomas Forge*, *Thomas Fox*, *Christopher Fryer*, *William Farmer*, *Joseph Fletcher*, *Abraham Gole*, *William Homan* the elder, *Simpson Homan*, *Richard Hart*, *John Henfree*, *John Hammack*, *Henry Hurst*, *John Hows*, *John Hardy*, *William Homan* the younger, *Thomas James*, *Samuel Kennely*, *John Keyt*, *Thomas Lester*, *Louis Leplastrier*, *Thomas Morton*, *Edward Machin*, *Henry Martin*, *William Mellish*, *Edward Martin*, *James Naish*, *Samuel Norris*, *Tobias Nock*, *Davidson Penny*, *John Poole*, *James Purratt*, *Edward Smith*, *Alexander Stewart*, *John Thompson*, *Feke Teetgen*, *John Williams*, *Robert Wood*, *John Williams*, *Peter Wigglesworth*, *Richard Westmorland*, and *Benjamin Webb*, together with Four other Persons to be elected as herein-after mentioned respectively, being Inhabitants within the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, shall be and they and their Successors (to be elected or appointed in manner herein-after mentioned) are hereby appointed Trustees for putting this Act in Execution, as far as relates to the lighting, watching, and cleansing the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places in the said Parish.

Qualification of Vestrymen.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who are Inhabitants and Householders rated to the Poor at not less than Ten Pounds *per Annum* may be Vestrymen, but no one to vote who has not at the Time paid up and discharged all Arrears of Rates due from him; provided always, that no Person shall be considered a Vestryman, or be entitled to vote or act as such,

such, who shall inhabit any House or Tenement for the Rates of which the Landlord shall compound under or by virtue of this Act.

Commissioners named for Pavement.

VI. And be it further enacted, That *Thomas Arnold*, *George Armstrong*, *John Ayles*, *Abraham Adderton*, *John Arnold*, *William Bawtree*, *Thomas Brown*, *John Brown*, *Newell Connop*, *James Coombes*, *Daniel Cloves*, *Andrew Dowding*, *George Dodgson*, *Richard Dowding*, *George Dale*, *Thomas Edwards*, *Christopher Fryer*, *George Fox*, *George Faith*, *William Homan* the elder, *William Homan* the younger, *Simpson Homan*, *Henry Hurst*, *William Henderson*, *Isaac Hodgson*, *Thomas Lester*, *Thomas Lawrence*, *John Luke*, *Thomas Morton*, *William Mellish*, *Henry Martin*, *James Naish*, *John Proctor*, *John Poole*, *Richard Ricards*, *William Satcher*, *George Swan*, *David Taylor*, *Richard Westmorland*, *Robert Wood*, *Peter Wigglesworth*, *John Williams*, and *Richard Weston*, shall be and they and their Successors (to be elected or appointed in manner herein-after mentioned) are hereby appointed Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution, as far as the same relates to the Pavement.

Election of Trustees and Commissioners to complete Trustees to Sixty-one, and supply Vacancies.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Number of Trustees shall at any Time be less than Sixty-one, or in case any One or more of the Persons appointed or to be appointed Trustees or Commissioners as aforesaid, shall die or become Bankrupt, or not now be an Inhabitant or Inhabitants, or cease to be an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the said Parish, or shall refuse to act, or shall neglect to act for the Space of Twelve successive Months, it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, qualified as aforesaid, (Ten Days Notice at least being given of such intended Meeting by a Notice in Writing, signed by One of the Churchwardens, Overseers, Trustees, or Commissioners, to be affixed on One of the Doors of the Church of the said Parish, and also by a Notice from the Clerk of the said Parish immediately after Morning and Evening Prayers of One *Sunday* at least), to assemble as often as Occasion shall require in the Vestry-room or Workhouse, and the Majority of the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen, so assembled, shall and may elect and appoint another fit Person or other fit Persons, as the Case may require respectively, being an Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the said Parish, as well to complete the said Number of Trustees to Sixty-one, as in the stead of such Trustee or Commissioner so dead or removed, refusing or neglecting to act; and such Person so from Time to Time elected and appointed, shall from thenceforth have the same Power and Authority to act in all Things relating to the Matters herein contained as the Trustees or Commissioners herein named, or as the Trustee or Commissioner so dead, removed, refusing or neglecting to act, were or was invested with.

Steward or Receiver of Mr. Bowes to act as Commissioner and Trustee.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Steward or Receiver for the Time being of the Rents of the Lands and Messuages now belonging to the Honourable *Thomas Bowes*, in the said Parish of *Shadwell*, and held by him or some other Person or Persons in trust for him under the Dean and Chapter of *Saint Paul*, shall at all Times hereafter be One of the Commissioners of the Pavement, and also a Trustee for lighting, watching, and cleansing, and a Trustee for the Poor, and shall by virtue of such Office be at all Times duly qualified to act as such Commissioner and Trustee as aforesaid, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

IX. And

First Meeting of Trustees and Commissioners.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor (or any Seven or more of them) shall meet in the Vestry Room within Ten Days after their said Appointment; and the Trustees for watching, lighting, and cleansing (or any Seven or more of them), and the Commissioners for paving (or any Seven or more of them), shall respectively meet within Twenty Days after the passing of this Act, and at such Meetings respectively proceed to put this Act into Execution, and shall then and from Time to Time afterwards respectively adjourn to meet at the same Place for the Purpose of putting this Act into Execution; and if on any Day appointed for a Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act a sufficient Number of Trustees or Commissioners shall not attend, the Trustee or Trustees, Commissioner or Commissioners then present, or the Clerk of the said Vestry in case of there being no Trustee present, shall appoint the said Trustees or Commissioners, as the Case may be, to meet at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, upon some Day not exceeding Eight Days next after the Day upon which such last Meeting was appointed.

No Vestry to be held without Notice of Meeting.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Meeting or Vestry shall be held by the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Vestrymen, or any of them, for the Execution of this Act, or any of the Powers thereof (other than and except the Weekly Meetings), unless public Notice, signed by Two or more of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, or Seven or more of the said Trustees or Commissioners, be first given in the Church of the said Parish by the Parish Clerk or his Deputy, as well in the Forenoon as in the Afternoon immediately after Divine Service on the Lord's Day next before such Meeting; which Notice he is hereby enjoined to give under the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Neglect, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are directed by this Act, Complaint being made thereof by Two or more of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, or Two or more Trustees or Commissioners to any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*.

Qualification of Trustees.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Person, except the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, shall be qualified to act as a Trustee or Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall at the Time of acting be a Householder in the said Parish, and be seised or possessed in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, of a Messuage or Messuages, or of Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments within the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and shall be in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents or Profits thereof, of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, and assessed to the Poor Rates of the said Parish at the Rate of Fifteen Pounds and upwards *per Annum*; or unless he shall be a Tenant or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish assessed to the Rates at the like Rent of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and also shall be seised or possessed of a Real or Personal Estate to the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds, over and above what shall be sufficient to satisfy and discharge his just Debts; and if any Person, not being qualified as aforesaid, shall presume to act in the Execution of this Act, every such Person for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons being a

Householder in the said Parish, and duly assessed to the Poor Rates therein, 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, or 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 Householder in the said Parish, and duly assessed as aforesaid, and that the Person so sued or prosecuted had acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act; provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Person and Persons acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforesaid, previously to his or their being convicted of such Offence, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Trustees not exempt from parochial Offices.

XII. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall exempt any Person while serving the Office of Trustee, or having served that Office, from being nominated, or from being elected to serve any other parochial Office from which he may not otherwise be legally exempt; but if any Trustee or Trustees shall be elected to fill any other Office, his or their Places in the Trust shall be filled by the Person or Persons next in the List of Nomination for Trustees, as they shall have been placed by the Ballot at the Election; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Vestrymen at any Time from re-electing all or any of the Churchwardens, Overseers, Constables, Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, who upon the Request of the Vestrymen may again be willing to serve any of those Offices, nor to prevent Persons chosen on the parochial Trust for the Management of the Poor, from being at the same Time a Trustee for lighting, watching, and cleansing, or a Commissioner for the Pavement.

Churchwardens, Overseers, &c. not to be removed till others appointed.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to remove or dismiss from his or their respective Offices or Office any Churchwarden, Overseer, Headborough, Constable, Collector, or other Officer heretofore appointed by virtue of the said recited Acts; but all and every such Churchwardens, Overseers, Collectors, Headboroughs, Constables, and other Officers, shall continue in such their respective Offices, and shall discharge the Duties thereof, and shall have ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and shall have and enjoy the same Privileges and Immunities, and shall be liable to the same Pains and Penalties, until One other Churchwarden or Churchwardens, or One other Overseer or Overseers, One other Constable or Constables, Collector or Collectors, or other Officer, shall be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead or Place by virtue of this Act, as if he or they had been

been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form prescribed by this Act; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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

XIV. And be it further enacted, That each and every Collector of the Rates, and the Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and each and every Clerk, Agent, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant, heretofore nominated and appointed by virtue of the said recited Acts, shall hold and enjoy their several and respective Offices and Employments, together with the several and respective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he, she, or they shall be removed therefrom respectively by the Persons authorized by and acting under this Act for that Purpose; and every such Collector and Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and every such Clerk, Agent, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant, shall be subject to the like Pains and Penalties and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, as if he, she, or they had been nominated and appointed by virtue of this Act.

Persons incapacitated from being Trustees.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, having been appointed a Trustee or Trustees, Commissioner or Commissioners for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract, or be appointed to or enjoy any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act, every such Person shall be thereupon disabled and disqualified from acting as a Trustee or Commissioner for the Remainder of the Term for which he was so appointed, whether such Appointment may have been for Life or otherwise.

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

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

Clerk and Collectors to inspect Poor and Land Tax Assessments.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Clerk or Clerks, Receiver or Collector, appointed in pursuance of this Act, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, for that Purpose, at all convenient Times to inspect the Book of Assessments or Rates of the Poor or Land Tax for the said Parish, for better ascertaining the Rates and Assessments to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take Copies thereof

thereof (if necessary) at the Expence of the Trustees or Commissioners requiring the same.

Trustees for the Poor may be dismissed at the End of One Year, on Requisition of Vestry, and to hold Meetings at the Times herein mentioned.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That upon a Requisition signed by not less than Fourteen Vestrymen, and delivered to the Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them for the Time being, Twenty-one Days at least before any future *Easter Tuesday*, of which Requisition so delivered the said Churchwardens and Overseers shall give due public Notice, it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen, or a Majority of them in Vestry assembled, on any or every Day of Nomination to determine upon and to dismiss all the said Trustees concerned for the Poor, who by this Act would otherwise remain in Office for another Year, and for them to revert to the same Mode of Election for the following Year, as is herein-before directed to take place immediately after passing this Act; and that when no such Requisition shall be made, the future Nominations and Elections are to proceed in every Year according to the Directions to be given in pursuance of this Act in or for the Year One thousand eight hundred and eleven; and that the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees appointed for that Purpose, do hold Weekly Meetings at the Workhouse for relieving, maintaining, and employing the Poor; and that the Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, do meet in Vestry Once every Month at least, and oftener if necessary, to regulate the watching, cleansing, and lighting the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and other Places in the said Parish; and that the Commissioners under this Act for the Purpose of superintending the Business of paving in the said Parish, do meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish Once in every Month (if found necessary), but in all Cases Once at the End of every Two Calendar Months; and that no Meeting of the Trustees of this Act shall be considered as formal, regular, or legal, unless holden at the said Vestry Room or Workhouse; and that all the said Trustees and Commissioners shall at all Times defray their own Expences, and no Allowance made under this Act for any Part of such Expence on any Pretence whatsoever.

Treasurers to be appointed.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, or the Majority of them present at their first Meeting after the passing of this Act, shall nominate and appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers for receiving all the Monies to be raised and collected in pursuance of this Act for the Maintenance, Relief, and Employment of the Poor; and such Treasurer or Treasurers shall from Time to Time pay and discharge all such Bills and Charges for the Maintenance, Relief, and Employment of the Poor, as shall be directed by the Weekly Committee of Trustees for the Poor at the Workhouse, and signed by not less than Three thereof, and shall also pay and discharge all such Bills or Sums of Money as may be directed at any other Meeting of the said Trustees of the Poor, held in pursuance of this Act; and the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, shall, in like Manner, nominate and appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers for receiving all Monies to be raised and collected by virtue of this Act for the lighting, watching, and cleansing the said Parish, and such last-mentioned Treasurer or Treasurers shall from Time to Time pay and discharge all such Bills and Charges for lighting, watching, and cleansing, as shall be

be directed by any Meeting of the Trustees appointed for that Purpose, held in pursuance of this Act, and signed by not less than Three or more of them; and the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen shall in like Manner also nominate and appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers for receiving all Monies to be raised and collected by virtue of this Act, for the paving of the Streets, Lanes, and other Places in the said Parish; and such last-mentioned Treasurer or Treasurers shall from Time to Time pay and discharge all such Bills and Charges relating to the said Pavements as shall be directed by any Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for that Purpose, held in pursuance of this Act, and signed by not less than Three or more of them; and the said Treasurer or Treasurers respectively is and are hereby authorized to attend all Meetings, and is or are in all Cases, as far as may be practicable from the State of the Funds, to pay and discharge, at the Time such respective Meetings shall from Time to Time take place, all Debts due from or Demands upon the respective Trustees or Commissioners, and that such Treasurer or Treasurers respectively shall, at least Four Times in every Year, and previously to the making the Second Rate which shall be made next after the passing of this Act, render a full and clear Account or full and clear Accounts in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands respectively, unto the Trustees or Commissioners respectively, of all the Monies by him or them received and paid, and so as to shew from Time to Time the exact Balance for the Time being remaining in his or their Hand or Hands on each of the said Accounts, and thereupon produce, if required, the several Vouchers in proof of the Correctness of such Accounts respectively, which Account or Accounts shall be open to the Inspection of every Parishioner of the said Parish present at the Vestry on the Days appointed for the ascertaining and making of such Rate; and that the said Treasurer or Treasurers respectively shall Once in every Year, and within Fourteen Days next after *Easter Sunday*, account to the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen at a public Vestry, at which Time Auditors shall be chosen by the Vestrymen who may not have been in any Office for Two Years preceding, for all Monies received and paid under each distinct Account, and for the Balance remaining in his or their Hands, and shall produce all Bills and Vouchers that may be required, and shall, if so directed, pay over the Balance remaining in his or their Hand or Hands to such Person or Persons as the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen shall then authorize to receive the same, to be applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes for which the same was collected, raised, received, or levied.

Treasurer to give Security.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees and Commissioners respectively shall and are hereby required to take such good and satisfactory Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers as they the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them shall think proper.

The same Person may be Treasurer to the Trustees and Commissioners.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prevent One and the same Person from being nominated and appointed Treasurer, as well to the Trustees of the Poor, as also to the Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, and the Commissioners for paving.

Churchwardens, Overseers, and

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, qualified

Vestrymen, may supersede and remove Treasurer, and appoint others.

lified as aforesaid, or the Majority of them at any such Meeting at the Vestry Room aforesaid, to be holden pursuant to Notice to be previously given in the Morning and Afternoon after Divine Service, to displace, supersede, and remove any Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed under this Act, and at the same or any subsequent Meeting to substitute and appoint any other Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers in place and stead of the Person or Persons so displaced.

Old Rates to be deemed good.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment now ordered and directed to be levied, assessed and collected by and under the Authority of the said several recited Acts, so far as regards the said Parish of *Shadwell*, 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, can or may be raised, levied, and collected.

Rates to be ascertained.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor and Vestrymen, together with the Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, shall Four Times in every Year meet together, and they, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall then settle and ascertain the respective Sums of Money necessary to be raised by equal and indifferent Pound Rates for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employing the Poor of the said Parish, and for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and open Passages, Ways and Places, and regulating and keeping a Nightly Watch, as to the said Churchwardens, Overseers, Vestrymen, and Trustees, or the major Part of them so for the Time being assembled, shall seem reasonable and proper; and further, that the Commissioners for the Time being acting for the Concerns of the Pavement, together with the Vestrymen paying or contributing to the Pavement, shall also meet Four Times in every Year for the Purpose of ascertaining, and the Majority at such last-mentioned Meeting are accordingly to ascertain, the Sums of Money necessary or proper to be raised by a Pound Rate in the same Manner for paving the Streets, Lanes, and Places proposed to be paved under this Act, and for repairing the Pavement.

Meetings of Trustees and Commissioners to be on separate Days.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of the Poor, Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, and the Commissioners of paving, shall not hold any Two of their said respective Meetings on One and the same Day, but at least Two Days shall on all Occasions, and at all Times, elapse between the Meetings of the Trustees of the Poor, Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, and the Commissioners of paving respectively.

Rates to be made for the Poor, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen, qualified as aforesaid, with the said Trustees for watching, lighting, and cleansing, shall meet at the Vestry Room within Fourteen Days next after the several Sums of Money required for the Poor, and for cleansing, lighting, and watching, shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid; and the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Vestrymen, qualified as aforesaid, and Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall and they are hereby required Quarterly to make Two distinct Rates or Assessments, to be signed by Seven or more of the Parties making the same, not exceeding the Amount of the respective Sums so settled and ascertained;

certained; One of which Rates shall be laid upon all and every Person or Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, occupy, or be in Possession of, or enjoy any Messuage, Tenement, Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Wharf, Yard, or Hereditament within the said Parish, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish; and the other of which Rates shall be laid upon all and every the same Persons for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, and Places, and regulating a Nightly Watch within the said Parish, but which last-mentioned Rate shall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound; and the said Commissioners for the Time being of the Pavement, with the Vestrymen paying or contributing to the Pavement, shall in like Manner meet at the Vestry Room within Twenty-one Days next after the Sums of Money required for the Pavement shall have been so ascertained as last aforesaid; and the said Commissioners, together with the Vestrymen contributing to the Pavement as aforesaid, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall and they are hereby required Quarterly to make a distinct Rate, to be signed as aforesaid, not exceeding the Amount of the Sum so settled and ascertained, which said last-mentioned Rate shall be laid upon all and every Person or Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, occupy, be in Possession of, or enjoy any Messuage, Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Tenement, Wharf, Yard, or Hereditament, situate and being within any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, or other open Passages, Ways, and Places within the said Parish directed by this Act to be paved, to be applied for the Purpose of paving and repairing the said Pavement; and which said several Rates it is hereby directed shall from Time to Time be laid Quarterly in advance and prospectively at the Commencement of the current Quarter, and be laid indifferently upon all the several Messuages, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, and other Buildings, Lands, Grounds, and Tenements within the said Parish of *Shadwell*; provided always, that the Rate for the Purposes of the Pavement shall at all Times be confined and restricted to such of the said Premises so intended to be rated under this Act as do lie within the Line of Pavement, and shall not exceed Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound in any One Year.

Officers may rectify Omissions in Rates.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor and Vestrymen, or to the said Trustees or Commissioners, as the Case may be, at any Time after the making any Rate or Assessment to be made under this Act, that the Name of any Person liable to be included in such Rate or Assessment hath been omitted therein, it shall be lawful for the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, or any Seven or more of them, or for the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to add or cause to be added to such Rate or Assessment the Name of the Person so omitted, together with the Sum for which he ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment in respect thereof, and every such Addition made to any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been inserted in the Rate at the Time the same was first made out; provided always, that no Rate or Assessment so to be made and signed in Manner aforesaid for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, or for any other of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be valid unless allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Middlesex*, and Notice thereof shall be given in the

the said Parish Church on the *Sunday* next after the same shall be allowed, whereupon the same shall be valid and acted upon accordingly.

How Rates are to be levied.

XXVIII. 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 Messuage, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Yard, Land, Ground, Wharf, Cellar, Vault, Building, Hereditament, or other Tenement within the said Parish, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively by virtue of this Act, and all Arrears for the Time being due thereon or upon any former Rate or Rates, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and directed, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, on Complaint made by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor and Trustees of the said Parish, or any Seven or more of them, to summon all and every Person and Persons who shall have so refused or neglected as aforesaid, upon Oath being made before such Justice or Justices by the Collector or Collectors appointed by the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees 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, or who are or shall be liable to the Payment of the said Rate or Rates, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons to pay the said Rate or Rates, to appear before such Justice or Justices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and it shall be lawful for the Collector or Collectors appointed or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, or for any of the Constables, Headboroughs, and Beadles of the said Parish, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at 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 so to be made upon him, her, or them under this Act, then and in every such Case every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates in respect of which such Summons was issued, and the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices who shall have directed such Summons and Summonses to be issued as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the 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 Churchwardens, Overseers, Collector or Collectors, or any

any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish to collect or levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and the Costs and Charges of the Summons (if the same shall not have been paid before), and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Warrant and of executing the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish or elsewhere, if removed therefrom, or if belonging to Landlords who may compound as hereafter mentioned; 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 all the reasonable Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and of making such Distress and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Churchwardens, Overseers, 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 of appraising and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand made thereof by him, her, or them.

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

Form of Warrant of Distress.

Middlesex to wit. } ‘ To the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Collector of the Poor Rate [*or, as the Case may be*] of the Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell* in the County of *Middlesex*, and to all Constables, and others His Majesty's Officers of the Peace for the said County.

‘ WHEREAS the under mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants, Householders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Yards, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of some Building or Tenement, within the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, were and are rated and assessed or liable to the Rate or Rates duly made for the Purposes of an Act made in the Fiftieth 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 said 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 of *Middlesex*, and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear before to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to the said Justice [*or* Justices] upon Oath, and nor either of them having shewn any sufficient Cause why such Sum or Sums of Money should not be paid: These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to will and require you or either of you forthwith to levy the said several Sums due from the said Persons, and hereunder joined to or set against their Names respectively,

'spectively, by Distress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels, '(such Goods and Chattels being kept for the Space of Days 'before the same are sold), rendering to them respectively the Overplus '(if any), the reasonable Charges of such Distress, Sale, and Keeping, 'and obtaining this Warrant, being first deducted; and if no sufficient 'Distress can be had or taken, that then you are to certify the same to us, 'to the end such further Proceedings may be had therein as to Law doth 'appertain; and do hereby strictly charge and command 'all and singular the Constables and other His Majesty's Officers of the 'Peace for the said County, to be aiding and assisting in all Things relating 'to the Execution of this Warrant. Given under my Hand and Seal '[*or* our Hands and Seals] this Day of 'in the Year of our Lord .'

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C. D. - - - - - - -			
E. F. - - - - - - -			
G. H. the Landlord for divided Premises -			
I. K. - - - - - - -			

For better Recovery of Rates on the small Tenements let at small Rents, or to Weekly or Monthly Lodgers,

XXX. And whereas certain Messuages, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Parish are let at small Rents or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or let ready furnished, and the Payment of the Rates for or in respect of some such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments hath been oftentimes evaded, and the Collection of the Rates for others thereof hath been usually attended with much Difficulty, so that much Loss has on that Account been sustained by the said Parish; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where the Yearly Rent or Value of any such Messuage, House, or Tenement, being let to One Person, shall not exceed Fifteen Pounds, or where the same shall be let to Weekly or to Monthly Tenants or Lodgers, or in any other Case where the Rents shall become payable at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, or where the Yearly Rent or Value of any such Messuage, House, or Tenement, being more than Fifteen Pounds, may be occupied by more than One Tenant being sub-let to Lodgers or a Lodger, then and in any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for the said respective Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them (if they shall think proper), at a Meeting of the Trustees or Commissioners to be called for that Purpose, and due Notice given, to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments in the said Parish, for Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Trustees or Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable, and such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is and are hereby enabled to make and enter into such Composition with the said Trustees or Commissioners; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall refuse, neglect, or object to make or enter into such Composition, such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated and assessed to and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid the several Rates or Assessments charged upon the 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 collect the same, and upon Nonpayment thereof, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels either of such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, wheresoever such Goods and Chattels shall be found within the said Parish or elsewhere, if removed therefrom, or belonging to Landlords who have compounded, or of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same respectively, in like Manner as any Rate or Assessment may be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act; provided always, that no such Inhabitant shall be liable to any such Distress for a greater Amount than the Rent which shall at the Time be due or accruing due from such Inhabitant to his Landlord, and that no such Landlord or Owner shall be charged with or liable to be rated, or to pay for or in respect of any increased Rent reserved, or made payable to him in consequence of such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the several Rates or Assessments thentofore chargeable upon the Occupier; and where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of such Premises shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and shall be rated to and pay the several Rates or Assessments in respect of all such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, and for other the Purposes of this Act.

Trustees and Commissioners to qualify on Oath.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Trustee and Commissioner appointed or to be appointed for carrying this Act into Execution, shall, before he begins to execute the Office, take an Oath that he is duly qualified to act as such Trustee or Commissioner, as the Case may be, agreeably to the Provision in that respect in this Act contained, which Oath all and every the said respective Trustees and Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to administer to each other at any Meeting or Meetings held in pursuance of this Act; and such Oath of Qualification shall be duly administered to and taken by all and every the said Trustees and Commissioners once in every Two Years afterwards.

Landlords may appeal against Rates to Quarter Sessions, and Parishioners may amend Rates.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That a written or printed Notice, with the Name or Names of the Clerk or Clerks of the said Trustees or Commissioners (as the Case may be), shall be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of every Owner or Landlord assessed for every such House or Premises as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for every such Landlord to appeal against such Rate to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, if not held sooner than Twenty-one Days after the Delivery of such Notice, or if held sooner, to the succeeding General or Quarter Sessions, giving Eight Days Notice of such Intention to appeal to the said Clerk or Clerks; and it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, at any such Session, to alter any such Rate, and insert the Name of the Occupier of the House or Premises in respect whereof the same is made, or wholly to relieve such Landlord in any Case in which it shall appear to such Justices that such Rate ought to have been made upon the Occupier of the House, either on account of his actual Property therein or of his Ability to pay the same, and that the Landlord hath not engaged to protect or indemnify the Occupier against the Payment of the Rate: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven of them, after

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any such Notice of Appeal, to amend any such Rate by striking out the Name of the Landlord who shall have been so rated, and inserting the Name of some other Landlord or the Occupier of the said House, as the Case may require, which last-mentioned Landlord may appeal against the said Rate in like Manner as the Landlord first charged is enabled to do by this Act.

Landlords to be deemed Vestrymen from the Time of being rated.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Landlord so rated shall be a Vestryman of the Parish, and entitled to attend and act and vote as a Vestryman in all Matters relating to the Rate and Accounts of the Parish.

Distress not to be levied on non-resident Landlords, but Rates to be recovered by Action.

XXXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no such Rate upon any such Landlord shall be recovered by Distress upon the Goods of any such Landlord out of the Parish, unless the same shall have been removed from the Parish within Thirty Days, but such Rate shall be recovered by Action to be brought by the Overseers of the Poor as Overseers, or by the Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing, or the Commissioners for paving, or their Clerk or Clerks; and which Action or Actions respectively shall not abate or be discontinued by the Death, Resignation, or Expiration of Office of the Overseer or Overseers, Trustees or Commissioners, or their Clerk or Clerks respectively, but shall be continued by their and each of their Successor or Successors as if the Action had been brought by him or them.

Trustees may remit a Part of the Rates.

XXXV. And whereas it may be reasonable to excuse some Persons from the Payment of the said Rates or Assessments on account of their real Poverty, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees and Commissioners respectively, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to grant to such Person or Persons such Relief in the Payment of any Rate or Assessment, as they the said Trustees and Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable and proper.

Rates to be repaid by the Landlords to Tenants.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Person renting and occupying any separate Part or Apartments of or in any House or Building, and the Goods and Chattels in every House or Building let ready furnished (though not assessed under or by virtue of this Act, or under any Act made for the Relief of the Poor, or for watching, cleansing, and lighting the said Parish, or for paving the same) shall, after such Summons as is herein-before directed to be given, be liable to be distrained and sold by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* (which Warrant every such Justice or Justices of the Peace is hereby directed to issue), for Payment of the said Rates or Assessments which accrued and became due during the Term of his, her, or their Occupancy only, and all reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending thereupon; and that each and every Person who shall pay any such Rates or Assessments as ought to have been paid by his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods or Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent for the Time being due and payable or to become due and payable to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords so letting out the same, unless there shall be some express Agreement to the contrary made in Writing between

between the Landlord and Tenant, and the Receipt and Receipts for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to every such Person for so much Money as he, she, or they shall have so paid, or which shall have been so levied on his, her, or their Goods and Chattels in pursuance of this Act, and shall be allowed by such Landlord or Landlords of such Houses or Buildings in part or full Payment, as the Case may be, for the Rent due or to become due to him, her, or them from such Person or Persons as aforesaid, unless only in Cases of actual Agreement to the contrary as last mentioned: Provided always, that no such Tenant or Occupier of any Part or separate Apartments of or in any Messuage, House, or other Building, Land, or other Tenements, shall, by the Payment of any such Rate or Assessment in manner aforesaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Parish by virtue of such Payment, which Payments shall be considered as made for or on the Part of the Landlord or Owner; and that such Landlord or Owner shall accordingly be deemed and construed to all Intents and Purposes to have paid the same, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Lessors, Landlords, or Owners may recover Rates paid for Subtenants or Occupiers.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lessors or Landlords, Owner or Owners, paying Rates or a Rate under this Act, for or in respect of any Tenant, or Subtenant or Occupier within the said Parish, to recover the Amount thereof from Time to Time in the same Manner and by the same Process as in the common Case of Rent due from a Tenant to a Landlord.

Rates to be demanded before Quarter Day.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in order to avoid the Loss which frequently happens by Tenants or Occupiers of Houses, Messuages, Lands, or other Tenements, 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 Tenements shall become due and payable, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors for the Time being under this Act to demand and receive, Twenty-one Days before every such Quarter Day, or at any other Time (if necessary), the respective Rates and Assessments which would be due and payable on such Quarter Day; and in case of Nonpayment thereof, to enforce the Payment of such Rates or Assessments in the same Manner and with the same Powers as in the Case of the Nonpayment of such Rates and Assessments upon or after the Quarter Day on which the same would have become due and payable.

Recovery of Rates from Persons removing.

XXXIX. And whereas it may happen that many Persons liable to and who may be rated and assessed under this Act may, before the Payment of the Sum which may be rated on them respectively, quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the said Parish; be it therefore further enacted, That when any Person or Persons who hath or have been so rated and assessed shall quit or be about to quit his, her, 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 as may then be due, and shall refuse to pay the same when demanded by the Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Collector or Collectors, or any One of them (Oath having

having been 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 immediately, 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.

Goods may be followed into any other County.

XL. And for the more effectual levying the Money rated and assessed for the several Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons rated or to be rated under this Act, and neglecting or refusing to pay the Sum or Sums by him, her, or them respectively payable as aforesaid, shall and may be distrained in manner aforesaid, not only in the Parish where such Rate or Assessment was made, but at any other Place within the said County, if the said Goods have been removed out of the said Parish, or are the Property of Landlords who have compounded; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found within the same County, then upon Oath thereof made before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of any other County, City, Liberty, or Place, (which Oath shall be certified under the Hand of the said Justice or Justices on the Warrant made out for such Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay), shall be subject and liable to such Distress and Sale in such other County, Liberty, or Place where the same shall be found, and may by virtue of such Warrant or Certificate be distrained in the same Manner as if the same had been found within the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell;* and further, the Collectors for the Time being under this Act are hereby required and directed to demand, collect, and receive from Time to Time the said Rates or Rate with all practicable Expedition after the same shall be allowed, and Notice thereof given in the Parish Church as aforesaid; and the said Collectors are hereby further required Seven Days before every Quarter Day to make out a correct List of all Defaulters or Persons refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates, and to proceed to the Recovery thereof forthwith by Summons and Distress, in such Manner as herein-before mentioned and prescribed.

For apportioning Rates.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall remove out of or from or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament within the said Parish before any Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act shall be paid, or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any Messuage, House, Building, Ground, or other Tenement out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed, before Payment of any such Rate or Assessment, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoccupied, then and in every such Case the Rates and Assessments shall be divided and apportioned and assessed upon the going-out and coming-in Tenants or Occupiers

cupiers in the Manner following; (that is to say), a proportionable Part thereof shall be assessed upon the going-out Tenant up to the Time of his quitting and giving up Possession, and a further proportionate Part thereof shall be assessed upon the coming-in Tenant from the Time of his taking Possession; which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*.

Modes of raising Monies for the Purposes of this Act.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners for the Time being acting under this Act in the Concerns of the Pavement, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, with the Consent of the Vestrymen, and residing upon and paying to the Pavement, but not otherwise, by the granting Life Annuities upon Lives of not less than Forty Years, or by Loans on Bonds, to raise any Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds Sterling, to be applied in aid of the said Rates towards paying the Costs and Expences of the Pavements intended to be completed under this Act; and that Persons disposed to purchase any such Annuity, or to advance or lend on Bond as aforesaid, are to pay unto the Treasurer for the Time being acting for the said Commissioners the Consideration Monies or Loan, as the Case may be, upon his Receipts or Receipt, which Receipt and Receipts it is hereby declared shall be a complete and effectual Discharge to the Person or Persons paying Monies therein acknowledged to be received for so much so acknowledged; and that such Person or Persons shall not be bound or liable to see to the Application of such Money, nor be responsible for the due Application thereof; and that Annuities to be granted under this Act shall be payable and paid by the said Commissioners, or their Treasurer for the Time being, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, or at such other convenient Place within the same Parish as the Treasurer for the Time being shall fix upon for that Purpose, Half-yearly during the natural Life or Lives of the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives such Annuities shall be granted, and a proportional Part of every such Annuity shall be paid from the last Half-yearly Day of Payment thereof up to the Time of the Death of such Annuitant, or his or her Cestuique Vie; and the Interest of the Money so to be borrowed on Bond as aforesaid shall be paid and payable by the said Commissioners, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, at or in the same Place or Places, unto the Persons advancing the same, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by equal Half-yearly Portions or Payments, until the Principal of the Money so borrowed shall be repaid from or out of the respective Rates to be made as aforesaid, on the Credit of which Rates such Money may be borrowed.

Manner of paying off Bonds.

XLIII. And in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Persons who may advance or lend any Money by Bond upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments to be made under this Act, be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause the Number of all the Bonds for the Time being subsisting and in force (of which One or more shall be intended to be paid off), to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers shall be rolled up in such Manner as nearly as may be, and put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the said Bonds shall be drawn separately out of such Box or Wheel by the Clerk to the Commissioners for the Time being, in the Presence of the said Commissioners, at some or one of their Meetings, and such

Bonds

Bonds shall be paid off and discharged according to the Rotation in which the Numbers thereof shall be drawn at every such Ballot, beginning with the First, and proceeding progressively to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and every other Number drawn, as far as the Monies then in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Commissioners will extend to pay; and after every such Ballot the said Commissioners shall cause Notice, signed by their Clerk or Clerks, to be given or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off pursuant to such Ballot, signifying to such Creditor or Creditors that at the End of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving or leaving such Notice, the said Commissioners propose and intend to pay such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be expressed in such Notice, and the Interest due thereon, at a Place therein also to be mentioned, and the Interest of the Principal Money so to be paid off shall from and after the End of the Six Calendar Months cease and be no longer payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice and not paid; but the Principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest due at the Expiration of such Notice, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand.

Form of Security.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity and Annuities to be granted and secured under or by virtue of this Act shall be so granted by a Writing on Parchment or Vellum, and shall be executed by the said Commissioners, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Grant of Annuity.

'WE, Seven of the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of paid by *A. B.* to *C. D.* the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.* an Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid out of the Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of the said Act, for the Purpose of paving the said Parish; which Annuity or yearly Sum of shall be paid to the said *A. B.*, or his or her Assigns, during the Term of his or her natural Life [*or, as the Case may be*], to the said *A. B.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, during the natural Life of *C. D.*, upon the Day of and the Day of in every Year, by equal Half-yearly Payments, and up to the Day of the Death of the said *A. B.* or *C. D.* [*as the Case may be*]. In witness whereof we the said Commissioners have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .'

And also, that all and every the Sum or Sums of Money to be advanced, lent, and paid to or to the Order of the said Commissioners upon the Credit of this Act on Bond Security, shall be secured by a Bond written on Parchment or Vellum under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, and every such Bond shall be signed in the Margin thereof by Seven or more of the said Commissioners, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

'KNOW

Form of the Bond.

‘ KNOW all Men by these Presents, That the Commissioners appointed
‘ by and acting under an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign
‘ of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]
‘ and their Successors, are held and firmly bound to
‘ in the Sum of to be paid to him [*or* her] the said
‘ or to his or her certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators,
‘ or Assigns. In witness whereof the Clerk or One of the Clerks of the
‘ said Commissioners, and by their Order, hath hereunto set his Hand and
‘ Seal, this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand
‘ eight hundred and

‘ Executed in the Presence of and signed by the Order of us the
‘ undersigned Commissioners.

‘ The Condition of the above-written Obligation is such, that if the
‘ above-named his or her Executors, Administrators, or
‘ Assigns, shall under and according to the true Intent and Meaning of the
‘ above-mentioned Act of Parliament be well and truly paid the full and
‘ just Sum of this Day lent and advanced by him [*or* her] the
‘ said upon the Credit of the said Act, together with Interest for
‘ such Sum whilst the same shall remain unpaid,
‘ after the Rate of *per Cent. per Annum*, by equal Half-
‘ yearly Portions or Payments, then this Obligation to be void.

‘ Signed, sealed, and delivered
‘ in the Presence of

All which Grants and Securities shall be and are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual, according to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning thereof respectively; and all and every the Annuities and Annuity so to be purchased and secured under or by virtue of this Act as aforesaid, and all and every the Sum and Sums of Money to be borrowed and taken up on Bond upon the Credit of this Act, and the Interest thereof, shall be and the same are and is hereby charged upon and made payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by or from the Rates or Assessments by this Act directed to be made, for the respective Purposes to which the same relates; and all and every the Contributor or Contributors, or Lender or Lenders of any Money upon the Credit of the said Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for any such Annuities or Annuity, or otherwise advancing or lending any Money as aforesaid, or such Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, receive, take, and enjoy and be entitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive, take, and enjoy the respective Annuities or Annuity to be purchased, and the Principal and Interest of the other Monies so to be advanced and secured as aforesaid, out of the said Rates or Assessments by this Act appropriated or appointed for the Payment thereof; and all and every Purchaser or Purchasers of such Annuity or Annuities, and other Person or Persons so advancing Money as aforesaid, and his and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have a good, sure, perfect, absolute, and indefeasible Right and Interest in and to the said Annuities so to be by them respectively purchased, and in and to the said other Monies so to be advanced as aforesaid, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and it shall not be necessary, in order to render valid the Grant of any such Annuity or Annuities, to enrol or register a Memorial thereof, pursuant to the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled

intituled *An Act for registering the Grants of Life Annuities, and for the better Protection of Infants against such Grants;* and further, that the Commissioners or other Persons signing or executing any such Grants or Securities, or their Real or Personal Estates or Estate, shall in nowise be charged with or answerable or responsible, either in Equity or at Law, for the Payment of any of the Annuities or Monies intended to be thereby granted and secured.

Form of Assignment.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Annuity or Annuities shall be so granted and secured as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may by Endorsement on his, her, or their respective Securities, or by any other Instrument in Writing, and executed in the Presence of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, or the officiating Clergyman of the Parish or Place where the Party making such Assignment shall reside at the Time of making such Assignment, assign or transfer his, her, or their Right and Interest to and in the Annuities thereby respectively secured, in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Transfer of Grant of Annuity.

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

And the Lender or Lenders of such other Monies as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Assignment under their respective Hands and Seals, attested as aforesaid, and to be endorsed on their respective Bonds, or by any other Instrument in Writing, also assign and transfer any of such Bonds, and the Monies thereby respectively secured, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in the Words and to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

Form of Transfer of the Bond.

'I Do hereby assign and transfer the within Bond, with all my Right and 'Title to the Principal and Interest thereby secured, unto 'his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand and 'Seal, this Day of in the Year of our Lord 'Witness

All which Assignments or Transfers respectively shall be produced and notified to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners within Two Calendar Months after the Date thereof, who shall cause an Entry of such Transfers or Assignments to be made in the Book or Books herein-after directed to be kept for entering the said Annuities or Securities, containing the Dates, Names of Parties, and the Sums of Money or Annuities therein mentioned to be assigned and transferred, for which the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Nine-pence and no more; and after such Entry shall be made, every such Assignment and Transfer shall be deemed to pass the legal Interest and Property of and in such Annuity or Security as shall be thereby assigned, and entitle the Assignee or Assignees, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the full Benefit thereof; and such Assignee may in like Manner assign and transfer again, and so *toties quoties*.

XLVI. Pro-

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

XLVI. Provided always, That no Annuity to be granted and secured under this Act shall be paid and recoverable, unless upon the Demand of each Half Yearly Payment thereof the Person for whose Life the same shall have been so granted and secured, shall personally appear before the Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, to whom the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity or Annuities shall then produce or cause to be produced the original Security or Securities for the same; or in case of his or her Non-appearance, the Person or Persons entitled to advance such Annuity, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, shall produce such Security or Securities, and a Certificate of the said Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks, of the Life of such Cestue que vie, signed by the officiating Minister of the Parish wherein he or they shall be residing upon the Day when such Annuity became due, or such other Evidence as shall be satisfactory to the said Commissioners, if such Cestue que vie shall be then in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and in case such Cestue que vie shall not be within the said United Kingdom, then such other good and sufficient Proof of his or her living upon the Day when each Half Yearly Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities shall respectively become due, shall be produced to the said Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks, as shall be satisfactory to the said Commissioners.

Names of Annuitant and Bond Creditors to be entered in a Book.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept by the said Commissioners, in the Office of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, a Book or Books in which shall be fairly written, in Words at length, the Names and proper Additions of all such Persons who shall be the Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, and of all Persons who have lent any Money on the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments; to which Book or Books it shall be lawful for the said respective Purchasers or Persons lending any Money on the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and to and for every Person or Persons who shall be liable to pay any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, from Time to Time and at all reasonable Times to have recourse, and to inspect the same without Fee or Reward.

Rates to be applied for Purposes of this Act.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments in the Manner aforesaid, shall be issued, paid, and applied, and appropriated for the several separate and respective Uses and Purposes in and by this Act directed and prescribed, in such Manner as the said Trustees or Commissioners, as the Case may be, or any Seven or more of them shall from Time to Time, at any of their Weekly, Monthly, or adjourned Meetings, order, direct, and appoint; and in case the Money assessed or collected or raised in any one Year by virtue of this Act, shall not be sufficient to answer the respective Purposes for which the same was so rated or assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the Rates, Assessments of, and Monies to be raised during the next ensuing Year; and in case there shall remain at the End of any one Year any Surplus of any such Monies, such Surplus shall from Time to Time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in Aid of the succeeding Year's Expence, in putting in Execution the Purposes of this Act respectively: Provided always, that all Monies to be collected, levied, received, and raised under this Act, shall be from Time to Time paid and applied to and for the several Purposes for which they were so collected, received,

ceived, and raised, and accordingly that distinct and separate Accounts shall be always kept of such Monies.

Former Poor Laws, unless hereby altered, to continue in force.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Laws in force immediately before the making and passing this Act, relating to the Office of Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and for the Relief and providing for the Poor, shall continue in force within the said Parish, save only where the same are hereby expressly repealed or altered, or where other Provisions are made in relation thereto by this present Act: Provided always, that no Rate or Assessment shall be made for the Relief of the Poor, or for any other of the Purposes of this Act, other than as in and by this Act directed.

Churchwardens and Overseers to account.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor respectively of the said Parish, and each of them from Time to Time, and they and each of them are required quarterly, or as often as required by the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, to pay over all such Sum and Sums of Money by them received by virtue of such several Rates or Assessments to be made for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, into the Hands of the said Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being under this Act; and shall also make up and render to the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, as often as thereunto required, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of all and every Sum and Sums of Money so collected and received by them respectively, by virtue of this Act, for the respective Purposes aforesaid, and to pay over to the Treasurer or Treasurers all such Monies so collected and remaining unapplied to the Purposes of this Act; and in Cases where no Collector shall be appointed under this Act, or being appointed he shall refuse or neglect to act in such Office, or in Cases where the Overseers or any of them shall so refuse or neglect, or where any of the said Parties shall refuse or neglect to render a just, true, and perfect Account and Accounts, or pay over the Monies remaining in his or their Hands in manner as aforesaid, then and in each of the said Cases it shall and may be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, on Complaint made to them by any Four or more of the said Trustees, and Proof thereof by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath the said Justices are hereby empowered to administer,) by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to commit such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to collect such Rates or Assessments as aforesaid, or to give and render just, true, and perfect Accounts, or to pay over the Monies as aforesaid, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, to be and remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until he or they shall consent and agree duly to collect such Rates or Assessments, and shall have made and delivered such Accounts as aforesaid, and satisfied and paid over to the said Treasurer or Treasurers all such Monies as upon fair and just Accounts shall appear to be and remain in his or their Hands, or until he or they shall compound for or satisfy the said Trustees touching the Monies in his or their Hands, or the Balance of such Accounts respectively, which Composition the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them are hereby empowered to make.

Justices may commit Overseers upon their refusing to account.

Books of Account, Vouchers, &c. to be kept in a Chest and deposited in the Parish Church of Shadwell, or elsewhere, and Key kept by Vestry Clerk.

LI. Provided also, and it is hereby further directed, That all the Books of Account, Vouchers, or other Papers relating to the several Affairs and Concerns to be done in pursuance of this Act, shall be lodged and left and at all Times kept in a proper Chest or in proper Chests to be deposited and remain in the Vestry of the said Parish Church of *Shadwell*, or in some one other permanent and safe Place in that Parish, to be fixed upon by the Trustees for the Time being; and that the Key or Keys of such Chest or Chests shall remain in the Custody of the Vestry Clerk for the Time being of the said Parish, who shall be answerable for the safe Custody of such Key or Keys.

Books of Account may be inspected.

LII. And be it further directed, That all Books of Account, concerning Receipts, Payments, Credits, and Contracts relating to the respective Purposes of this Act, shall from Time to Time and at all convenient Times be open to the Inspection and Perusal of any Person or Persons paying to the Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act for such respective Purposes.

Directions for the Overseers to attend the Workhouse.

LIII. And, for the better governing, maintaining, employing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, as to the said Trustees for the Poor, or any Seven or more of them, shall appear necessary and expedient, be it further enacted, That One of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being shall and he is hereby required to attend for a sufficient Time at the Workhouse of the said Parish once in every Day for One Week together, and the others of such Overseers to attend in like Manner daily for One Week successively, and in rotation during the Time of their respectively continuing in the said Office of Overseers, and to examine into the State of the Poor, and of their Complaints and Provisions and Necessaries, and which of them are or are not able to work; and also to examine all such Bills as shall be delivered in for any Goods or Wares received at the said Workhouse, and check and compare the same with the Master of the said Workhouse, before such Bills shall be laid before such Trustees at their Weekly Meetings; and each and every of the said Overseers shall also examine and see that the Poor, as well as the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, do severally conform to the Rules and Regulations which shall from Time to Time be made by the said Trustees, and shall at every Time of their Attendance as aforesaid sign their Names in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, and kept at the said Workhouse, and also the Day of the Month and Time of their attending at the said Workhouse; and in case any Complaint shall be made, or any thing shall be found to be wrong or improper, or shall appear to any of the said Overseers to want Amendment, the Overseer of the Week to whom the same shall be made so to appear shall enter the Particulars thereof in the said Books so to be signed as above mentioned, which said Book the Master of the Workhouse for the Time being shall from Time to Time lay or cause to be laid before the said Trustees at each and every of their Weekly Meetings at the said Workhouse, for the Inspection and Direction of the said Trustees; and that in case any Overseer or Overseers whose Duty it then is, shall neglect or refuse to attend at the said Workhouse, or to sign the said Book in Manner as aforesaid, or in case any Master of the said Workhouse shall neglect or refuse to lay or cause to be laid the said Book before the said Trustees at their several Weekly Meetings as aforesaid, every such Over-

seer or Overseers and Master shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and to be paid over from Time to Time to the Treasurer, to be by him credited in his Account *ex parte* the Poor of the said Parish, and to be applied for the Use of such Poor accordingly.

Rules and Orders to be made relating to the Poor.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make and issue such General Rules, Orders, and Regulations as they shall think proper, for regulating, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the said Parish; provided that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations be not repugnant to the existing Laws of this Realm.

Trustees may employ the Poor.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees appointed to manage the Poor to cause any Person who shall be received into the Workhouse to be employed in any Work, Trade, Manufacture, or Employment, or otherwise as they shall think proper, during the Time he or she shall continue in the said Workhouse; and shall and may, in case they shall think proper, provide a sufficient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Silk, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials for the Employment of the Poor received into the said Workhouse, and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and occupy any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever in the said Workhouse or other Buildings; and for the Purposes of this Act may sell and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes as shall be manufactured or made by such Poor in the said Workhouse or other Buildings used therewith, for the Purposes of this Act, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and out of the Profits arising from any Work that shall be done by any such Persons, such Gratuities or Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, according to the Quality and Perfection of their Work, as to the said Trustees shall appear reasonable and proper; and the Remainder of the Profits shall be applied by the said Trustees in Aid of the Poor Rates of the said Parish.

Trustees may punish disorderly Persons.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Pauper maintained in the Workhouse of the said Parish shall embezzle or purloin any of the Apparel provided for any of the Poor, or of the Goods or Provisions provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials for Work, or shall refuse to work, or shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, or otherwise misbehave himself or herself, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished in such Workhouse, either by temporary Confinement, Distinction in Dress or Diet, as may best tend to remedy such Offences for the future.

For receiving deserted Children.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time to cause and order such Child or Children as he or they shall judge to be under the Age of Fourteen Years, who shall be found wandering or begging within the said Parish, to be taken up and sent to the said Workhouse, there to be kept, detained, maintained, and employed, until he or she shall attain (in case his or her Age cannot be ascertained), or till he or she shall be adjudged by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to have attained the

Age of Twenty-one Years, or if a Female her Day of Marriage, if the same shall first happen, unless he or she shall be bound Apprentice, or be removed to the Place of his or her legal Settlement; and also to cause any Person who shall be found wandering, begging, or misbehaving himself or herself within the said Parish, to be sent to the said Workhouse, there to be detained, kept, maintained, and employed, so long as the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them shall direct, or until he or she shall be discharged by due Course of Law; and in case of any Misbehaviour of any such Person, the same Methods of Punishment may be used as to them as are herein-before directed to be used with respect to the Poor within the said Workhouse: Provided always, that no Settlement shall be gained by such Child or Children, or such other Person or Persons, in the said Parish by such Residence in the said Workhouse.

Persons wandering or begging.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Trustees of the Poor, or any Seven or more of them, to take, accept, and receive satisfactory Security from any Person or Persons, for indemnifying such Person or Persons against any Claim or Demand to be made by the said Parish for the Maintenance of any Bastard Child or Children respectively.

Security for Bastard Children.

LIX. And whereas divers Persons belonging to, and who ought by the Laws now in force to be relieved by the said Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, are found wandering and begging in the said Parish, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and misbehaving themselves by exposing in an indecent Manner their Persons or Limbs: And whereas divers Persons by reason of their idle and disorderly Living neglect or refuse to maintain, or threaten to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and if Power were given to apprehend such Persons and send them to such Workhouse or Workhouses, there to be dealt with in Manner herein-before mentioned, it might tend to inure them to an Habit of Industry, and render them useful Members of Society; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they hereby have Power and Authority to receive and to order and compel all and every Person found wandering and begging in the said Parish, or committing Acts of Vagrancy, and all and every idle and disorderly Person neglecting or refusing to maintain or threatening to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and who shall belong to or ought by any Law now in force to be relieved and provided for by the said Parish, to come into, work, dwell, and inhabit in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, and to detain, keep, maintain, and employ all such respective Persons therein, so long as it shall not appear to the said Trustees that any of such Paupers respectively are of Ability, or can otherwise be sufficiently maintained and provided for without the Aid and Provision of the said Trustees, and shall have Power and Authority to employ, set, and compel all such Poor who shall be received or come into, dwell, and be in the said Workhouse, during such their Abode and Residence there, and whilst maintained by the said Trustees, to do, execute, and perform such Work, Labour, Business, and Employ as the said Trustees at any of their Weekly Meetings 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 to detain and keep all such Persons found wandering and begging in the said Parish, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and also all such idle and disorderly Persons who

Vagrants and Persons threatening to leave their Families.

who shall have so deserted, threatened to leave, neglected or refused to maintain his or their Families, and to set each of them to work in such Workhouse, during such Time and until every such Person, by his or her Work or Labour there, shall have got and raised so much Money above their Maintenance as shall be sufficient to pay and reimburse to the said Trustees the Charges and Expences incurred or sustained in the maintaining and providing for every such Person, and his or her Family; and in case such Person shall not by his or her Work or Labour have gained so much Money as shall be sufficient to reimburse to the said Trustees such Charges and Expences, and shall neglect or refuse to apply himself or herself to such reasonable Work or Labour as shall be given to him or her by the Governor or Master of such Workhouse under the Directions aforesaid, then the said Trustees at any of their Weekly Meetings shall have Power to detain and keep such Person within such Workhouse or Workhouses to hard Labour for the Space of One Calendar Month.

Paupers to be removed by Beadles, instead of Overseers.

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

Penalty on buying Clothes, &c. furnished to the Poor.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall accordingly buy, receive into Pawn, or secrete any of the Clothes or Wearing Apparel of the Poor, who at any Time shall be received into and maintained in the said Workhouse, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the same to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor of the said Workhouse, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, upon Conviction on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace in whose Jurisdiction the Offence shall be committed, (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to administer,) the Whole of which said Forfeiture shall be paid to the Informer.

No Spirituous or Strong Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the said Workhouse, unless with the Permission of the said Trustees, or by the especial Order of the 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

of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Directions given to Trustees in certain Cases to relieve the Poor at Home, and when Relief is to cease.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That on any Summons issued by One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace to shew Cause why any Person or Persons should not be relieved or admitted into the Workhouse of the said Parish, if on shewing 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 the poor Person claiming Relief only labours under some temporary Disorder or Disability, (and is neither a Lunatic, nor so crippled, or so generally infirm, as to be incapable in any Degree of earning his, her, or their own Subsistence), then and in any such Case it shall be lawful for the said Trustees of the Poor, at their Discretion, to relieve such poor Person at his or their 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 so long as the same shall be necessary; and so soon as it shall be certified under the Hand of the Medical Person so attending, that such poor Person is enabled to maintain him or herself, which Certificate shall be laid before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby empowered and required to order such Allowance thenceforth to cease and be discontinued; and if such poor Person shall be received into the said Workhouse of the said Parish, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees at their Discretion to discharge him or her thence; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Churchwardens, &c. may give casual Relief.

LXIV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in Cases of Emergency the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, or any Two of them, shall and may and they are hereby empowered, at their Discretion, to give such temporary Relief to any such poor Persons at their own Habitations as may be necessary, until the next Weekly Meeting of the said Trustees, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Collectors may be appointed and allowed a Compensation.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, at some public Vestry to be held pursuant to this Act, do appoint such Number of Persons as they shall think necessary, being substantial Householders and Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Collectors of the several Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, and may from Time to Time remove such Collectors, or any of them, whenever such Persons so appointing shall think proper, and appoint others in the Room of such as shall be so removed, or as shall die, and make such Allowance by way of Poundage to the said Collectors, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected for their Trouble, in the Collection of the Rates aforesaid, as to the Churchwardens, Overseers and Trustees, or Commissioners, as the Case may be, shall seem meet and reasonable, and shall take such Security from every such Collector, either annually or otherwise, for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, as to the said Churchwardens, Overseers and Trustees, or Commissioners, shall appear proper and sufficient; and the Demands made by any such Collector or Collectors as may be so appointed as last aforesaid, of all or any Part or Parts of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, shall be deemed and considered as legal Demands, in the same Manner as if

the same were made by the Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and such Collector or Collectors shall have the Benefit of all Laws to which Overseers of the Poor are entitled for the Recovery thereof; and all such Collectors so to be appointed as aforesaid in either Case, with or without Allowance, shall under their Hands, at such Time and Times as the said Trustees or Commissioners, as the Case may be, shall direct, deliver to such Trustees or Commissioners, or such other Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all such Money as shall have been by such Collector or Collectors respectively received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof have been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their respective Hands to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and all such Collectors so accounting as aforesaid shall upon Oath, if thereunto required, verify their said Accounts at any Meeting of the said Trustees or Commissioners; and if any such Collector or Collectors shall not make and render to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, when thereunto required, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by any Seven or more of the said Trustees or Commissioners, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of any such Collector or Collectors, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in his or their respective Hands, to the Treasurer or Treasurers authorized and appointed to receive the same by virtue of this Act; then, and in either or any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Trustees or Commissioners may and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, in manner directed by this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Collector or Collectors so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies which shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors respectively, with Costs of Suit; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, or by any Person or Persons whom they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, such Justice or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under his and their Hands and Seals, to cause the Collector or Collectors so refusing or neglecting to be brought before him or them, and upon his or their appearing or not being found, (Oath being made thereof), to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice or Justices are hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Money that shall have been collected and raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors against whom such Complaint shall so have been made, such Justice

Collectors to account.

or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized, on Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be raised by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Collectors offending in the Premises respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Collector or Collectors can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and Charges of distraining and selling the same, or in case it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, that any Books, Papers, or Writings relative to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Collector or Collectors, and he or they shall refuse to deliver the same as aforesaid, then, and in either or any of the said Cases, such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender or Offenders to the County Gaol or House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall compound with the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and shall have paid Composition in such Manner as they shall direct, (which Composition the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, are empowered to make and accept), and until he or they shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees or Commissioners.

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

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Prosecution or Commitment of any Collector as aforesaid, shall acquit or discharge any Surety or Security that shall or may have been taken by or given to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any of them, for the due and faithful Execution of the Office of Collector, or the Payment of the Money to be received by him as aforesaid.

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

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

Collectors not to retain Monies in their Hands.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Collector or Collectors shall at any Time have in his or their Hands any Sum or Sums of Money above the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be collected by virtue of this Act, for the Space of Three Days, without paying over the same to the said Treasurer or Treasurers appointed to receive the same, every such Collector or Collectors shall for every such Neglect or Omission forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered by Action in manner directed by this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in the Name or Names of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees or Commissioners respectively, as the Case may be, for the Time being, in which Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

LXIX. And

Collectors not to bring Actions without the Consent of the Trustees.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by such Collector or Collectors under this Act, nor any Alteration in, or Additions or Repairs, exceeding the Sum of Thirty Pounds for any One Year made or done to the Workhouse of the said Parish, nor any Machinery erected or purchased for the Use of the said Workhouse, without the Consent or Authority of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, at One of their public Meetings assembled in Vestry, or by the major Part of them present at such Meeting.

Parish Servants, Officer, &c.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Time of the Expiration or Determination of any Office or Situation to be holden under or for the Purposes of this Act, be the same Vestry Clerk or any other Clerk, Officer or Servant to be appointed either under or by virtue of this Act, or any Persons acting in the Execution of this Act, is not hereby expressly determined, the same shall determine on the *Tuesday* preceding *Good Friday* in every Year, unless the Persons or Person last in Office, being inclined to continue in Office, shall by a Majority of Vestrymen then assembled be nominated and directed so to continue in Office for another Year; but in all Cases where the Officers or Officer, Servant or Servants, be not so continued, other fit and proper Persons shall be then nominated by such Vestrymen to succeed and supply the Places of the Person or Persons going out of Office, and the Names of such last-mentioned Persons, together the Names of the Persons or Person so nominated to succeed, shall be submitted to the Parishioners on the *Easter Tuesday* then next ensuing, for their Approval or Ejection.

Vestry to appoint Clerk, and controuled by Trustees.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That a proper Person or proper Persons shall be appointed by the Vestry to act as a Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees and Commissioners respectively, and that the Person or Persons so to be appointed shall be considered as under the Controul of the Trustees and Commissioners respectively, to whom he or they may be so appointed Clerks or a Clerk, and shall be paid out of the Funds for the Time being under the Management of such Trustees and Commissioners respectively, such reasonable Salary as the said Vestry shall appoint to be paid to such Clerk or Clerks.

Churchwardens, &c. to be chosen by the Parishioners at large, and determined by Ballot, &c.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Election of every Churchwarden, Overseer, Trustee, Commissioner, Vestry and other Clerk, Headborough, Constable, and such other Officer as are to be chosen by the Parishioners at large, shall be determined by Ballot in the usual Way.

Any Set of Trustees to act only for the particular Purposes they are appointed.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That One Set of Trustees or Commissioners appointed for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall not in anywise interfere with the other Set of such Trustees or Commissioners; and that the Commissioners to be appointed for the Concerns of the Pavement shall be accountable to, and their several Acts submitted and be subject to the Approbation and consequent Confirmation or Disapprobation, and consequent Repeal at a General Meeting of such of the Vestrymen as shall contribute or pay to the Rates of paving.

Former Commissioners and Trea-

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the former Commissioners, Trustees, and Treasurers, acting under the said several recited Acts hereby repealed,

repealed, shall be bound to account with and to the several Trustees and Commissioners to be appointed under this Act for all Monies not duly accounted for at the Time of passing of this Act, and shall thereupon and without Delay pay over such Monies unto the Treasurer or Treasurers appointed to receive the Monies collected by the Trustees or Commissioners of this Act accordingly; but so that such Account and Payment be made to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Trustees or Commissioners acting in the Department to which the Monies to be accounted for and paid may properly belong.

surers bound to account to Trustees under this Act.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees appointed or to be appointed for lighting, watching, and cleansing the said Parish, or any Seven or more of them, to contract and agree for any Time not exceeding Twelve Months with any Person or Persons to be Raker or Rakers, Cleanser or Cleansers of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, Thoroughfares, and Places within the said Parish, and such Person or Persons shall on *Tuesday* in every Week, and oftener when thereunto required by any Seven or more of the said Trustees, bring or cause to be brought convenient Carriages into all the Parts aforesaid, where such Carriages can be drawn near or pass unto, and at or before their Approach, by Bell, Horn, Clapper, or otherwise by a loud Noise or Cry, shall give Notice to the Inhabitants of their coming, and give the like Notice in every other Place into which the said Carriages cannot pass and abide, that he or they are coming to take and carry from their respective Houses their Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, and Filth, all which the said Raker or Rakers, Cleanser or Cleansers, shall carry away or cause to be carried away *gratis*, upon pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Neglect or Default, except all such Rubbish, Earth, Dust, Filth, and Soil as shall be occasioned by building, repairing, amending, or altering any House or Houses, or any other Building or Buildings, which said Rubbish, Earth, Dust, and Soil thereby occasioned shall, within the Space of Five Days after being first left, be carried away by the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses or Buildings respectively as aforesaid, upon pain of forfeiting and paying any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Neglect in removing the same; and that if any Person or Persons (except the Owner or Owners of such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, who may be desirous of removing and shall within Five Days accordingly remove the same into some proper Place, so as not to be any further Annoyance to the Public, for his, her, or their own private Use and not for Sale) shall refuse to permit such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes to be taken away, every such Person or Persons so offending shall in like Manner forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

For appointing Scavengers and Rakers.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for cleansing the Streets, Squares, and Places under their Direction, or those employed under such Contractor or Contractors, shall on any Pretence whatsoever go about to collect or gather, or shall ask for, receive, or carry away any Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, Stable Dung and Ashes arising from the burning of Wood only excepted, and those only from the Premises of Bakers or Manufacturers, from any House or other Premises within the said Parish, (except the Owner or Owners of such Dust, Dirt,

For preventing Ashes being taken away by any Person but the Contractor.

Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, who may remove the same for his or their own private Use only), it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, or for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender or Offenders, together with the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made use of for carrying the same away, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey him, her, or them before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County; and such Justice or Justices shall and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to examine upon Oath the Person or Persons apprehending such Offender or Offenders, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties shall be convicted of going about to collect or gather, asking for, receiving, or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes (except as aforesaid) from any House or other Premises within the said Parish, not being the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees, or acting under his or their Authority, he, she, or they shall respectively for the First Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, for the Second Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and for the Third and every other subsequent Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety of such respective Penalties shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, or to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if such Offender or Offenders shall not on Conviction pay the said Penalty or Penalties, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to direct such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which shall have been so seized, to be appraised and sold, and after deducting (out of the Monies to arise by such Sale) the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reasonable Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, the Overplus thereof shall be returned upon Demand to the Party or Parties whose Horses or other Things shall be appraised and sold; and in case there shall have been no such Seizure as aforesaid, or if the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, or other Things which shall be so appraised and sold, shall not produce a sufficient Sum of Money to pay the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences, then if such Offender or Offenders shall not upon Conviction pay the said Penalty or Penalties, or such Part or Parts of the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences which shall remain over and above the Produce of the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, and other Things so seized and sold, then such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Seven Days, unless such Penalty or Penalties shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

If Contractor neglect to take away Dust, &c. for Ten Days any other

LXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case such Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid, shall neglect for the Space of Ten Days to bring or cause to be brought Carts or other proper Carriages into all the Streets, Squares, and other Places as aforesaid where such Carriages can pass, and give

give Notice in manner aforesaid to the Inhabitants of their coming for the Purpose of taking away such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, and give the like Notice in every Court, Alley, or Place into which the said Carts and Carriages cannot pass, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of such of the said Streets, Squares, and other Places (after Complaint made to the Trustees), to give away or sell their Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and that such Person or Persons who shall take and carry away the said Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, shall not be subject or liable to any Penalty or Penalties for so doing, until some other Person shall be appointed to collect such Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, or until a new Contract shall be entered into for that Purpose, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Person to be at liberty to take it.

LXXVIII. And whereas the Holes, Tunnels, Trap-doors, or Cellar-flaps, made in the Pavement of the said Streets, Squares, and other Places in the said Parish, for the Purpose of putting down Coals, Casks, or other Things in the Vaults beneath, are often left open and insecure, by reason whereof many Accidents happen; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall leave open any such Hole, Tunnel, Trap-door, or Cellar-flap, (save and except during such Time as any Coals, Wood, Casks, or other Things shall be putting down or taking out of the same, or during such Time as the same be altering, repairing, or amending,) or shall not safely secure and cover up the same, the Owner or Occupier of the Premises to which such Hole, Tunnel, Trap-door, or Cellar-flap shall belong, shall for every such Offence, on being duly convicted thereof, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Trap-doors not to be left open.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall drive or cause to be driven any Cart or other Carriage with any Soap Lees, Slop, Filth, or Channel Mire or Dirt therein, through or in any of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, within the said Parish, without such Cart or other Carriage having a proper Covering, or Boards called Flash-boards to prevent the same from slopping or spilling in any of the said Streets, Squares, or Places, or shall fill any such covered Cart or other Carriage so as to run over, or cast any Soap Lees, Slop, Mire, or Channel Dirt or Filth, in or upon any of the said Streets, Squares, or other Places, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to seize and apprehend, and to assist in seizing and apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant, to convey him or them before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, which Justice is hereby authorized and required to hear Evidence and determine upon such Offence, and every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings: Provided always, that in case the Person or Persons so offending cannot be apprehended, then the Owner or Owners of such Cart or Carriage in which such Soap Lees, Slop, Filth, Mire, or Channel Dirt shall be put or placed, shall be liable to and shall forfeit and pay such Penalty as aforesaid.

Penalty on carrying away Slop, other than in covered Carts.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, in any of the Carriageways within the said Parish, any Waggon or Cart, with

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or

or without Horses, and cause or permit or suffer the same Waggon or Cart to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, or other public Passages or Places within the said Parish, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the loading and unloading thereof, or shall cause or permit or suffer any Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to hire, (except Hackney Coaches authorized to stand in any of the said Streets, Squares, or Places by the Commissioners of Hackney Coaches,) to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, and Places for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the taking up and setting down Passengers, or for loading or unloading their Baggage or other Loading, (except for repair in Cases of Accident,) or shall place, or cause, permit, or suffer any Horse to stand at the Door of the House of any Person, so as to obstruct or incommode the Passage of any of the Footways, or shall lay or place, or cause to be laid or placed, any Timber, Bricks, Stones, Wood, Goods, or other Things, and suffer the same to remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, or other public Passages or Places for any longer Time than shall be necessary for removing or housing the same, or for the repairing of any House or Building, as the Case may happen to be, or shall put or place, or permit or suffer to remain in any of the said Streets or Pavements or Footways, any Baskets, Barrows, Stands, or other Things, to the Interruption of any such Footways, Pavements, or Carriageways, or shall put or place, or leave or suffer to remain any Meat, Fish, or Vegetables, or other Articles of a like Description, to the Annoyance of any Passengers or Interruption of any Footways, Pavements, or Carriageways in the said Streets, or at the Door of any Public House, it shall be lawful for the Beadle or Beadles of the said Parish, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, or for any Constable or other Peace Officer, to seize any such Waggon or Cart, Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let on hire (except as aforesaid), together with the Horse or Horses (if any shall be thereunto belonging), and such Horse so standing at the Door of any Person to the Obstruction of the Passage of any of the said Footways, Timber, Bricks, Stones, Wood, Goods, or other Things as aforesaid, and cause the same to be removed to some convenient Place or Places to be appointed by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, there to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof, or other Person or Persons interested, shall have paid and discharged all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the carrying away, depositing, and keeping the same as aforesaid, as also a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence; and in case the same shall not be claimed, and the said Penalty and Charges paid, within the Space of Two Days, if Fish, Meat, Vegetables, or other Articles of a perishable Nature, and becoming decayed and stinking, or likely so to be, and within the Space of Five Days, if not perishable or of such Description as aforesaid, next after such Seizure and Removal thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to order the same to be appraised and sold, and the Overplus (if any) of the Money arising by such Sale shall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the said Penalty, and Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Seizure, removing, appraising, and selling the same.

For providing Lamps, &c.

LXXXI. And for the better lighting the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places within the said Parish, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time to cause such and so many Lamps to be set up in such Places

Places or Situations in the said Parish, and to be placed in such Manner and at such Distances as they shall judge necessary and proper with regard to the Public, due Regard being at the same Time had so as the doing thereof be not an Injury, Annoyance, or Inconvenience to Individuals, and may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for such Lamps, or may find and provide the same, if they shall think fit; and also may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for the lighting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing such Lamps, or the said Trustees may find or provide any Oil, Cotton, Burners, or any other Materials for the lighting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing the same, so that the same shall be lighted at Sun-setting, and continue burning until Sun-rising, for and during such Time as the said Lamps shall be ordered or contracted for to be lighted in each Year; in which Contract or Contracts such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures may be inflicted on any Person or Persons, for all and every the Neglects and Defaults of such Contractor or Contractors, as may be agreed on at the Time of entering into such Contract or Contracts for the Breach or Non-performance of the same, and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time to deduct the Amount of such Fines or Forfeitures from the Money or Monies which may from Time to Time become due to such Contractor or Contractors, any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Lamp Irons to be affixed against Walls, &c.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Lamps.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order and direct Lamp Irons to be put or fixed against the Walls of all or any of the several Houses or Tenements within the said Parish, or into, upon, or against the Rails before the Area of such Houses or Tenements, or in such Manner, and in such other Place as the said Trustees shall think proper and convenient; and if any Person or Persons shall displace or remove, without Leave first obtained, or who shall wilfully take away, break, throw down, or damage any Lamp that shall be set up for the Purpose of lighting any of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places, or shall wilfully extinguish the Lights within the same, or throw down or damage the Irons or other Furniture thereof, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, or to or for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed to seize, as also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey and deliver him, her, or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and such Justice or Justices shall examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence, (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer); and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of any such Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or upon such Information or Evidence as aforesaid, he, she, or they so convicted shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for each Lamp or Lamp Iron so broken down and damaged, and for every Light so extinguished as aforesaid, and moreover shall make full Satisfaction to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, for the Damage so by him, her, or them done as aforesaid; and in case such Of-

fender or Offenders shall not on Conviction pay such Forfeiture and make such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit him, her, or them to the County Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding One Month, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid and given.

Persons accidentally damaging Lamps, &c. to make Satisfaction.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons carelessly or accidentally shall break, throw down, or damage any Lamp or Lamps hung out or set up by Order of the said Trustees, or the Irons aforesaid, or other Furniture thereof, and shall not immediately upon Demand make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any One Justice of the Peace for the said County, upon Complaint to him made, to summon before him the Party or Parties who shall be complained of for doing such Damage as aforesaid, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or upon the Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained of, no sufficient Ground being stated for such Non-appearance, to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the Owner or Owners of such Lamp or Lamps, or to the said Trustees, as the Case may be, for such Damages as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums of Money so awarded, within Ten Days after Demand, to cause the same to be levied and applied as Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures are by this Act herein directed to be levied and applied.

For appointing Watchmen.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required to appoint what Number of Beadles and Watchmen they shall think necessary or proper to be kept within the said Parish for each Year, and nominate and elect such Men to be employed in that Service as they shall think best qualified for the same, and likewise shall direct and appoint in Writing where the several Watchmen shall be stationed, and in what Manner they shall be armed, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue on Duty, and what Wages shall be allowed to such Beadles and Watchmen for their Attendance; and also shall order and direct what Number of Headboroughs shall attend every Night at the Watch-house, and shall make such Orders and Regulations in Writing as the Nature of each particular Service shall appear to them to require: Provided always, that if upon any Occasion the said Trustees shall think necessary to employ a greater Number of Watchmen than shall have been ascertained and fixed upon by the said Trustees as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees at any Time to appoint and employ such additional Number of Watchmen, and for such Time as they shall think necessary; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Copies of Regulations for Watchmen to be delivered to the Constable.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That true Copies or Transcripts of all such Nominations, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made from Time to Time for the better Direction of the Beadles and Watchmen, shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and be delivered to the Constable and Headboroughs for the Time being within the said Parish, who shall attend every Night by turns, and shall keep Watch and Ward within the said Parish for such respective Time and in such

Manner as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the said Trustees; and the said Constable, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Watchmen shall in their several turns and course of watching, use their best Endeavour to prevent all Mischiefs happening by Fire, and all Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Breaches of the King's Peace, and all other Outrages and Disorders, and to that End shall and they are hereby jointly and severally empowered and required to arrest, apprehend, and detain in the Parish Watch-house, or other convenient Place of Security, all Malefactors, Disturbers of the King's Peace, and all suspected Persons who shall be wandering or misbehaving themselves, and shall convey them so soon as conveniently may be before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, to be examined and dealt with according to Law, and may keep them at the Watch-house or other secure Place in the mean-time; and the said Headboroughs shall, so often in every Night as they shall be ordered by the said Trustees, go about their respective Districts and Rounds, to take notice whether all the Watchmen perform their Duty in their several Stations, according to such Orders and Regulations as shall be made for that Purpose by the said Trustees, and if the Lamps are kept properly burning; and in case any Watchman shall misbehave himself or neglect his Duty, or the said Lamps should not be properly kept alight, the said Constable, Headboroughs, or Beadles shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, or to some or One of them, who is or are hereby authorized to suspend such Watchman from the Execution of his Office, and appoint another Person to officiate therein until the next Meeting of the said Trustees, when the said Chuchwardens or One of them shall acquaint the Trustees assembled at such Meeting with the Complaint against such Watchman, in order for the said Trustees to proceed to the Examination of the Offence, and the said Trustees may reinstate or finally dismiss such Watchman at their Discretion, and further that every such Watchman shall be subject and liable to a Penalty of any Sum not exceding Five Shillings for each Neglect or Misbehaviour.

Penalty on Headboroughs and Beadles neglecting their Duty.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if the said Headboroughs or Beadles shall wilfully neglect to attend in their turn to keep Watch and Ward, or shall not come to keep Watch and Ward, in Manner or during the Times which shall be appointed by the said Trustees for their Attendance therein, or shall depart from or leave keeping Watch or Ward during the respective Hours appointed by the said Trustees as aforesaid for keeping the same, or shall otherwise neglect their Duty or misbehave themselves, the Persons so offending shall respectively, on being duly convicted thereof, forfeit and pay for every such Neglect or Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Trustees may build Watch-boxes.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to build and keep in repair, or cause to be built and kept in repair, any Number of Watchboxes within such Parts of the said Parish as they shall from Time to Time judge proper, and all Expences of building and keeping as well the same as also the Watch-house in due Repair, shall be paid out of the Money to be raised for watching, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish; and if any Person or Persons shall take down or remove any such Watchbox or Watch-house belonging to the said Parish,

Parish, without the Consent of the said Trustees, or shall wilfully break or damage any such Watchbox or Watch-house, every such Person shall for every such Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Victuallers not to suffer Watchmen, &c. to be in their Houses during the Hours of Duty.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar shall knowingly and wilfully harbour or entertain any Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman belonging to the said Parish, or permit or suffer any such Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman, to remain in such his or her Public House or Cellar, during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty as aforesaid, every such Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar shall for the First Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Property of Lamps to be vested in the Churchwardens, &c.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Property in the Workhouse and Watch-house, and also of all Lamps, Lamp Irons, Posts, and other Materials belonging thereto, which shall be purchased or set up or placed by the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, shall be vested in the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees of the said Parish for the Time being; and they, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby authorized to bring and prosecute any Indictment or Indictments, Action or Actions, against any Person or Persons, for stealing, taking away, breaking, extinguishing, damaging, or spoiling the same, and also to repair the same from Time to Time where necessary, subject to such Assent as in and by this Act is required as aforesaid.

Officers taking any Reward other than their Salaries.

XC. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be employed as a Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Surveyor, or any other Officer or Servant who shall be anyways employed by the said Trustees or Commissioners putting this Act or any the Powers thereof in Execution, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as shall be appointed, allowed, and approved by the Trustees or Commissioners respectively, for or on account of any thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or any Account whatsoever relative to the putting this Act in Execution, or shall anyways be concerned or interested in any Bargain, Contract, Purchase, or Sale made or to be made by or with the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any of them, for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution, without the Knowledge and Consent of the said Trustees or Commissioners, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of ever serving or being employed under this Act, and shall over and above forfeit the Sum of Twenty 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, within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which said Action, no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Commissioners to pave and alter Streets.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time after their first Meeting, to cause, order, and direct all and every the Streets,

Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other open Foot and other Passages and Places in or on the Sides of Carriageways within the said Parish of *Shadwell*, not comprised in or already paved under the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, to be new paved or repaired as they shall think proper, and for such Purposes may from Time to Time cause to be dug, carted, and carried away out of or brought into the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, such Gravel, Stones, and other Materials as they shall judge necessary, and may likewise cause the Ground thereof to be raised, lowered, or sunk, and the Course of the Channels and Gutters running in or through the same to be turned or altered, and new Channels or Gutters to be made, and the Water Pipes which now lie or hereafter shall be laid under Ground, as also the Grates over the Sewers, to be taken up, removed, replaced, laid, or altered in such Manner as they shall judge best, and may cause all Posts, Pales, Rails, Bulks, Stalls, Dung Holes, Shew Glasses, Shew Boards, Steps, and Doors, and other Matters and Things projecting into or encroaching on the Footway, to be removed, filled up, or altered, as they the said Commissioners shall judge necessary and expedient, and may employ such Artificers, Workmen, Labourers, and others, and may do all and every other Act and Thing for the accomplishing the aforesaid Ends and Designs, as they shall think necessary, and shall pay for the same out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, and for the Purposes aforesaid may contract by Deed or other Writing with any Person or Persons in such Manner as they the said Commissioners shall judge advisable; and for the Non-performance of or Non-compliance with any Covenant, Agreement, Engagement, or Undertaking entered into with the said Commissioners, the Person or Persons so covenanting, agreeing, engaging, or undertaking, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied and recovered upon Information before any Justice of the Peace, pursuant to the Directions herein-after contained touching such Penalties and Forfeitures hereby imposed, (as the Manner of levying and recovering thereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed), over and above any Penalty expressed in such Covenant, Contract, or Agreement for the Damages that may be assigned thereon; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to commence and prosecute any Action or Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* against any Person or Persons so contracting and neglecting to perform such Contract or Contracts, and for any Penalty or Penalties expressed therein, or in any Bond or Bonds to be given by such Contractor or Contractors, for the due Performance of such Contract or Contracts, or any Damage or Damages which shall be assigned thereon, and shall recover in any such Action or Suit, together with Costs of Suit, in which Action no Protection or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Commissioners empowered to survey, &c. and to give Orders to repair Pavement.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners under this Act are hereby accordingly empowered to survey all such Parts of the said Parish of *Shadwell* as are not included and provided for in the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, and which has not been already paved, and thereupon to issue the necessary Orders and Notices to the Inhabitants, Owners, and Proprietors, and Occupiers of all Messuages, Houses, Lands, and other Tenements within the Line of Pavement in the said Parish, to pave or repair (as the Case may require) the Pavement next to the Occupier or Person to whom such Notice shall be given; and in case such Person do not within One Month after such Notice comply there-

with, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of this Act for the Concerns of the Pavement, then and in every such Case a General Meeting shall be held or convened of all Persons paying or contributing to the Pavement of such Parish; and that it shall be lawful for the Majority of such Persons to order and direct the said Commissioners to pave or repair (as the Exigency of the Case may require), and that the Expences thereof be borne and paid by Rates or Assessments out of the General Pavement Fund, and thereupon that the Streets, Parts, or Places so paved shall thenceforth be deemed Places to be paved under the general Provisions of this Act, and to be rated accordingly.

Commissioners may sell old Materials, and apply the Money.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to work up, or to sell and dispose of all or any of the old Pavement or other Materiasl, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to purchase the same, and to apply the Purchase Money to the Purposes of this Act.

No Person to repair Pavement but the Commissioners Pavior.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Persons to be employed by the Commissioners, and not having received Notice under this Act so to do, shall pave, repair, or otherwise intermeddle with the Pavement of any of the said Streets, Lanes, and Places hereby authorized to be paved, which shall be broken up or damaged, or if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest any Officer or Workmen, Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be employed by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of his or their Duty, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Property of Pavement and Materials vested in the Commissioners.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That the Property of the present and future Pavements of the said Streets, Lanes, and Places authorized to be paved, and of all other Materials and Things which shall be provided and made use of for the Purposes of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Commissioners for the Time being; and in case any Damage or Injury shall be done thereto, the Person or Persons doing or occasioning the same to be done shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Penalty of Twenty Shillings.

Pavement may be taken up for repairing Water Pipes, &c.

XCVI. Provided always, nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Sewers and Companies of Water Works, or other Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Pavement for the Purpose of cleansing, emptying, amending, or repairing any Sewer, Water Pipe, Plug, Drain, Vault, or other necessary Purpose whatsoever, and the Person or Persons employed therein, or directing the said Works, shall prosecute the same with all convenient Speed, and shall within the Space of Six Hours next after the finishing thereof give Notice thereof in Writing to the Pavior or Person employed or appointed by the said Commissioners for repairing the Pavement of the several Places hereby authorized to be paved, or in Default thereof shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for such his or their Neglect; and the said Commissioners Pavior shall within the Space of Two Days after receiving such Notice proceed to, and shall with all convenient Speed effectually and substantially repair and make good the Pavement so broken up, damaged, or injured, or in Default thereof shall forfeit Forty Shillings for such his Neglect.

XCVII. And

Contract for paving Pipe Trenches to be advertised.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time at any of their Meetings, as Occasion shall require, to contract with any Person or Persons for paving and keeping in Repair the Pavement over the Water Trenches belonging to any of the Water Companies, but that no such Contract shall be made unless previously to the making thereof Fourteen Days Notice thereof at least shall be given in some of the public Newspapers, expressing the Intention of such Contract, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, at the Time and Place in such Notice mentioned.

Charges of repairing Pavement taken up to be paid by Persons occasioning Damages.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That for the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending or incident to the repairing or making good the Pavements of the Streets, Lanes, and Places hereby authorized to be paved, the Person or Persons causing or occasioning the said Pavements to be broken up or damaged shall stand Debtor upon an implied Promise or Assumpsit to the said Commissioners Pavior for such Repair, as for Work and Labour done and Materials found for the Use of such Person or Persons, and the said Commissioners Pavior is hereby authorized and empowered to commence and prosecute One or more Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against such Person or Persons, wherein he shall recover a reasonable Satisfaction for such Work and Labour, and Materials, together with Costs of Suit; but where the Commissioners of Sewers, Companies of Water Works, or other Bodies Politic or Corporate, occasion such Damage to the said Pavement, that then the respective Treasurers to such Bodies Politic or Corporate, Commissioners of Sewers, or Companies of Water Works, shall stand Debtors for such Repairs upon an implied Promise or Assumpsit to the Pavior then employed by the said Commissioners, who is hereby authorized to commence any such Action as aforesaid against such Treasurer, wherein he shall recover a reasonable Satisfaction for such Work, Labour, and Materials, together with Costs of Suit, and such Treasurer is hereby authorized and allowed to take Credit in his Accounts for the Monies he shall pay or disburse on account of the Premises.

Water Companies Paviors and Workmen to give Notice to Trustees of their Names and Residence.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That the several and respective Persons now appointed or employed, or hereafter to be appointed or employed as Paviors or Workmen to the several and respective Water Companies, for the amending the Pipes lying under any of the said Streets, Lanes, and Places hereby authorized to be paved, are hereby required, within the Space of Fourteen Days after the passing of this Act, or within Three Days next after they shall respectively be so appointed as aforesaid, to give Notice in Writing to the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners, of the respective Names and Places of Abode of such Persons, and by what Company they are so appointed, or in Default thereof they shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each Neglect, and also the like Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Failure of the like Notice upon the Removal or Change of their respective Places of Abode; and all Notices under this Act left pursuant to such Directions for the Person or Persons to whom such Notices are addressed, shall be deemed good Service.

Time allowed Water Companies to re-

C. And be it further enacted, That the several Paviors or Workmen employed by the respective Water Companies, on receiving Notice in Writing

pair their Pipes after Notice.

Writing from the said Pavior of the said Commissioners, or any other Person appointed by them for that Purpose, of the bursting or breaking of any Water Pipe within any of the said Streets, Lanes, and Places authorized to be paved, shall within the Space of Two Days proceed to and with all convenient Speed amend, repair, or replace such broken Pipe, and prevent the Water issuing therefrom, or in Default thereof every Person so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

If the broken Pipe does not belong to the Company whose Pavior shall open such Grounds, by whom he is to be paid for his Trouble.

CI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Person who shall receive Notice of the bursting of any Water Pipe shall upon opening the Ground find the same to belong to some other Company of Water Works, then and in such Case he shall give Notice thereof in Writing, within Six Hours from the opening of such Ground, to the said Pavior of the said Commissioners, or in Default thereof shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for such his Neglect; and for his Labour and Expence of opening such Ground he shall be paid by the Pavior or Workmen employed by the Water Company, Proprietor of the Pipe so burst or broken.

Private Drains, &c. to be repaired by Trustees at the Expence of the Proprietors when neglected by them after Notice.

CII. And be it further enacted, That when any private Drain, Vault, or Sewer shall fall in or become ruinous or choked up, so as to affect or injure the Pavement of the Streets, Lanes, and Places hereby authorized to be paved, or shall become stinking or offensive to the Inhabitants thereof, the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the several Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which are occupied with the Use of such Drain, Vault, or Sewer, shall, within Four Days after Notice delivered or left for him, her, or them, at the said several Messuages or Dwelling Houses, from the Commissioners Pavior or other Person to be appointed by them for that Purpose, proceed to and with all convenient Speed effectually cleanse, repair, and amend such Sewer, Vault, or Drain, or in Default thereof it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to cause the same to be done, and the Charges and Expences thereof, and of repairing the Pavements damaged thereby, shall stand charged on the said several Messuages, Lands, and Tenements, and be paid by the said respective Owners and Proprietors thereof, or their Undertenants on their Behalf; and the Quota or Share each Party shall pay of such Charges and Expences shall be ascertained, proportioned, and assessed by the Award or Arbitrament of the said Commissioners; and in case Default shall be made in Payment of any of the said Proportions of the said Charges, the same shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Occupier or Occupiers of any or either of the Messuages, Lands, and Tenements which shall be charged by such Award with the Payment thereof, and such Undertenant or Occupier paying such Apportionment or Assessment is hereby authorized and empowered to deduct the Monies so paid out of the Rent then due, or which shall thereafter accrue due, or the said Commissioners at their Election may prosecute One or more Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, against the said respective Proprietors or Owners of the said several Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for their said respective Proportions of the said Charges, and they shall recover the same thereby, together with Costs of Suit.

CIII. And

Commissioners of Sewers, how to be summoned when any Repair of Sewers wanted.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as there shall be Occasion to make new and additional Grates over any Sewer or Sewers within the said Streets, Lanes and Places, or to repair, alter, cleanse, and amend any of the said Sewers, or the Grates over the same, the Clerk for the Time being of the Commissioners for the said Sewers shall, at the Request in Writing of the Clerk or Surveyor for the said Commissioners of Pavement, forthwith summons the said Commissioners of Sewers to meet, in order to take the Premises into Consideration, which they are hereby authorized and required to do at such Meeting, and also at the same Meeting, or any adjourned or other Meeting, to exercise the several Powers and Authorities with which they are invested, in order that the said several Works may be speedily and effectually done, completed, and finished.

Penalty on driving Wheelbarrows, &c. over the Foot Pavement.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall run, drive or draw, or cause to be run, driven or drawn, on any Part of the Foot Pavement of the said Streets, Lanes or Places, or any of them, any Wheel or Wheels, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, or any Carriage or other Thing whatsoever, such Person or Persons shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings; and it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to take the Person or Persons so offending into Custody, and to lead him or her to a Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, to be dealt with pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

Hoards may be erected with Leave.

CV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to erect or set up, or cause to be erected or set up, in any of the said Streets, Lanes or Places, any Scaffold, Inclosure, Posts, Bars, or Rails, or other Matters or Things, for the Purpose of making Mortar and depositing Bricks, Lime, or other Materials for the building or repairing any Houses, Buildings, or other Works, every such Person or Persons first obtaining Leave or Licence in Writing under the Hand of the Surveyor or Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners for those Purposes respectively; but if any Person or Persons shall erect or set up, or cause to be erected or set up any such Inclosures, Posts, Bars, or Rails, or any other Matter or Thing for the Purposes aforesaid, without such Leave first had and obtained, or if not removed and taken away after Four Days Notice from the said Surveyor or Clerk so to do, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day such Inclosure, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid shall remain and continue.

Foot Pavement to be swept every Day (Sundays excepted).

CVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons inhabiting within the said District shall sweep and clean, or cause to be swept and cleansed, the Foot-paths immediately before and in front of their respective Houses, Buildings, and Walls, once in every Day between the Hours of Six and Ten in the Forenoon (*Sundays* excepted), upon pain of forfeiting a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for every Neglect therein-

Houses to be numbered, and Names of Streets, &c. to be fixed on the Corner of Houses.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may order and direct the Houses within the said Streets, Lanes, and Places to be numbered with Figures placed or painted on the Doors or other Part of the said Houses respectively, and may also order and direct to be engraved,

engraved, painted or otherwise described on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Building, at or near the End or Corner of each Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Alley, Passage, or Place adjoining to or beginning near the said Streets, Lanes or Places respectively hereby authorized to be paved, the Name by which such Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Alley, Passage or Place so adjoining is usually or properly called or known; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure, obliterate or deface any such Number, Figure, Name or Description, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Signs to be regulated, Projections &c. to be removed.

CVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may order all Trees, Poles, Perches, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, Boards, Spouts, Gutters, Penthouses, Posts, Rails, Steps projecting on the Footways, and Steps or Doors leading down to Cellars and Vaults out of the said Footways, and also all projecting Windows, Shew Glasses, Shew Boards, and all other Encroachments, Obstructions and Annoyances whatsoever, now or hereafter to be made, placed or erected, to be taken down, removed or altered in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think most proper and convenient to the Public, and the said Commissioners shall give due Notice thereof to the Parties owing the same, who shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Week the same shall be continued after Notice from the said Commissioners to remove the same.

Where Houses, &c. unoccupied, only a Third of the Pavement Rate to be collected.

CIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That One Third Part only of the said Rates and Assessments for and in respect of the Pavement shall be payable or collected on Messuages, Lands or Tenements being empty and unoccupied, so long as they shall remain unoccupied, and that such Third Part shall be paid by the Landlords or Landlord of the unoccupied Houses.

Vacant Ground to be fenced in at the Expence of the Owner.

CX. And be it further enacted, That all Landlords, Owners, Tenants or Occupiers of any waste or vacant Piece of Ground, or Scite of any House or Tenement lying in or adjoining to any of the Streets, Lanes or Places comprised in this Act, which shall lie open and unfenced from the same, or when the Fence shall be in a ruinous Condition or out of repair, shall within Fourteen Days after Notice delivered to him, her, or them, or any or either of them, by Order of the said Commissioners, well and sufficiently fence in the Premises mentioned in such Notice, or cause the old Fence (if any) to be well and sufficiently repaired within the Time aforesaid; and in case such Work shall not be completely finished within the Time aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to order and cause the same to be done, completed, and finished, and the Tenant or Occupier thereof, or other Person in Possession thereof, or seised thereof, to whom such Notice as aforesaid shall have been given, shall pay the Expence thereof upon the Demand of the Person authorized by the said Commissioners to receive the same; and in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to bring, commence or prosecute One or more Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or other inferior Court, for the Recovery of such Expences, together with Costs of Suit from the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay as aforesaid.

CXI. And

Mode of recovering, and Application of Penalties and Forfeitures.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed or incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method hath been directed by this Act) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's 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 accused, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized 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 Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered shall, if not herein otherwise directed to be applied, be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Trustees or Commissioners respectively, and be applied by them for such of the Purposes of this Act as the said Trustees or Commissioners shall think fit; and in case sufficient Goods and Chattels cannot be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for 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 Fourteen Days, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid or satisfied.

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

Form of Conviction of Offenders.

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

Power to mitigate Penalties.

CXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices of the Peace from Time to Time, where he or they shall see Cause, to mitigate or lessen any of the Forfeitures incurred by Penalties inflicted as aforesaid, as he or they shall in their Discretion think fit; and every such Mitigation shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Person or Persons so offending respectively, for so much of the said Penalties or Forfeitures as shall be so mitigated, lessened, or remitted.

Inhabitants allowed to give Evidence.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence upon any Trial, Hearing, or

or Examination, or Proceedings otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning any Matter or Thing under this Act, or relating to the Poor of the said Parish, on account of his, her, or their paying the Rates of the said Parish; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

CXV. And be it further enacted, That a Book or Books shall be provided by the said Trustees and Commissioners respectively, wherein shall be fairly entered from Time to Time the Names of such Persons as they shall nominate and appoint to put in Execution the Purposes of this Act, and Copies of all Orders and Proceedings relating thereto; and also an Account of all Monies that have been assessed, raised, levied, or paid by virtue of this Act, and how the same have been applied; which Book or Books all Persons contributing to the said Rates or Assessments may at any Time between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Five in the Evening peruse and inspect, without Fee or Reward, and shall be kept by such Person and Persons as the said Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time respectively appoint.

To prevent vexatious Suits.

CXVI. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money justly due for any of the Purposes 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 for or on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Warrant of or for the Appointment of such Collector or Collectors, or in the Rate or Assessment, or in any Warrant of Distress thereupon; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Party or Parties aggrieved by such Irregularity shall or may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damages he, she, or they shall have sustained thereby, and no more, in any Action of Trespass or on the Case, at the Election of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs: Provided always, that no

Plaintiff not to recover, if Tender of Amends.

Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action or Actions for any Irregularity as aforesaid, if Tender of Amends hath been made by the Party or Parties making the Distress before such Action or Actions was or were brought or commenced, nor if Tender of Amends shall be made at any Time after the said Action or Actions shall have been brought and before the Trial thereof, together with the Costs of Suit to the Time of such last mentioned Tender.

Appeal.

CXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made by virtue of this Act, or by any Rule, Order, or Regulation, Judgment or Determination of the said Trustees or Commissioners, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees or Commissioners, such Person or Persons may appeal to the said Trustees or Commissioners, at any Meeting to be holden within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any Matter or Thing done or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees or Commissioners, and such Trustees or Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, 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 any such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the

Determination

Determination of the said Trustees or Commissioners, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by reason of any Judgment, Order, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Trustees or Commissioners, or after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Eight 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 of the said Trustees or Commissioners, or to such Justice or Justices, and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds before some Justice of the Peace of the same County, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice given as aforesaid, and of entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against as the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall be levied in pursuance of such Rule, Order, Regulation, Judgment, or Determination, and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall think reasonable; and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

Proceedings not to be quashed or removed by Certiorari.

CXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, Order, Verdict, Judgment, Conviction, or other Proceedings to be had touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or touching or concerning any Offence against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

CXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act or the said recited Acts, unless Twenty-one Days Notice thereof, signed by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, shall be given in Writing to the Churchwardens or Vestry Clerk of the said Parish for the Time being, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the County of *Middlesex*, and not in any other County or Place; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions or Suits and every of them may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the said recited Acts or either of them, and the special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act or the said recited Acts, or One of them, as the Case may require; and if such Matter or Thing shall appear to have

been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if upon any Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Expences of Act how to be paid.

CXX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and passing this Act shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Rates and Assessments raised, levied, or collected under and by virtue of the said several Acts of the Twenty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty, and the Tenth and Fifteenth Years of His present Majesty, if sufficient thereto; but if insufficient, then and out of the first Monies to be raised, levied, and collected under and by virtue of this Act.

Saving Clause.

CXXI. Saving always to the Rector or Parson for the Time being of the said Parish of *Shadwell*, all such Rights of Nomination, Appointment, and such other Rights and Privileges, as were given unto and are now vested in him in and by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Reign of His late Majesty King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act for Endowment of a Church at* Shadwell, *now in the Parish of* Stepney *in* Middlesex, *and making of it Parochial, distinct from* Stepney, or as he may and doth possess at the Time of the passing of this Act.

Privileges of the London Dock Company not to be affected.

CXXII. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this present Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or affect any of the Rights or Privileges of the *London* Dock Company.

Public Act.

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

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