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An Act to amend and correct an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for the Regulation of Parish Vestries in *England*. [7th *July* 1819.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Parish Vestries*, and it is expedient to amend the same; be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, (58 G.3. c.69.)

(Persons rated to the Poor, though not Parishioners, may vote in Vestry according to the Value of the Premises rated.)

That from and after the passing of this Act, any Person who shall be assessed and rated for the Relief of the Poor in respect of any annual Rent, Profit, or Value arising from any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate in any Parish, in which any Vestry shall be holden under the said recited Act, although such Person shall not reside in or be an Inhabitant of such Parish, shall and may lawfully be present at such Vestry, and such Person shall have and be entitled to give such and so many Vote or Votes at such Vestry, in respect of the Amount of such Rent, Profit, or Value, as by the said Act any Inhabitant of such Parish present at such Vestry might or ought to have and be entitled to give in respect of such Amount, and to all Intents and Purposes as if such Person were an Inhabitant of such Parish; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Clerk or Agent of Corporation, &c. may vote in Vestry according to the Value of the Premises rated.

II. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Corporation or Body Politic or Corporate or Company shall be charged to the Rate for the Relief of the Poor of such Parish, either in the Name of such Corporation or of any Officer of the said Corporation, it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or other Agent duly authorized for that Purpose of such Corporation or Body Politic or Corporate or Company, to be present at any Vestry to be holden in the said Parish under the said recited Act; and such Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or Agent, shall be entitled to give such and so many Vote or Votes at such Vestry, in respect of the Amount of the Rent, Profit, or Value of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as by the said Act any Inhabitant assessed to such Rate present at such Vestry might or ought to have and be entitled to in respect of such Amount; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Non-payment of Rates to disqualify from being present or voting in Vestry.

III. And whereas by the said Act it was intended to be enacted that no Person should be present at or vote at any Vestry who should have refused to pay any Assessment that had become due and had been demanded of such Person, but the Word 'and' was by Mistake so inserted in the said Act, as to make the same in that respect ambiguous; now to rectify such Mistake, be it further enacted, That no Person who shall have refused or neglected to pay any Rate for the Relief of the Poor which shall be due from and shall have been demanded of him, shall be entitled to vote or to be present in any Vestry of the Parish for which such Rate shall have been made, until he shall have paid the same; nor shall any such Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or Agent, be entitled to be present or to vote, nor shall be present or vote, at any Vestry in such Parish, unless all Rates for the Relief of the Poor, which shall have been assessed and charged upon or in respect of the annual Rent, Profit, or Value, in right of which any such Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or Agent shall claim to be present and vote, which shall be due, and which shall have been demanded at any Time before the Meeting of such Vestry, shall have been paid and satisfied.

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