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# GEORGII III. REGIS.

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## Cap. 41.

An Act for better regulating and employing the Poor, and for more effectually watching the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within that Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars, in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the said County. [13th June 1799.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better regulating and employing the Poor, and for cleansing, lighting, and watching the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within that Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn which lies above the Bars, in the County of Middlesex, and the Parish of Saint George the Martyr in the said County*, certain Powers were vested in the Governors and Directors thereby appointed for carrying the said Act into Execution: And whereas by another Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and render more effectual several Acts made, relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within the City and Liberty of Westminster and Parts adjacent*,

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6 G.3.c.100.  
11 G.3.c.22.

14 G. 3. c. 90.

Recited Acts repealed.

All Rates, &amp;c. made by virtue of former Acts to remain in full force.

Annual Meeting of Inhabitants for electing Go-

*adjacent*, so much of the said Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty, as relates to paving, repairing, lighting, or cleansing all or any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, or other Places, within the said Parishes, was repealed: And whereas the Poor belonging to the said Parishes, having for many Years past very much increased, and being now very numerous and maintained at a great Expence, it will be necessary to enlarge the present Workhouse, or to erect a new one, for the better Accommodation and Employment of the said Poor: And whereas the Powers granted by the said Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty have been found insufficient, and the several Purposes before mentioned might be better and more completely carried into Execution, if the said Act, so far as respects the Management of the Poor, and the Regulation of the Watchmen and Beadles of the said Parishes, was repealed, and other and more effectual Powers granted for those Purposes: And whereas by an Act made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the City and Liberty of Westminster and Parts adjacent, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, certain Powers vested in the said Governors and Directors by the said Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty, respecting the watching the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within that Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the said County, are continued, and certain Regulations enacted respecting the well-ordering a proper and sufficient uniform Nightly Watch throughout the said Parishes as aforesaid, and the several other Parishes therein mentioned: And whereas the said Powers and Regulations, so continued and enacted by the said Act of the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty, so far as the same respects the well-ordering the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Two Parishes as aforesaid, have been found useless and inconvenient: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty, so far as respects the Management of the Poor, and the Regulation of the Watchmen and Beadles of the said Parishes, and the several Matters and Things therein contained, and the said Act of the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty, so far as respects the said Two Parishes as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

II. Provided always, That all Rates and Assessments made, and all Contracts and Agreements entered into, under or by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, shall be carried into Effect in the same Manner as if this Act had not been made; and that the present Governors and Directors who were duly appointed under the said Act of the Sixth Year of His present Majesty, shall continue to put in force all the Powers of this Act, until other Governors and Directors shall be duly appointed, as herein-after is mentioned.

III. And be it further enacted, That on *Friday* after *Easter Day* next, or within Thirty Days next after, and so annually on *Friday* next after *Easter Day* in every succeeding Year, or within Thirty Days then next following,

following, the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, together with the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* respectively, paying Scot and bearing Lot, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to assemble at the Workhouse belonging to the said Parishes, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, (Notice of the Time and Place of such Meeting having first been given in the said respective Parish Churches, and also in *Saint John's Chapel*, in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, on the *Easter Day* preceding), when and where the said Inhabitants then present, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and elect Twenty-five Gentlemen, or Persons of equal Degree not carrying on any Retail Trade, and Twenty-five Tradesmen, being substantial Inhabitants within the said Part of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, or the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*, every one of whom shall have been assessed to the Rate for the Relief of the Poor for the Year preceding at not less than Twenty Pounds *per Annum*; and that the said Persons so elected by the said Inhabitants as aforesaid, together with the Justices of the Peace, being Householders in the said Parishes as aforesaid, and acting as Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and the respective Rectors, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes for the Time being, shall be Governors and Directors of the said Poor for the Year then next ensuing, and for the Purposes of putting this Act into Execution, and shall and may, from Time to Time, make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better governing, ordering, relieving, and employing the said Poor, and for the Appointment, Regulation, and Management of the Watchmen and Beadles herein-after directed to be employed, as to them, or to a Majority of them, not less than Eleven being present at any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, shall appear necessary and expedient.

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Directors of  
the Poor.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any One or more of the said Governors and Directors shall happen to die, or remove out of the said Parishes, or, having due Notice of his or their Appointment, shall not attend the Weekly Meeting herein-after mentioned for the Space of Six Months together, unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Accident, then, and in any of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful for any Five or more of the said Governors and Directors, or for the major Part of the Governors and Directors assembled at their next Weekly Meeting after such Event shall happen, not less than Five being present at any such Meeting, to nominate and appoint One or more fit Person or Persons, qualified as aforesaid, to be a Governor and Director, or Governors and Directors, in the Room or Stead of the Person or Persons so dying, removing, or declining to act, keeping the Distinction of Gentlemen and Tradesmen in the Person or Persons so nominated and appointed, so as the said Governors and Directors may ultimately consist of an equal Number of Gentlemen and Tradesmen as aforesaid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Governors  
and Directors  
dying, &c.  
others to be  
appointed in  
their Stead.

V. Provided always, That if any Governor and Director shall be disqualified from acting in Manner last above-mentioned, such Governor and Director shall be, and is hereby rendered incapable of being nominated and elected a Governor and Director for the Year then next ensuing.

Governors  
and Directors  
who shall be  
so disquali-  
fied, not to be  
elected for the  
Year ensuing.

VI. And

Governors  
and Directors  
to meet  
Weekly.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, shall meet on *Wednesday* in every Week at the said Workhouse, or at such other Place as they shall judge proper, within the said Parishes as aforesaid, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, at which Meetings they shall pay their own Expences; and the Chairman of such Meetings (for the Time being), in case of an Equality of Voices, shall have a Second or casting Vote.

Governors  
and Directors  
to meet and  
nominate  
Persons to be  
Overseers.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall, on the *Friday* next after their Election, meet together at the said Workhouse, or at such other Place as they shall think proper, and they, or the major Part of them then present, shall then and there make out a List of Sixteen substantial Householders, inhabiting within the said Parishes as aforesaid, to be Overseers of the Poor, which List shall be returned to Two or more Justices of the Peace residing in or near the said Parishes, at a Petty Session to be held by them at the said Workhouse for that Purpose, of which public Notice shall be given in the said Parish Churches and Chapel on the *Sunday* next preceding the holding of such Petty Session, out of which List the Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them then present, shall nominate and appoint Four Persons to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid, for the Year then next ensuing.

Meetings for  
ascertaining  
the Sums to  
be raised for  
the Poor and  
Watch.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet on the First *Monday* in *June*, and on the First *Monday* in *December* in every Year, or within Fifteen Days next following, or oftener if necessary, of which Notice shall be given, on the Two preceding *Sundays*, in the said Churches and Chapel, to settle and ascertain the several Sums of Money necessary to be raised in the Six Months then next ensuing, for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid, and for regulating and keeping a Nightly Watch and Beadles within the same.

Governors  
and Directors  
and Inhabi-  
tants to make  
Rates.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, together with the Inhabitants of the said Parishes as aforesaid paying Scot and bearing Lot, or the major Part of them present at a Vestry to be held for that Purpose, within Thirty Days next after the several Sums of Money shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid, shall make and sign Two distinct Rates or Assessments, to be raised by an equal Pound Rate, not exceeding the Amount of the respective Sums so settled and ascertained; (that is to say), One Rate or Assessment for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid, upon every Person who by Law is chargeable or rateable towards the Relief of the said Poor; and One other Rate or Assessment for defraying the Expence of the Watch and Beadles; which said Rates shall be respectively signed by Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* residing within or near the said Parishes, and shall be collected quarterly.

One for the  
Relief of the  
Poor;

and One for  
the Watch.

Governors  
and Directors  
authorized to

X. And, in order that the said Rates may be made fairly and equally, in Proportion to the full annual Rent or Value of the Premises to be rated

rated, be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, or any Person or Persons duly authorized by them, by any Writing under their Hands, at any of their Weekly Meetings, shall and may, from Time to Time and at all seasonable Times, have free Access to, and Liberty to inspect and take Copies or Extracts from, all Book and Books of Rates and Assessments now made or to be made by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament for laying or charging a Rate or Duty upon inhabited Houses and Premises within the said Parishes; and if any Person or Persons, having the said Book or Books in his or their Custody or Power, shall refuse such Inspection, Copies, or Extracts, then and in every such Case for every such Offence he or they shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

inspect, &c. the Rate Books charging a Duty upon inhabited Houses.

Persons having the Custody of such Rate Books refusing such Inspection, &c. to forfeit 10l.

XI. And be it further enacted, That after any such Rate or Rates shall have been made and signed as aforesaid; Notice thereof shall be given in the said Churches and Chapel on the *Sunday* next after the making thereof; and in case any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved thereby, he, she, or they shall and may appeal therefrom to Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, at a Petty Session to be held for that Purpose; and such Justices are hereby empowered to hear and determine every such Appeal and Appeals in such Manner, and to give such Relief in the Premises, as to them shall seem just.

Notice of Rates being signed to be given in the Churches, &c.

XII. Provided nevertheless, That if any Person or Persons shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of such Justices, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them, upon giving Notice to such Justices, and to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parishes as aforesaid, within Six Days then next following, to appeal from such Determination to the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex*; and the Justices at the said Sessions shall make such Order therein as to them shall seem meet.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

XIII. And whereas there are divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parishes, which are let to poor Persons at small Rents, or are let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready-furnished, by which Means the Payment of the Parochial Taxes for such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments may be evaded; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let separately, at a *bona fide* Rent not exceeding Ten Pounds a Year, or where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let out in separate Apartments, or ready-furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers, and shall be rated to and pay the Rates or Assessments by this Act directed.

Rates of Houses, &c. let in Tenements or ready-furnished, to be paid by the Landlords or Owners thereof.

XIV. Provided always, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Person renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for the Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, which accrued and became due during the Time of their Occupancy only.

Goods liable to be distrained and sold for Payment of such Rates during the Time of Occupancy only.

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XV. And

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ing such Rates  
may deduct  
the same out  
of their Rent.

XV. Provided also, That each and every such Occupier or Occupiers, who shall pay or be obliged to pay such Rates or Assessments, shall and may, from Time to Time, deduct the same from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to the respective Landlord or Owner (unless there should be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant), and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to such Tenant or Occupier, to his, her, or their Landlord, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay, in the Manner directed by this Act.

How Rates of  
Houses, &c.  
occupied by  
Ambassadors  
are to be paid.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That every Rate or Assessment that shall be made for or in respect of any House, Tenement, or Hereditament, which any Ambassador or Resident, Agent or Public Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, or any of their Servants, now doth or hereafter shall inhabit or occupy, shall be paid by the Landlord or Owner of every such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, who is hereby considered as the Occupier, and declared to be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof.

Governors  
and Directors  
may appoint  
Collectors of  
the Rates,  
and also a  
Treasurer,  
&c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them present at any of their Meetings, shall and may, when they shall think proper, elect and appoint One or more Person or Persons, being Residents and Householders within the said Parishes, to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates or Assessments granted by this Act, and also One or more Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, and such other Officers and Servants as they shall find necessary for the due Execution of this Act, and shall take such Security as the said Governors and Directors shall think proper, for the due Execution of their respective Offices, and shall and may remove such Collectors, Treasurers, Officers, and Servants, at their Will and Pleasure; and out of such Rates and Assessments, to be collected and received as aforesaid, shall and may make such Allowances to the said Collectors of the Pours Rate, not exceeding Four-pence in the Pound, and to the Collectors of the Watch Rate, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound, upon the Money by them collected respectively; and also such Allowances to all such Officers and Servants (except the Treasurer) as they the said Governors and Directors in their Discretion shall think proper.

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them Allow-  
ances for their  
Trouble.

Treasurer  
and Collec-  
tors to ac-  
count upon  
Oath if re-  
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Money re-  
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their Hands  
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son as shall be  
authorized to  
receive the  
same, or be  
committed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, shall at all Times, when thereunto required by the said Governors and Directors, or any Nine or more of them respectively, make up and render a full, true, and perfect Account, verified upon Oath (if required), of all Monies by them received and paid by virtue of their said Offices; and shall pay over the Money remaining in their Hands upon any such Account to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them present at any Meeting, shall, by Writing under their Hands, authorize and appoint to receive the same; and in case any such Collector or Treasurer shall refuse or neglect so to do, it shall be lawful, in any of the said Cases, to and for any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* to commit such Defaulter or Defaulters to the Common Gaol, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall have made up and rendered a true

a true Account, and verified the same on Oath as aforesaid, if required, and satisfied and paid such Sum and Sums of Money, as upon the said Account shall appear to be respectively remaining in his or their Hands.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Matter or Thing respecting this Act shall be brought before the said Governors and Directors at any of their said Meetings, which shall require to be investigated or enquired into upon Oath, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, if present, or in the Absence of a Justice of the Peace, for the Chairman of such Meeting to administer an Oath to any Person or Persons willing to make the same, for the more certain Information of the said Governors and Directors in any Matter or Business then depending before them; and if any Person or Persons shall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the said Governors and Directors, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be liable to such Pains and Penalties as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are liable to.

Governors and Directors to examine Matters upon Oath.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Nine or more of them, shall and they are hereby required to direct and cause Notices to be given by Advertisements, in one or more of the public Newspapers Three several Times, for Tradesmen willing to serve the Poor with Provisions and Necessaries, and if the said Governors and Directors shall think fit, for Persons willing to contract for lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing the said Poor, or any Part thereof, and for furnishing Materials for such Employment; and the said Governors and Directors are hereby empowered to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for the same.

Notices to be published for Tradesmen willing to serve the Poor with Provisions.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no Governor or Director shall hold or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage, nor enter into, or be in any Manner interested or concerned in any such Contract or Agreement as last aforesaid, under the Penalty of One hundred Pounds.

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

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Difference or Dispute shall arise between the said Governors and Directors at any of their Meetings, in respect of any Matter or Thing respecting the Execution of this Act, wherein any of them shall or may be concerned or interested, the Governors and Directors so concerned shall have no Voice, but shall, after he or they shall have been adjudged by the Rest of the Governors and Directors to be concerned or interested in any such Difference or Dispute, withdraw during the Debate of such Difference or Dispute; and in case he shall refuse or neglect so to do, he shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied as herein-after is mentioned.

Governors and Directors not to have a Voice in any Matter before the Board wherein any of them shall be interested.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Monies raised and collected by Authority of this Act, and all other Monies, and all Fixtures, Furniture, Materials, and other Things, which now are, or which shall hereafter be provided for the Use of the Poor of the said Parishes, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Governors and Directors for the Time being,

Monies, Furniture, &c. vested in the Governors and Directors for the Time being.

being, for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Governors and Directors are hereby empowered to bring or cause to be brought, and to defend or cause to be defended, any Suit or Suits, Action or Actions, relating to or anyways affecting such Property, and to prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment, Information or Informations, in the Name of their Treasurer or Vestry Clerk for the Time being, against any Person or Persons who shall injure, destroy, steal, purloin, or otherwise unlawfully take or withhold, or be charged with having injured, destroyed, stolen, purloined, or otherwise unlawfully taken or withheld, the said Property respectively, or any Part or Parts thereof.

Penalty on Persons buying, or receiving into Pawn, or secreting, any Clothes, &c. for the Poor, or Goods or Materials in the Workhouse;

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, or receive into Pawn, or secrete, any of the Clothes or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor, who are or hereafter shall be received into and maintained in the Workhouse of the said Parishes, or any of the Victuals or Provisions of any of the said Poor, or who shall knowingly buy, or receive into Pawn, or secrete, any of the Goods or Materials carried into the said Workhouse, or any other House or Place, in order to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the said Poor, or any of the Goods or Furniture of the said Workhouse, the Governors and Directors for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, if they think fit, proceed against such Person or Persons so offending, in a summary Way; and the Person or Persons so offending, being thereof convicted by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, one Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer (who shall be deemed a competent Witness), and the other Moiety to the said Overseers for the Use of the said Poor; and if any Offender shall not on such Conviction pay the same, such Justice or Justices shall, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, commit such Offender to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Months, unless such Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied: Provided always, that no Person having been proceeded against in Manner aforesaid, shall be prosecuted in any other Way for the same Offence.

or be committed.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That no spirituous or other strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the Workhouse for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parishes, unless with the Permission of Five of the said Governors and Directors, or by the special Order of the Apothecary appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be convicted of any such Offence shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings, which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, who is and are hereby declared to be a competent Witness or Witnesses.

Annual Meeting for appointing Watchmen and Beadles.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That any Five or more of the said Governors and Directors shall and they are hereby authorized and required to meet on the First *Monday* in *July* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same Day in every succeeding Year, or within Fifteen Days then next following; and that the said Governors and

Directors



Directors so assembled, or the major Part of them then present, shall appoint a sufficient Number of Watchmen and Beadles, to be employed in the said Parishes, under their Direction, for the Year then next ensuing, and shall order and direct what Number of Constables shall attend every Night, and in what Parts; and also shall or may erect or hire a Place or Places, within the said Parishes, for the Reception of the said Constables and Watchmen.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That a true Copy or Transcript of all Nominations, Appointments, Acts, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as shall be made from Time to Time, shall be fairly written, and signed by the Vestry Clerk of the said Parishes as aforesaid, and shall be delivered to the said Constables for the Time being, who shall attend every Night by turns, and shall keep watch and ward within the same, according thereto, and shall use their best Endeavours to prevent Fires, Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and other Outrages and Disorders; and in case any of the said Watchmen shall neglect such Duty, or misbehave himself, the said Constable shall give Notice thereof to the said Governors and Directors, for Examination and Punishment of the Offenders, who, being convicted by his or their Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, for the Use of the said Poor; and if such Penalty shall not be paid on Conviction, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Month, unless the Penalty and Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and if any of the said Constables shall wilfully neglect his Duty, and be thereof convicted as aforesaid, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and shall be liable to such further Prosecutions or Penalties as he would be liable to in case this Act had not been made.

Copy of all Nominations, Orders, &c. to be written, and signed by the Vestry Clerk.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, with respect to watching, shall extend or be construed to extend to *Red Lyon Square*, within the said Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*.

The Provisions of this Act not to extend to Red Lyon Square.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if the Master or Keeper of any Tavern, Wine Vault, Public House, or Cellar, shall knowingly harbour or entertain any Constable, Beadle, or Watchman, belonging to the said Parishes as aforesaid, or permit or suffer any of them to remain in his, her, or their Houses, Vaults, or Cellars, during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty as aforesaid, every such Person so offending shall, for the First Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

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

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, for the Support of

Governors and Directors empowered to repair, &c.

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WatchHouse  
and reward  
Watchmen,  
&c. out of  
the Monies  
raised.

the said Watchmen and Beadles, to repair the present Watch House, or to hire, rent, purchase, or erect another, as Occasion may require; and may, out of the said Monies, from Time to Time, give such Rewards to any of the said Watchmen and Beadles for meritorious Services, or who may become wounded, hurt, or disabled in the Discharge of their respective Duties, as they the said Governors and Directors shall think reasonable and proper.

Governors  
and Directors  
may cause the  
Workhouse  
to be repair-  
ed and en-  
larged, or  
build a new  
one.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, to cause the said Workhouse to be repaired and enlarged, or, if the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, shall judge it more proper and expedient, to erect and build a new Workhouse, sufficient for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid; and from Time to Time to furnish the said Workhouse respectively with Beds, Bedding, and other necessary Furniture and Materials, for the comfortable Support, Maintenance, and Employment of the said Poor.

No Repairs,  
&c. to be  
made without  
an Estimate,  
if the Expence  
exceeds Thir-  
ty Pounds.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Repairs or Alterations shall at any Time be made to the present or any future Workhouse, the Expence whereof shall exceed the Sum of Thirty Pounds, until an Estimate shall have been made by some able and experienced Workman, and an Order for the doing thereof given under the Hands of Five at the least of the Governors or Directors for the Time being of the said Parishes; and if it shall appear by such Estimate that the Expence of any intended Repair or Alteration will exceed the Sum of Thirty Pounds, then and in such Case public Notice shall be given, and Proposals advertised for in the Manner herein-before directed.

Governors  
and Directors  
may purchase  
Lands, &c.  
for enlarging  
the present  
or building a  
new Work-  
house;

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, at any Time after the passing of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the Owners and Occupiers of, and all other Persons interested in, any Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in or out of the said Parishes as aforesaid, for the purchasing such Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any or either of them, or so much thereof as the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, shall think necessary for the Purposes of enlarging the present Workhouse, or of building a new Workhouse, and to purchase the same, and all Buildings thereon, in the Name of the Governors and Directors, who are hereby enabled to accept and take a Conveyance thereof to them and their Successors for ever; and upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon for such Purchase or Purchases, to take Possession thereof, and to cause all Buildings thereon, or so much thereof as they shall think proper, to be pulled down and carried away, and to pay the Purchase Monies, and all Expences attending such Purchases, out of the Monies arising by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that in case it shall be found more expedient, the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the Hire of any House or Houses, in or out of the said Parishes as aforesaid, for the Purposes of this Act, and

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may cause such Contracts; and all Matters and Things relating thereto, to be made in the Name of the said Governors and Directors.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall not purchase any Ground or Premises for the Purpose of building a new Workhouse, or enlarging the present, until a Valuation of the said Ground or Premises so to be purchased shall be made by Two or more able Surveyors upon Oath, delivered in Writing, and signed by the Persons making the same, to the Governors and Directors for the Time being, at some Meeting to be held for the Purpose of receiving the same; and after such Valuation and Purchase, the said Governors and Directors shall not begin to build a new Workhouse, or to enlarge the present Workhouse, until a proper Plan shall be made for such new Workhouse, or for enlarging the present Workhouse, and agreed to by a Majority of the said Governors and Directors, not being less than Eleven in Number in the Whole, of which Meeting Eight Days Notice at the least shall be given in the Parish Churches of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and *Saint George the Martyr*, and also in *Saint John's Chapel*, in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, on a *Sunday* immediately after Divine Service in the Morning; nor until an exact Estimate shall be made of the Expence of erecting and fitting up such new Workhouse, or enlarging the present, according to the Plan to be agreed upon as aforesaid; nor until a proper Agreement or Agreements shall be entered into by One or more able and experienced Workman or Workmen, with Two sufficient and responsible Sureties on his or their Behalf, for the due Execution and Performance of such Works as shall be contracted for and agreed upon for the Purposes aforesaid: Provided also, that no Contract shall be made, or Agreement entered into by the said Governors and Directors for the Purposes aforesaid, until after Fourteen Days Notice at the least shall have been given in Two or more of the Public Newspapers circulating in the Metropolis, of the Intention of the Governors and Directors to build or enlarge the Workhouse of the said Parishes, and to receive Proposals from Persons willing to contract for, and perform and execute the same, according to such Plan as shall be agreed upon in Manner aforesaid; and that no Governor and Director shall be permitted to, or be capable of contracting for, or agreeing to do or perform any of the said Works; and if any of the said Governors or Directors shall engage in, or be anyways concerned or interested in any Contract or Agreement made by any Person or Persons for the Performance of any of the Works to be done under or by virtue of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, One Moiety thereof to the Person who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety thereof to the Poor of the said Parishes, and be incapable of acting in future as a Governor and Director for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to, or make liable to the said Penalty, any Governor and Director signing and executing any Contract or Agreement, for and on the Behalf of the said Parishes, with any Workman or other Person contracting or agreeing to perform any of the Works for the Purposes aforesaid.

Premises not to be purchased until a Valuation has been made;

Plan to be agreed on;

Contracts, &c. not to be entered into till after Fourteen Days Notice in Two or more Newspapers;

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XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees and Feoffees in Trust, Husbands, Guardians,

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and Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Executors, Administrators, and Guardians, or other Trustees whatsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics or Idiots, Femes Covert or other Person whomsoever, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any of the said Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be thought necessary for the Purposes of this Act (by and with the Consent, and under the Order of the High Court of Chancery, for that Purpose first obtained upon a Petition, though no Cause be therein depending respecting the same), to treat with and sell to the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, and to convey to the said Governors and Directors, their Successors or Assigns, or to any other Person or Persons, and their Heirs in Trust for them, all or any of the said Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Estates and Interests, or any Part or Parts thereof.

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XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Money or Recompence to be paid, for any Messuage or Messuages, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be so purchased, for the Purposes of this Act, to any Body or Bodies Corporate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, or other incapacitated Person or Persons whomsoever, shall, in case the same be not less than the Sum of One hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be invested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, and Limitations, as the said Messuages, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, belonging to such Body or Bodies Corporate, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, so to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, were settled, limited, or assured; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase can be made, such Money shall be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there, *ex parte* any Body or Bodies Corporate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, or other incapacitated Person or Persons, pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the First, Chapter the Thirty-second, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward, according to the Act of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the Second, Chapter the Twenty-fourth, and shall, when so paid in, be laid out in the Purchase of Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills; and the Interest arising from the Money so laid out in such Bills, and the Money received for the same, as they shall be respectively paid off by Government, shall be laid out in the Name of the said Accountant General, in the Purchase of other Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills; all which said Navy and Victualling Bills, and Exchequer Bills, shall be deposited in the Bank in the Name of the said Accountant General, and shall there remain until a proper Purchase or Purchases shall be found and approved of by the said Body or Bodies Corporate, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, or other incapacitated Person or Persons, and until the same shall, upon a Petition setting forth such Approbation, (to be preferred to  
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the Court of Chancery in a summary Way, by the Person or Persons who would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of any of the Messuages, Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased therewith, if the same were purchased and settled), be ordered to be sold by the said Accountant General, for the completing such Purchase, in such Manner as the said Court shall think just and direct; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Court to make such Order or Orders in a summary Way, touching the Payment or Application of the Monies so to be paid into the Bank, and touching such Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, and the Interest thereof, in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, as the said Court shall think fit.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, or for any Eleven or more of them, to borrow, either upon Annuities or otherwise, any Sum or Sums of Money, which they shall judge necessary and proper for the several Uses and Purposes of this Act, not exceeding Six thousand Pounds; and for the paying off and discharging the Annuities and Debt incurred for the Purposes of this Act, shall and may, from Time to Time, make a fair and equal Pound Rate upon all and every the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Houses, Lands, and Premises within that Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* which lies above the Bars, and the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr*.

Governors and Directors may borrow Money on Annuities, or otherwise, not exceeding Six thousand Pounds.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, or into the Hands of such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the full Term of the natural Life of such Contributor or Contributors, or during the natural Life of such Person or Persons as shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Contributor or Contributors, at the Time of Payment of the respective Contribution Money, so as such Annuity or Annuities do not exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds for the Hundred by the Year, and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser Sum to be paid as aforesaid: Provided always, that as such respective Annuitant or Annuitants shall die off, and the Rates or Assessments out of which they are payable may or can be lowered or reduced, the same shall be so done, in equal Proportions, from Time to Time.

Persons may contribute for the Purchase of Annuities.

As Annuitants die off, Rates to be lowered.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased under and by virtue of this Act, shall be, and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by the Rates and Assessments in this Act mentioned; and all and every the Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money, in Manner aforesaid, for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive, and enjoy the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased

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chased out of the Rates or Assessments by this Act appointed for the Payment thereof, during the Term of the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each such Purchaser or Contributor as before-mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have good, sure, and absolute Estates and Interests in the Annuity or Annuities so by him, her, or them respectively to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

Receipts to be given upon Payment of Purchase Money, and an Order for Payment of the Annuity.

XL. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor upon this Act for the Purchase of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, his, her, or their Assigns, upon Payment of the Consideration or Purchase Money, shall have a Receipt or Receipts for the same, and also an Order on Parchment for Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities, for and during the natural Life of the Person who shall be so nominated as aforesaid, by Quarterly Payments, which Order shall be signed by the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them; and after signing thereof, and registering the same with the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed by virtue of this Act, the same shall be firm, valid, and of good Effect in the Law to all Intents and Purposes.

Annuities may be assigned.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, to assign such Annuity or Annuities, and the Interest thereon, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and so *toties quoties*; which Assignment shall be registered with the Treasurer or Treasurers as aforesaid, and an Entry or Memorandum of all such Assignments shall be made in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the said Treasurer or Treasurers, for which Entry or Memorandum Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid, and no more; and no such Assignment shall be deemed valid unless such Entry or Memorandum shall be first made as aforesaid; and the Treasurer or Treasurers is and are hereby directed to make such Entry or Memorandum, when required so to do by the Person or Persons making such Assignment as aforesaid.

Money borrowed on the Credit of the Rates to be paid off by Ballot.

XLII. And in order that no undue Preference may be given to any of the Persons entitled to the Principal Money which shall be borrowed and secured on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, in discharging such Principal Money in pursuance of this Act, be it further enacted, That when and so often as the Money to be raised by the said Rates or Assessments shall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds, over and above what shall be necessary to pay the growing Interest of the Money borrowed, and the Annuities which may be secured or granted in pursuance of this Act, and all and every the other Matters and Things to be paid and performed in respect thereof, the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, shall cause the Number of all the Mortgages or Securities to be granted or made, and then in force, for securing the Principal Monies borrowed, of which Part shall be then intended to be paid off, to be written upon distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers to be fairly rolled up in the same Form, as near as may be,

be, and put into a Box or Glass, and One Number of the said Mortgages or Securities shall be drawn out of the said Box or Glass by the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors, in the Presence of any Eleven or more of the said Governors and Directors: Provided always, that if it shall happen that any Mortgage or Security, the Number whereof shall be drawn out as aforesaid, shall be for a greater Sum than One hundred Pounds, no more than One hundred Pounds shall be discharged in consequence of such Number being so drawn.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That after any Ballot shall be had as aforesaid, the said Governors and Directors, or any Eleven or more of them, shall cause a Notice signed by them to be given to, or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Security intended to be paid off, which Notice shall express the Sum to be paid, together with the Interest due thereon, and that the same will be paid at the Place to be mentioned in such Notice, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid.

Governors and Directors to give Notice of paying off Sums borrowed.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That every Inhabitant of the said Parishes as aforesaid, shall (notwithstanding he or she may be rated to, or be liable to be rated to, or may have paid or be liable to pay any Parliamentary or Parochial Tax or Rate, in, to, or concerning the said Parishes) be deemed and taken to be a competent Witness upon any Trial, Hearing, or Examination before any Court of Record, or Justice or Justices of the Peace, in any Cause, Matter, or Thing, concerning the said Parishes as aforesaid.

Inhabitants to be deemed competent Witnesses.

XLV. And whereas Children who have lost their Parents, or are deserted, and other Persons, are frequently found wandering and begging about the Streets, and which might be in a great Measure prevented if Power were given to apprehend such Persons, and convey them to the said Workhouse, to be maintained and employed in like Manner as the Poor of the said Parishes, until Provision could be made for them, or until they were duly removed to the Place of their legal Settlement: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Beadles of the said Parishes as aforesaid, or the said Governors and Directors, or any Person appointed by them for that Purpose, to apprehend and convey any such Child, Person, or Persons, whom they shall find wandering and begging, or committing any other Act of Vagrancy within the said Parishes, to the said Workhouse, there to be detained and employed until some Provision can be made for them, or until they, or any of them, can be removed to their respective Place of Settlement.

Children and others found in the Streets begging may be apprehended and sent to the Workhouse to be employed until passed.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That regular Entries shall be made, in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all Acts, Orders, Regulations, and Proceedings of the said Governors and Directors, relative to the Execution of this Act, with the Names of the Governors and Directors who shall be present at the respective Meetings; and all such Entries, when confirmed at a subsequent Meeting, and signed by the Chairman, shall be deemed Originals, and allowed to be read

Proceedings of Governors and Directors to be entered in Books, and to be given in Evidence.

read in Evidence in all Cases touching any Matter or Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Governors and Directors to appoint Persons to remove Paupers.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, at any of their Weekly Meetings, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint a proper Person to remove and convey any poor Person or Persons, who may be ordered to be removed from the said Parishes, to the Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement; and that after any such Appointment made, the Overseers of the said Parishes shall not interfere in conveying such poor Person or Persons; and the proper Officer and Officers of the Parish or Place to which such Order of Removal shall be directed, is and are hereby required to receive every such poor Person or Persons, in like Manner as if he, she, or they had been delivered to them by One of the Overseers of the said Parishes as aforesaid.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the next General or Quarter Sessions.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace in their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Middlesex* next after the Cause of Complaint shall arise; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices to hear and determine all such Appeals, and award such Costs to either Party, as they shall think proper; and such Order of the said Justices shall be final and conclusive.

How Penalties are to be recovered.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, and all Sum and Sums of Money which shall by virtue hereof become due and payable (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise directed) shall, in Default of Payment by the Person or Persons adjudged to pay the same, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant the said Justices are hereby empowered and required to grant, upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Testimony of One or more Witness or Witnesses upon Oath; and the Penalties and Forfeitures, Sum and Sums of Money, when recovered, after tendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold, (the Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted), shall be applied to the respective Purposes whereto the Matter in question shall relate; and for want of sufficient Distress, the Offender shall be, by like Warrant, committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the said Justices, unless such Penalty and Forfeiture shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Charges of passing this Act to be paid

L. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident thereto, shall be borne,



borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies to be raised by the Rates herein-before directed to be made.

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LII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made by virtue of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act, or any Proceeding to be had touching any Order made or to be made, or any other Matter or Thing done or to be done, or transacted, in or relating to any Complaint or Appeal, or any Order or Determination thereon, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Certiorari, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings not removable by Certiorari.

LII. Provided always, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons acting under or in pursuance of this Act, or any of the said former Acts, until after Fourteen Days Notice in Writing to the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Suit shall be intended to be commenced, nor shall any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any Action for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, if he, she, or they shall so think fit, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and Judgment, shall be made or given, in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Plaintiffs not to recover if Tender of Amends be made.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of any of the said former Acts or of this present Act, that every such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and any of the said former Acts, and the special Matter in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of any of the said former Acts, or of this present Act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place, that then and in such Case the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any

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Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

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LIV. 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 other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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