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An Act to repeal certain Provisions in Local Acts for the Maintenance and Management of the Poor. [1st *July* 1816.]

WHEREAS divers Local Acts of Parliament have lately passed, containing Enactments relative to the Maintenance and Regulation of the Poor, varying the general Law with respect to particular Districts, Parishes, Townships, or Hamlets; and it is expedient that some of such Enactments should be repealed; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Enactments and Provisions, contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament since the Commencement of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the First, whereby any poor Person or Persons, other than such as shall actually apply for and receive Parochial Relief, are compelled or made compellable to go or remain in any House of Industry or Workhouse; or whereby any poor Person or Persons may be detained or kept in any House of Industry or Workhouse; at the Discretion of the Governors or Directors thereof, or of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any District, Parish, Township or Hamlet, after such Persons are capable of maintaining themselves; or whereby any poor Person or Persons may be compelled to remain in any House of Industry or Workhouse, until the Charges and Expences to which any District, Parish, Township or Hamlet may have been put or become liable or chargeable for the Maintenance or Support of such poor Person or Persons, or any of his or her Family, shall be repaid or reimbursed or satisfied by the Earnings or Labour of such poor Person or Persons; or whereby

Certain Enactments in Local Poor Acts, passed since the Commencement of the Reign of Geo. 1. repealed.

whereby any poor Child or Children whomſoever is or are rendered liable to be apprenticed to any Governor, Director, or Maſter of any ſuch Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe; or whereby any Pariſh, Townſhip, or Hamlet, at a greater Diſtance than Ten Miles from ſuch Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, ſhall hereafter be empowered or authorized to become Contributors to, or to take the Benefit of ſuch Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe; or whereby any Directors, Governors, Guardians or Maſters of any ſuch Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, are authorized or empowered to hire out any poor Perſon or Perſons of full Age, or to contract or agree with any Perſon or Perſons to have and take the Profit of the Labour of ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons; ſhall be wholly and ſeverally, and the ſame are hereby wholly and ſeverally, repealed.

Confining the Poor by Chains or Manacles unlawful.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall not be lawful for any Governor, Director, Guardian or Maſter, of any Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, on any Pretence, to chain, or confine by Chains or Manacles, any poor Perſon of ſane Mind.

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