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## Cap. 62.

An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor in the several Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, in the City of *Coventry* and County of the same City; and for exempting the Vicars of the said Parishes from being rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect of certain Assessments.

[20th June 1801.]

**W**HEREAS the Poor within the several Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, in the City of *Coventry* and County of the same City are very numerous, and have of late Years greatly increased, and consist principally of Manufacturers: And whereas by placing the Management of the Poor of the said Parishes in One Body of Directors, to be chosen as herein-after mentioned, and the providing of a convenient House or Houses for the Reception and Employment of such Poor, and the granting proper Powers for their Support, Government, and Employment, the Poor would be better maintained and provided for, and the Rates for their Relief would be rendered much less burthensome to the said Parishes; 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

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and that on the *Wednesday* next before *Easter*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and three, Nine of the said Directors shall be ballotted to go out of the said Direction in Manner following; (*videlicet*), Five by Lot out of the Ten appointed for the said Parish of *Saint Michael*, and Four by Lot out of the said Eight appointed for the said Parish of the *Holy Trinity*; and which said Nine Directors so ballotted to go out of the said Direction shall, on the said Second *Wednesday* after *Easter*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and three, cease to be Directors, or to have any Share in the said Direction, and the Remainder shall continue to act as such Directors, and Nine others shall be elected as herein-after mentioned, in the Place and Stead of those going out, which said Nine Directors so to be elected, together with the Nine remaining Directors, shall be and continue Directors for the Space of One Year, ending on the said Second *Wednesday* after *Easter*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and four; and at the Expiration thereof the said Nine Directors who shall have served in the said Direction from the Commencement of this Act, shall quit the said Direction, and Nine others shall be elected in their Place and Stead in the Manner herein-after mentioned, who, with the remaining Nine Directors who shall have served in the Year preceding, shall in like Manner be and continue Directors for One Year, ending on the Second *Wednesday* after *Easter* then next ensuing; and at the End of that Year the said Nine Directors who shall have served in the said Direction the Two preceding Years shall quit the said Direction, and Nine others shall be appointed and elected in their Stead in the Manner herein-after mentioned, and so from Year to Year, ending on the Second *Wednesday* after *Easter* in each Year, the Persons who shall have served as Directors for Two Years, shall, at the End of each Year, quit the Direction, and Nine others shall be chosen in their Room in Manner herein-after mentioned, who shall be and continue Directors until they shall be respectively displaced as aforesaid, when others shall be elected in their Room as aforesaid, which Mode of Succession shall be invariably observed in every succeeding Year for ever.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Nine Persons who in each Year, beginning with the Year One thousand eight hundred and three, are to be chosen Directors of the said Poor, in the Room of those who shall then quit the said Office, shall be elected and chosen in Manner following; (that is to say), on the *Monday* after *Easter*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and three, between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon and One o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, and on the *Monday* after *Easter* in each succeeding Year, between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon and One o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, such of the said Guardians as shall be resident in the Parish of *Saint Michael* aforesaid, shall meet and assemble at the said County Hall in the said City of *Coven-try*, and shall then and there nominate and appoint Five of the most discreet of the said Guardians, resident in the said Parish of *Saint Michael*, to be Directors; and that such of the said Guardians as shall reside in the Parish of the *Holy Trinity* aforesaid, shall on the *Tuesday* after *Easter*, which will be in the said Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and three, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and One o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, and on the *Tuesday* after

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after *Easter* in each succeeding Year, between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon and One o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, meet and assemble at the said County Hall, and shall then and there nominate and appoint Four of the most discreet of the said Guardians resident in the said Parish of the *Holy Trinity*, to be Directors, which said Nine Directors so elected as last aforesaid, shall be and continue Directors in the Place and Stead of those quitting the said Direction for the Space of Two Years, ending on the *Second Wednesday* after *Easter*, which Mode of Election shall invariably be observed in every succeeding Year for ever.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death or Removal out of the City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, or the neglecting or refusing to act, or to continue to act, of any of the said Directors, before the End or Expiration of the Term for which he or they shall or may be hereafter elected and chosen in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the surviving and remaining Directors, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby required to cause Notice to be given on some *Sunday* in the Church in the Parish for which such Director served, (which Notice, and also all other Notices hereby so directed to be given, the Minister or Curate officiating in such Church, is hereby required to read, or cause to be read immediately after Morning Service and before the Sermon), and also by publick Advertisement in the *Coventry* Newspaper, of the Time of a Meeting of the Guardians for the said Parish, to be had for the Purpose of electing and appointing a new Director or Directors in the Room of the Director or Directors so dying, removing, neglecting, or refusing to act, and such Meeting shall be appointed to be held within the Space of Ten Days from the Time of giving such Notice, and such Notice shall be given Three Days at least before the Time of holding such Meeting; and the major Part of the Persons present at such Meeting shall, and they are hereby respectively required to elect and chuse One or more Person or Persons, being an Inhabitant of the said Parish, and qualified as aforesaid, to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies as may so happen as aforesaid, and to hold the said Office of Director or Directors for and during the Remainder of the said Term for which the Director or Directors so dying, removing, neglecting, or refusing to act, was appointed or chosen; and every Director so from Time to Time to be elected and chosen, shall have the same Power and Authority to act in the Execution of this Act, as the Director, in whose Room or Stead he shall be so appointed or chosen, had by virtue of this Act.

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V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for either or any of the said Guardians who shall be rated and assessed to the Sum of Twenty Pounds and upwards in either of the said Parishes, to vote in the Choice of Directors for the Parish in which he or they shall be so rated; although such Guardian or Guardians shall not reside in the said Parishes, or either of them.

Chairman of  
Meetings of  
Guardians to  
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Names of Di-  
rectors.

VI. And be it further enacted, That at the Meetings of the said Guardians a Chairman shall be appointed, which Chairman for the Time being of any such Meeting of the Guardians of either of the said Parishes at which any Election of a Director or Directors shall take place, shall, and he is hereby required, in Seven Days after the Election or Choice of any Director or Directors so to be chosen at such Meeting respectively as aforesaid,



aforesaid, to transmit the Name or Names of such Director or Directors so elected and chosen at such Meeting respectively unto the Clerk of the said Directors to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, or in case there shall be no Clerk, to the next Meeting of the said Directors.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Person who shall have been appointed and elected a Director, and who shall have acted and served as a Director for and during the Space of Four Years together, shall be appointed or elected as a Director, or act or serve again as a Director, until the Expiration of One Year from the Time of such his acting or Service.

Directors having served Four Years together, not to serve again until the Expiration of One Year.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to compel any Person residing in either of the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* or the *Holy Trinity* to take upon himself and execute any Office created by this Act, who is or may be otherwise exempt by Law from the Execution of any such Office.

Not to compel Person to serve as Directors exempt by Law.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Director appointed or chosen for the Purposes of this Act, before he shall take upon himself the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities hereby given to the said Directors, except of administering the Oath to be taken by the said Directors, shall take an Oath in the Form following; (that is to say);

Directors to take an Oath.

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, That I will truly, faithfully, and impartially, according to the best of my Judgement, act in the Execution and Performance of all and every the Trusts, Powers, and Authorities vested in me as a Director, by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here set forth the Title of the Act.*] So help me GOD.’

The Oath.

Which Oath shall and may be administered by any Seven or more of the Persons appointed or chosen to be Directors to any other or others of them.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That every Director so appointed or to be chosen as aforesaid, shall within Five Days after being required by the Directors, or any Seven or more of them, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Clerk to the said Directors for the Time being, an Account in Writing under his Hand of his Qualification to be appointed or chosen a Director; and in case any such Director, being so required as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to deliver such Qualification as aforesaid, or on being thereunto required by the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall neglect or refuse to verify such Qualification on Oath, (which Oath any Seven or more of the said Directors are hereby empowered to administer), then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, to order and direct that such Director so neglecting or refusing to deliver such Qualification, or to verify the same on Oath as aforesaid, shall and do cease to be a Director, and to cause another Director to be elected and chosen in his Place and Stead, in the same Manner as is herein-before

Directors to deliver their Qualifications if required.



mentioned in case of the Death of any or either of the said Directors.

Directors to accept the Offices or forfeit not more than 100<sup>l</sup> nor less than 50<sup>l</sup>. and another to be elected.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be duly appointed or elected into the Office of Director by virtue of this Act shall wilfully or designedly, and without reasonable Cause, to be allowed by the Justices before whom the Penalty herein-after mentioned is directed to be recovered, refuse or neglect to accept and take upon himself such Office, or to take the said Oath, being thereunto required by Notice in Writing under the Hands of Seven or more of the said Directors, given to him or left at his usual Place of Abode, appointing a Time and Place for him to attend to take the said Oath, or in lieu of accepting such Office, shall wilfully and designedly, and without reasonable Cause, to be allowed by such Justices as aforesaid, refuse or neglect to act therein from Time to Time for and during the Time for which he shall be appointed to serve as before mentioned, as the Duty of his Office shall require, then and in every such Case, (upon Complaint made by any of the Directors appointed by or in pursuance of this Act, or by the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Directors, or any Two of the Guardians of either of the said Parishes, and Oath made by some credible Witness before any Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City of Coventry and County of the same of such Refusal or Neglect), each and every Person and Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, nor less than Fifty Pounds, to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Directors, and applied for the Maintenance of the Poor, and otherwise in putting this Act into Execution, and another Person shall be elected in his Stead in Manner herein-before directed.

No Person to be liable to be re-elected into the Office of Director within Five Years after his having duly served; nor any Person under the Age of Twenty-one or of the Age of Seventy Years.

Appointing the First Meeting.

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person who shall be elected a Director, and shall take upon him the said Office, and act therein from Time to Time, for and during the Space of Two Years or upwards, and as the Duty of such Office shall require, shall be liable, without his own Consent, to be again elected to serve the Office of Director within the Space of Five Years; nor shall any Person under the Age of Twenty-one Years be capable, or above the Age of Seventy Years or upwards be liable or compellable to take upon him the Place or Office of Director under this Act.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and may, and they are hereby required to hold their First Meeting at the County Hall in the said City, on the Second *Wednesday* after their Election, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and shall then and there proceed to the Execution of this Act, and shall and may after that Time meet by Adjournment at the same or any other Place in either of the said Parishes, as shall be agreed on by the Directors present at any Meeting; and if there shall not attend at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Directors to act and to adjourn to another Day, or the Directors present shall omit or neglect to adjourn themselves, then the Clerk to the said Directors for the Time being shall adjourn the Meeting to the *Wednesday* next after such last Meeting was held, or appointed to have been held, causing such Notice in Writing of such Adjournment to be given to the



the Directors for the Time being, and the Directors present at all Meetings shall defray their own Expences; and all such Directors as are or shall be Justices of the Peace may act as Justices in the Execution of this Act, (except in Cases where they shall be personally interested) notwithstanding their being Directors.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That General Quarterly Meetings of the said Directors shall be held in pursuance of this Act at the following Times in every Year, (that is to say) on the First *Wednesday* in *January*, the Second *Wednesday* after *Easter*, the First *Wednesday* in *July*, and the First *Wednesday* in *October*, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon of each of the said Days respectively; and that the First of the said General Quarterly Meetings shall be held on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *October*, next after the passing of this Act at the County Hall in the said City, and all subsequent General Quarterly Meetings shall be held at such Place as the Directors present at their Quarterly Meetings shall from Time to Time direct and appoint.

Quarterly  
Meet.ing.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time appear to any Seven or more of the said Directors proper and expedient that a Meeting of the said Directors should be held, in consequence of any Neglect or Default in adjourning any Meeting in Manner herein-before provided, or at any other Time than the respective Meeting shall then stand adjourned to, it shall be lawful for any Seven or more of them to summon a Meeting of the said Directors at some convenient Time and Place within One of the said Parishes, by giving Two Days Notice in Writing thereof, to be delivered to the said Directors respectively, or left at his or their usual Place of Abode; and it shall be lawful for the Directors present at such Meeting, or their Clerk, to continue such Meeting by Adjournment, in like Manner as is herein-before provided in respect of the First Meeting of the said Directors, and all such Meetings shall be deemed good and valid; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Occasional  
Meetings.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to and vested in the said Directors, shall and may be exercised and executed by the major Part of the Directors present at any Meeting held pursuant to this Act, (the Number of Directors present at such Meeting not being less than Seven, except in Cases where any other Number is herein particularly mentioned and directed); and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of such major Part so present shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the Directors.

Quorum of  
the Directors.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Business to be done or transacted by the said Directors, or by any Number of the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, except such Business as any Five or other less Number of the said Directors are hereby empowered to do, shall be by them done or transacted, except at Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act.

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XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Directors present at every Meeting shall, before they proceed to any other Business, except administering

A Chairman  
to be chosen.



nistering the Oath to Directors, elect One of the Directors then present to be Chairman of such Meeting, and if at any Meeting any Question shall be put to the Vote, and there shall be an Equality of Votes for and against the Question, then and in every such Case the Chairman present shall have the casting and decisive Vote.

Bye Laws may be made;

to be entered in a Book with other Proceedings.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, and they have hereby full Power and Authority from Time to Time, to make such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the regulating their own Proceedings, and for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parishes as to them shall seem proper and expedient, so that no such Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation be repugnant to the Laws of this Realm; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and all other Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Directors shall be entered by their Clerk for the Time being in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which the same shall be made, and which Book or Books may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever, and all such Bye Laws shall be printed and published by the said Directors.

No Bye Law to be repealed unless by a greater Number than made it, or by a Majority of all the Directors.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Rule, Bye Law, Order, Regulation, Act, or Proceeding of the said Directors shall be repealed or revoked, unless by a Majority of a greater Number of the Directors present at some subsequent Meeting than were present at the making or doing thereof, or by a Majority of the Whole of the Directors appointed or chosen by virtue of this Act, and unless Fourteen Days Notice of the Intention of repealing the same shall have been given in Writing, signed by the Clerk to the said Directors, to all the said Directors for the Time being, or left at his or their Dwelling House or usual Place of Abode.

Officers.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, by any Writing under the Common Seal of the said Guardians, from Time to Time to appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors of the Rates herein-after directed to be raised for the Purposes of this Act, or of any other Property belonging to or to be raised on Account of the said Guardians, a Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors of the Works, Master or Masters, Mistress or Mistresses of the Workhouse or Workhouses, and such other Officer or Officers as they shall think necessary or proper, for the Performance of the Purposes of this Act, taking such Security from them respectively for the due Execution of their Offices as they the said Directors shall think proper; and the said Directors may from Time to Time remove such Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, Clerk or Clerks, or other Officers or Persons aforesaid, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed, or shall die, or discontinue, or resign, or become incapable of performing his, her, or their Office or Employment, and the said Directors are hereby empowered to allow and pay to every such Officer or other Person such Salary out of the Money to be from Time to Time received by the said Directors for the Purposes of the Act as the said Directors shall think proper.

XXII. Provided



XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, before they proceed to the Election of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors of the Works, Master or Masters, Mistrefs or Mistresses of the Workhouse or Workhouses, or such other Officer or Officers, appoint a Day and a Time for such Election, and cause Fourteen Days Notice in Writing thereof to be given, signed by their Clerk or Chairman, to all the Directors for the Time being, or left at his or their Dwelling House or usual Place of Abode.

Officers not to be elected without Notice to all the Directors.

XXIII. And for the more speedy Execution of the Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, to raise by Annuities on Lives, or upon Bond or other Security, with Interest for the same, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as the said Directors shall find necessary and expedient to raise, which Sum or Sums when raised shall be vested in the said Directors for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Directors for the Time being, or of such other Person or Persons as they the said Directors shall by any Writing under the Common Seal of the said Corporation authorize to receive the same for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds for the absolute Purchase of Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life or Lives of such Contributor or Contributors respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Contributor or Contributors respectively at the Time of Payment of their respective Contribution Money, so as no such Annuity shall, for every Hundred Pounds to be advanced and paid as aforesaid, exceed Ten Pounds *per Annum* for One Life, or Seven Pounds *per Annum* for Two Lives; and all which Annuities shall be paid and payable by the said Directors Half yearly, in such convenient Place as the said Directors shall appoint for that Purpose.

For raising Money by Annuities.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Directors to raise or borrow the said Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, without the Consent of the Guardians, or the major Part of them, assembled at a publick Meeting or Meetings to be held for that Purpose at the County Hall of the said City being first had and obtained, directing the Gross Amount of the Sum to be raised as aforesaid, and of which Meeting or Meetings Seven Days Notice in the *Coventry* Newspaper shall have been given by the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them.

Directors not to borrow Money without Consent of Guardians,

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, if they should think it more beneficial for the said Parishes, to raise and borrow the aforesaid Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, on Debentures of Fifty Pounds each, bearing an Interest at the Rate of not more than Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, for such Term as shall be agreed upon

or on Debentures for Years.

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between the said Directors, under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, and the Person or Persons advancing such Money respectively, or by a Tontine, instead of raising the same by Annuities as aforesaid, which Sum or Sums, when so raised, shall be vested as aforesaid for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Directors for the Time being, or of such other Person or Persons as they the said Directors shall by any Writing under the Common Seal of the said Corporation authorize to receive the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand Pounds on such Debentures or by Tontine as aforesaid; and all the Interest which shall become due thereon shall be paid and payable by the said Directors Half yearly, in such convenient Place as the said Directors shall appoint for that Purpose.

Money raised  
how to be  
charged.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, and the Interest of the Money so to be raised on Debentures or other Security under or by virtue of this Act shall be, and the same is and are hereby charged upon and made payable from Time to Time out of the Monies to arise by the Rate or Rates to be made yearly, or otherwise, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*; and that all and every the Contributor or Contributors of any Money upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for any such Annuity or Annuities, Debenture or Debentures, or other Security as aforesaid, or such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall 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, or the Interest of such Debenture or Debentures, or other Security out of the said Rate or Rates by this Act charged therewith; and all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers of all and every such Annuity or Annuities, Debenture or Debentures, or other Security, and his, her, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns shall have a good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estate, Right, and Interest in and to the said Annuities or Debentures, or other Securities so to be by them respectively purchased as aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Meaning of this Act.

Directors not  
to pay off more  
than Five  
hundred  
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cipal Money  
out of One  
Year's Rate.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors to apply any Part of the Monies to arise by the Rate or Rates to be made in the Manner herein-after mentioned in Payment and Discharge of the Principal Monies borrowed by them by virtue of this Act, so as that not more than Five hundred Pounds in the Whole be paid off and discharged out of the Rates so to be raised in any One Year.

Orders as to  
raising and  
paying off  
Money to be  
approved of  
by Directors.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Order or Agreement made by the said Directors for the raising of any Sum of Money, or granting of any Securities for Monies borrowed by the said Directors by virtue of this Act, or the paying off any Part of the Principal of the Monies borrowed by virtue of this Act, or the purchasing of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, nor any Order for the raising  
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of any Rate or Rates, or ascertaining the Sum to be raised by such Rate or Rates, shall be made at any Meeting, unless Seven at least of the said Directors shall be present at such Meeting; and that no Security for any Money under the Common Seal of the said Corporation shall be valid and binding, unless the same shall also be approved by Seven of the said Directors, to be signified by Writing under their Hands.

XXIX. And it is further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities, Debenture or Debentures, or other Security as aforesaid, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, to assign the same or any Part thereof respectively, or his, her, or their Interest therein, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, as often as Occasion shall require, which Assignment, after a Memorial thereof shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by or by Order of the said Directors, shall be effectual to vest the same in the Assignee or Assignees.

Annuities, &c.  
assignable.

XXX. And, in order to raise an adequate Fund to enable the said Directors to carry into Execution the several Trusts hereby in them reposed; be it further enacted, That the said Directors at their First Meeting, or at any subsequent Meeting or Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, shall and may, and the said Directors are hereby empowered and required from Time to Time to fix and ascertain such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be needful from Time to Time to be raised and paid by each of the said Parishes respectively, for paying the Interest of the Money to be borrowed as aforesaid, and for defraying the Expences of the Maintenance of the Poor, and for and towards paying off and discharging the Principal Money to be borrowed as aforesaid, and for the other Purposes of this Act; and the said Directors shall be, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to issue an Order in Writing under their Hands, or under the Hands of Seven or more of them, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of each of the said Parishes respectively, requiring them to levy and raise such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be so fixed and ascertained, and to pay over the same in Manner herein-after mentioned to the Treasurer of the said Directors for the Time being, whose Receipt for the same shall be a sufficient Discharge to such respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for so much Money as he shall actually receive; and for raising the Sums fixed and ascertained by the said Directors, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of each of such Parishes respectively, shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time, to make a Rate in each of such Parishes for the Relief of the Poor in such Manner, and upon such Persons and Property, and with such Approbation, and to be so published as Rates for the Relief of the Poor in each of such Parishes respectively are made by virtue of the Laws now in being and in force, and sufficient to raise so much Money as shall be necessary to pay the Sum which shall be fixed and ascertained as the Quota upon each of the said respective Parishes by the said Directors, for all which Sums of Money so assessed by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or so much thereof as is sufficient to pay and satisfy the Sum ascertained as the Quota to be raised by each of the said Parishes respectively, in case of any Deficiency the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the Parish whereon the Sum of Money in respect of which such

For making  
Assessments.

Churchwardens and Overseers to make and collect the Rates:

in Case of  
Deficiency  
Re-assessment  
to be made.



For levying  
the Rates.

such Deficiency arises shall be so assessed shall be answerable, and shall be compellable to make up and pay such Deficiency upon Re-assessment, which in that Case is hereby directed to be made by the said Churchwardens and Overseers in like Manner as the first Assessment, and such Taxes and Assessments, and also such Re-assessments for the Sums so fixed and ascertained shall be assessed, levied, and recovered in such and the like Manner as Money assessed for the Relief of the Poor is by the Law now in being and in Force to be assessed, levied, and recovered, and with the same Power of Appeal to Persons aggrieved, except as herein-after is mentioned; and all the like Remedies, Powers, Rules, Methods, Costs, and Penalties given and applied for ascertaining, levying, and collecting the Rates for the Relief of the Poor by virtue of the Laws now in force and in being, (except where other Provisions are made by this Act), shall be put in force and applied; and are hereby given for ascertaining, levying and collecting the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, and any Costs, Charges, and Penalties which may accrue in respect thereof, in like Manner as if the same Remedies, Powers, Rules, Methods, Costs, and Penalties were particularly set forth in this Act.

Assessments  
to be made on  
the Parishes in  
certain Pro-  
portions.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Sums so to be fixed and ascertained by the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, as the Quota of each Parish for the Relief and Support of the Poor in such Parishes, shall be fixed and ascertained upon the said Parishes in the Proportion herein-after mentioned, (that is to say), Two-third Parts for the said Parish of *Saint Michael*, and One-third Part for the said Parish of the *Holy Trinity*; and in case the Sum which shall be raised by any Rate to be made by virtue of this Act by Assessment on either of the said Parishes shall exceed the Sum which such Parish shall be liable to pay by the Order of the Directors directing such Rate to be made, the same shall nevertheless be paid over to the Treasurer of the said Directors for the Time being, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same; and the said Directors shall and are hereby empowered to make an Allowance for the same to the Parish on whose Account the same shall be paid, in the next Order which shall be made by them for a Rate on such Parish, after the Time of such Receipt.

If the Sum  
raised by any  
Rate exceed  
the Quota to  
be raised by  
the Parish, the  
same to be paid  
to the Direc-  
tors, who are  
to allow it in  
the next  
Order.

For levying  
the Rates, &c.  
from Persons  
quitting  
Houses, &c.  
removing out  
of the Limits.

XXXII. And whereas it may happen that many Persons liable to, and who may be rated and assessed for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes, may, before the Payment of the Sums 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 Limits of the Parish or District for which they are rated, and thereby endeavour to avoid the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments, be it therefore enacted, That when any Person or Persons who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit his or their Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments, before he, she, or they shall have paid the Rate or Assessment, and shall afterwards refuse or neglect to pay the same when due, and demanded by the Person or Persons authorized and appointed to collect and receive the same, such Demand having been made on such Person or Persons, either personally or by Writing left at his, her, or their Place of Abode, that then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Per-  
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son or Persons authorized or appointed to collect the same, or One of them, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry*, and County of the same City (which Warrant the said Justices are hereby authorized and required to grant), and such Warrant being first backed or countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty, where the Distress is to be made (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, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if any be), after having deducted the reasonable Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it hereby enacted, That in case the said Directors shall think proper to appoint a Collector or Collectors of the Rates which shall be made in the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, or either of them, in pursuance of this Act, that such Collector or Collectors shall, and he or they is or are hereby authorized and empowered to receive all Monies which shall be assessed by such Rates as are herein-before directed to be made for the Purposes of this Act, and to levy the same, and all Costs, Charges, or Penalties which may be incurred in respect thereof, in like Manner as the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes, or any of them, are authorized and empowered by this Act, or by any other Law or Statute whatsoever to receive and levy the same; and that for enabling the said Collector or Collectors the better to collect the said Rates, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes respectively shall, within Five Days after any Rate to be made in pursuance of this Act shall be allowed by the Justices and published, deliver over such Rate, so made and allowed, to the said Collector or Collectors appointed for such Parish, or One of them; and that the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes respectively, during so long Time as there shall be any such Collector or Collectors appointed to receive the Rates of such Parish, shall not interfere or intermeddle in collecting and receiving the Monies assessed by virtue of the said Rates, nor be liable to any Penalty for not collecting the same; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors may appoint a Collector or Collectors of Rates, and Churchwardens, etc. to deliver Rates to them.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of either of the said Parishes shall refuse or neglect to make a Rate in pursuance of any Order of the said Directors, or to procure the same to be allowed or published, within Seven Days after Notice of such Order given, either personally or by leaving a Copy of such Order at the last Place of Abode of the Churchwardens or Overseers, who ought to make such Rate or Rates, and by leaving such Order with or at the Place of Abode of One of the said Churchwardens or Overseers, or in case such Churchwardens and Overseers shall have made such Rate or Rates, and shall refuse or neglect to deliver within the Time herein-before in that Behalf appointed, such Rate or Rates to such Collector or Collectors as shall or may be appointed by the said Directors, in Manner herein-before mentioned, to collect the same, that then and in case of any such Refusal or Neglect, it shall and may be lawful for any Seven or more of the said Directors, and they are hereby required at any

Power for the Directors to make a Rate if the Churchwardens and Overseers neglect or refuse.

[*Loc. & Per.*]

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Meeting



Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, to make a Rate or Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish or Parishes for which such Rate hath not been made or delivered over as aforesaid, by the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Purpose of raising the Money directed by the said Order, in like Manner as the said Churchwardens and Overseers might have done, which Rate or Rates being allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices for the said City of *Coventry*, and County of the same, in like Manner as Rates for the Relief of the Poor are to be allowed, and which Rate or Rates the said Justices are hereby required to allow, on Proof being made before them by the Oath of One Witness (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to administer) of such Neglect or Refusal of the said Churchwardens and Overseers (and which Allowance of the Justices shall, in all future Proceedings, be taken as conclusive Evidence of such Neglect or Refusal); and the same Rate or Rates being published as Rates for the Relief of the Poor are to be published, shall be a good and valid Rate or Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish for which the same is or are made for all Intents and Purposes, and shall be binding on all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, as if made by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Parishes for which such Rate or Rates is or are made, subject nevertheless to the same Power of Appeal by Persons aggrieved, as any other Rate made in pursuance of this Act is subject to.

Penalty on Churchwardens and Overseers not collecting Rates, or delivering them to Collectors.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons who are or shall be chosen Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of either of the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* or the *Holy Trinity* respectively, shall refuse or neglect to collect the Rates granted for the Relief of the Poor and for the Purposes of this Act for the Space of Fourteen Days after the same shall be allowed and published, and Complaint shall be made by the said Directors, or any of them, their Clerk or Treasurer, or if any of the said Churchwardens or Overseers shall, in case there shall be a Collector or Collectors of such Rates appointed by the said Directors, refuse or neglect to deliver over to such Collector or Collectors, or One of them, such Rate, within such Time as they are herein-before required to do, then and in any such Case, and upon Proof thereof made on Oath by some credible Witness before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, of any such Refusal or Neglect, (and which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and empowered to administer) such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers respectively shall, unless he or they shall shew full and just Cause, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, why such Rates are not collected, or such Rates delivered over, forfeit to the Treasurer of the said Directors, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parishes, a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Ten Pounds, for every such Refusal or Neglect.

Churchwardens and Overseers to pay the Money collected to the Treasurer.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of the said several Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, shall, at such Time or Times as the said Directors shall appoint, or within Three Days after he or they shall have received any Sum or Sums of Money, amounting  
to



to the Sum of Twenty Pounds or upwards, for the Relief of the Poor of either of the said Parishes, by virtue of any Rate or Rates already made or hereafter to be granted for that Purpose, or by any other Means whatsoever, render an Account, and pay the same into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Directors; and in Default of rendering such Account, and paying such Money as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, and he or they are hereby required on Complaint made to him or them by the said Directors, or any Two or more of them, or by the Treasurer, and Proof thereof on Oath (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and empowered to administer) to enquire into the Matter of the said Complaint; and if any Party or Parties complained of shall not within Three Days after such Complaint shall have been heard and allowed by such Justice or Justices, render such Account, and pay the Money then remaining in his or their Hands as above directed, such Justice or Justices may and shall, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, cause to be levied, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, so much Money as shall appear to such Justice or Justices to have been received by such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers, and not accounted for, and paid over and duly applied; and in case no Goods and Chattels shall be found sufficient to satisfy such Distress, and all Charges attending the same, or in case any Party or Parties complained of as aforesaid, shall not within the Time aforesaid, render such Account as above required to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, whereby it may be properly ascertained with what Sum or Sums such Party or Parties ought to stand charged, then and in every such Case such Justice or Justices shall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, commit such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers so making Default as aforesaid, to the Common Goal for the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall have rendered such Account, and paid or accounted for the Money so to be by him or them received and paid as aforesaid.

Penalty for  
omitting to  
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XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be or act as Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of either of the said respective Parishes, or who shall have been or shall have acted as Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of either of the said Parishes within One Year last before the giving of such Notice as is next herein-after mentioned, shall, and they are hereby respectively required, upon Order or Notice in Writing, signed by Seven or more of the said Directors, delivered to them or left at their respective Places of Abode at least Seven Days before the First or any subsequent Meeting of the said Directors, to attend such Meeting with the Books, Rates, and Accounts of the Receipts, Payments, and Expences of the Churchwardens and Overseers, for the Maintenance, Support, or on Account of the Poor of their respective Parishes, for any Time not exceeding Twenty Years then last past; and where no such Books shall have been kept, then with the original Rates and Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements made for the Maintenance of the Poor during that Time; and all and every Books, Rates, and Accounts so produced shall be verified, as to the Authenticity thereof, by the Oath or Oaths of the respective Churchwardens and Overseers, before  
any

Churchwar-  
dens and  
Overseers to  
produce the  
Parish Books.



any Seven or more of the said Directors (who are hereby empowered to administer such Oaths); and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor shall leave all and every such Books, Rates, and Accounts with the Clerk of the said Directors, to the End that the said Directors may examine the same for such Purposes as they may think necessary; and the Clerk of the said Directors shall return such Books, Rates, and Accounts to the said respective Churchwardens and Overseers whenever they shall respectively demand the same, after the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the Delivery thereof; and if any of the said Churchwardens or Overseers shall wilfully and designedly neglect or refuse to produce or deliver such Books, Rates, and Accounts, or any of them, when so required, or to answer upon Oath such Questions as shall be proposed to them by the said Directors, or any of them, at such Meeting, as to the Truth and Authenticity thereof, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, nor less than Twenty Pounds.

Present  
Workhouses,  
Furniture,  
&c. vested in  
the Guardians.

**XXXVIII.** And be it further enacted, That the Right and Property of the present Workhouses in the said Parishes, and of all Buildings and Land belonging thereto, and of all the Materials got or provided for building, altering, or repairing the same, and of all Goods, Furniture, Provisions, Clothes, Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things whatsoever, had, made, used, bought, or provided for the Use, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor in the said Parishes respectively, and also all Sums of Money received or due for the Poores Work, or otherwise, shall be, and the same are hereby absolutely vested in the said Corporation and their Successors for the Purposes of this Act, subject notwithstanding to such Charges and Incumbrances as now affect the same; and the said Directors are hereby empowered to enter upon and take Possession of the same, and to bring Actions in the Name of the said Corporation against any Person or Persons who shall disturb them in the Possession thereof, or of any Part thereof.

Common Seal.

**XXXIX.** And be it further enacted, That the Common Seal of the said Corporation shall be kept by and in the Custody of the said Directors, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, to affix the Common Seal of the said Corporation to all Deeds or Writings to which it shall or may be necessary to affix the same for the Purposes of this Act.

Directors empowered to provide Workhouses and Furniture, and Materials for employing the Poor.

**XL.** And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized, at any Time or Times hereafter, to contract or agree with the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of, and all others interested in any Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parishes, for the purchasing such Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any or either of them, or so much thereof as the said Directors shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding Twenty Acres and to purchase the same, and all Buildings thereon, in the Name of the said Corporation, and to take a Conveyance thereof to them and their Successors for ever; and upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be required 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 disposed of, and by new Erections, additional Buildings, or Alterations therein, as the said Directors shall think necessary, convert the same into One or more House or Houses, with suitable and requisite Offices, Outbuildings, Gardens, and Fences, for the better receiving, employing, and maintaining the Poor of the said Parishes, and from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be and require, to enlarge and repair the said House or Houses, Offices, Outbuildings, Gardens, and Fences, in such Manner as they shall think proper; and also from Time to Time to purchase and provide suitable and necessary Furniture for the same; and all such Materials, Utensils, and Things as shall be necessary and proper for maintaining, clothing, and employing, the Poor to be received into the said House or Houses; and the Consideration Money for the Purchase of such Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Expences of erecting, building, or converting any Buildings for the Purpose of receiving, employing, and maintaining the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid, and furnishing the same, and all other Expences to be incurred by the said Directors for the Time being, or by their Order or Direction, in or about the Execution of this Act, shall from Time to Time be paid and defrayed by the said Directors, out of the Monies to be raised, levied, and received by them from Time to Time in the Manner herein directed.

XL. And be it further enacted, That any Twelve or more of the said Directors, on Behalf of the said Corporation, may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for building, altering, repairing, or finishing the present Workhouses of the said Parishes, and Buildings belonging thereto, or such other House or Houses, and the Offices, Outbuildings, Garden, and Fences, requisite or belonging thereto, as they the said Directors, or any Twelve or more of them, may think necessary for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts and Agreements made or entered into by or between the said Directors and any other Person and Persons whomsoever, relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing to be done or performed in Execution of this Act upon which more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds may be recovered, shall be reduced into Writing, and signed by Seven or more of the said Directors on Behalf of the said Corporation, and by the other Parties thereto, and shall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the said Corporation and their Successors, as upon all other Parties thereto, his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and in case of Breach thereof, Actions and Suits may be brought, maintained, and defended, and Damages and Costs recovered thereon against the said Corporation, or other Party or Parties refusing or neglecting to perform the same.

Directors may  
make Con-  
tracts.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall cause all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and every Matter and Thing relating thereto, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and all and every such Book and Books, and also the Book and Books herein-before directed to be kept for entering the Acts and Proceedings of the said Directors, shall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times be open to the Inspection and Perusal of all and every Person or Persons who shall pay to the Poor's Rates in the said Parishes.

Contracts, &c.  
to be entered  
in a Book,  
and open to  
Inspection.

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XLII. Pro-



Publick Notice  
to be given of  
the Time of  
making Con-  
tracts for  
Buildings and  
Alterations.

XLII. Provided always; and be it further enacted, That previous to the Day appointed for the Meetings of the said Directors for the making of any Contracts for erecting or finishing any Building or Buildings, or altering the Workhouses, or other House or Houses that may be provided for the Purposes of this Act, or for furnishing Materials for such Buildings or Alterations, in all Cases where the same shall amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds or upwards, Fourteen Days Notice of such Meetings to make such Contracts shall be given in some publick Newspaper printed in the City of Coventry aforesaid, or in case of there not being any such publick Newspaper, then in such other publick Newspaper as shall be printed and published at the Place nearest to the said City of Coventry, expressing the Purposes of such Contract, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may cause Proposals for that Purpose to be offered and presented to the said Directors at the Time and Place mentioned in such Notice.

No Director  
or Treasurer  
to hold any  
Place of Pro-  
fit, or be  
concerned in  
any Contract.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Director or Treasurer appointed by or chosen under and by virtue of this Act, shall hold or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or under the Powers hereby given, or enter into, or be in any Manner beneficially interested or concerned in any such Contract or Agreement as aforesaid; and in case any Director or Treasurer shall hold or enjoy any such Place of Profit or Advantage, or enter into, or be in any Manner, directly or indirectly, beneficially interested in or concerned in any such Contract or Agreement as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered and applied as herein-after is mentioned.

Accounts to  
be audited.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall, at their Quarterly Meeting herein-before appointed to be held, or oftener if they shall see Occasion, inspect the Accounts of the said Directors, and of the said Treasurer, and of the Master or Mistress, Masters or Mistresses of the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses, and of the other Officers to be chosen and appointed under this Act, and all other Accounts of the said Directors, and relating to the Trusts in the said Directors reposed; at which Quarterly Meetings, and other Meetings of the said Directors held for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Treasurer shall produce an Account of all Sums of Money by him received and paid, and the Vouchers for the same; and the said Master or Mistress shall also produce and lay before every such Meeting an Account of all Sums of Money by him or her received, and also an Account how he or she has paid, laid out, and expended the same, in as full, clear, and distinct a Manner as can or may be; and also shall deliver in a true and distinct Account of the Number of Persons in the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses occupied for the Purposes of this Act, distinguishing their Age and Sex, and how they are employed, and how much Money has been earned by their Labour in the preceding Quarter; and such Accounts shall be left at such of the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses, as the said Directors shall appoint, and shall be open at all reasonable Times to the Inspection and Perusal of all and every Person and Persons paying to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes; and such  
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Master or Mistrefs shall also verify on Oath the Truth of such Accounts, which Oath the said Directors, or any Seven of them, are hereby empowered to administer, a General Statement of which Accounts shall be published annually by the said Directors, within Twenty-one Days after the Second *Wednesday* after *Easter* in each Year.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons rated and assessed and paying to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes, or either of them, shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved, and be dissatisfied with the said Accounts and Expenditure of the said Directors, or any of them; it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them, to appeal against such Accounts to the then next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the County of *Warwick*, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Fourteen entire Days Notice at least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Directors, and within Two Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Warwick*, with Two sufficient Sureties (which Justice is hereby required and authorized to take the same) conditioned to try such Appeal, and pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, and the Justices at such Sessions are hereby authorized and required to hear and finally determine such Appeal, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper, and the Determination of such General or Quarter Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

Appeal against  
Accounts.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall have, and they are hereby vested with the Care, Controul, and Management, as well as Power to provide for the Maintenance and Education of the Poor of and belonging to the Parishes aforesaid; and the said Directors, or any Seven or more of the said Directors, shall be and they are hereby empowered to set the said Poor to work, or to cause them to be employed by any other Person or Persons, in such Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are empowered to do by any Law now in being relating to the Poor, or in such other Manner as the said Directors, or any Seven or more of the said Directors shall think proper, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Regulations herein contained; and shall and may receive, order, and compel all and every idle and disorderly Person and Persons, who by reason of their idle and disorderly living shall neglect or refuse to maintain, or shall leave or threaten to leave and desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and also all other People who shall beg, seek, or want Relief for the Time being, and who shall belong to and ought, according to the Provisions of this Act, or of any Law now in being, to be relieved and provided for by either of the said Parishes within the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, to come in, work, dwell, and inhabit in the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, and to detain, keep, and maintain all such respective Poor Persons therein, and to employ such of them as are able to work, during such Time and so long as it shall appear to the said Directors that such Poor Persons,

Directors au-  
thorized to  
govern and  
maintain the  
Poor.



sons, or any of them respectively, are not of Ability to maintain and provide for themselves without the Aid of the said Corporation; and all such Poor who shall be so received, or who shall come in to dwell, or be brought into the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses, shall, during such their Abode and Residence there, and whilst maintained by the said Corporation as aforesaid, do, execute, and perform such Work, Labour, Business, and Employ, as the said Directors, or any Seven or more of the said Directors, shall think fit and judge proper to be done by them respectively for the Use of the said Corporation; and the said Directors, or any Five or more of the said Directors, shall and may detain and keep all idle and disorderly Persons 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 Workhouses, or other House or Houses during such Time and until each such Person by his or her Work or Labour there, shall have got and raised so much Money above his or their Maintenance as shall be sufficient to repay and reimburse to the said Corporation the Charges and Expences they shall have sustained in maintaining and providing for every such idle or disorderly Person and his or her Family; and in case any such idle or disorderly Person shall refuse to work and labour, or shall not work and labour according to his or her Ability, then and so often as it shall so happen, the said Directors, or any Five or more of the said Directors, shall and they are hereby empowered to detain such idle and disorderly Person within their Place of Correction, and to keep him or her to such hard Labour as he or she shall be judged able to undergo for the Space of One Day, or such other Time as the said Directors, or any Five or more of the Directors shall think fit, not exceeding the Space of Seven Days, or to carry such Offender before One Justice of the Peace for the said City of Coventry and County, of the same, who is hereby empowered, upon the Oath of One Witness (which such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction of the said City and County, to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding the Space of Three Calendar Months.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or other Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the Workhouses, or other House or Houses for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parishes by virtue of this Act, unless with the Permission of the said Directors, or of Three or more of the said Directors, or by the special Order of the Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary appointed to attend such Workhouses, or other House or Houses; and every Person who shall be convicted of any such Offence shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Twenty Shillings, which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, who is or are hereby declared to be a competent Witness or competent Witnesses.

Encouragement to be given to the industrious Poor.

XLVIII. And, to the End that all Poor who shall be employed by or under the Direction of the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, may be encouraged to employ themselves to the Labour or Tasks in which they may be employed with Diligence and Attention; be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done



done by such Poor such Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, in Proportion to the Quantity, Quality, and Perfection of their Work as to the said Directors shall appear reasonable.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person received into and maintained in the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parishes by virtue of this Act, shall be guilty of profane cursing and swearing, or of any lewd, immodest, indecent, or disorderly Behaviour, or shall use any abusive or improper Language, or commit Waste of the Provision or other Materials or Things provided by the said Directors, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the Work or Service which he or she shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein, (such Work or Service being suited to his or her Strength and Ability), every such Offender shall and may be punished either by Distinction of Dress and Diet, or by solitary Confinement for any Space of Time not exceeding Seven Days, such Punishment to be inflicted by the Order of the said Directors, or any Five or more of them.

Punishment of Poor misbehaving themselves.

L. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Poor of the said Parishes maintained or employed in the said Workhouses or other House or Houses provided by the said Directors by virtue of this Act, or employed by any other Person or Persons by their Order, shall purloin, sell, or pawn any of the Furniture, Apparel, Cloaths, Goods, Materials, Implements, or other Things belonging to the said Corporation, or belonging to such other Person or Persons so employing them, or in case any Person or Persons shall run away from such Workhouse or other House or Houses with the Cloaths or Apparel provided by or belonging to the said Corporation, upon Complaint being made thereof before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace by the said Directors or any of them, or their Clerk, such Justice is hereby required to issue a Warrant for the apprehending of every such Offender, and for his or her Offence, the Person so apprehended being convicted thereof before such Justice of the Peace, on the Oath of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) or on his or her own Confession, shall be sent to the House of Correction for the said City of Coventry, and County of the same, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, nor less than Seven Days; and for the Second Offence every such Offender shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of Felony, and being legally convicted thereof, shall suffer Punishment as Persons convicted of Petit Larceny, are liable to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Embezzlement.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly 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 Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Directors by virtue of this Act, or any of the Goods or Materials to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor of the said Parishes, or any other Persons employed by the said Directors, or any of the said Directors, or by their Orders by virtue of this Act, or any of the Goods or Furniture belonging to the said Corporation, or shall buy or receive any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor in the

Penalty for buying Cloaths, &c. furnished for the Poor.



said Workhouses, or other House or Houses, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, upon Conviction, upon the Oath of One credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of Coventry and County of the same; which Penalty, when paid or recovered, shall go, One Moiety to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the said Directors, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parishes.

Poor Children may be put Apprentices.

LII. And be it further enacted, That all Poor Children who shall at any Time be maintained by the said Corporation shall be and remain under their Care and Government until they arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years, and that after such Children shall attain the Age of Fourteen Years respectively, or sooner if the said Directors shall think proper, the said Directors shall and may, and they are hereby empowered and required at any of their Meetings, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Seven or more of the said Directors, to bind and put forth any such Children Apprentices to any respectable Person in England, to be taught any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or any Handicraft and Business, or Manufacture, as the said Directors, or any Seven or more of the said Directors, shall think most suited to the Strength and Capacity of such Child or Children, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years, or until such Child (being a Male) shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, or (being a Female) until such Child shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, or Day of Marriage; and that every such Writing shall be mutually binding as an Indenture between the Master and Mistress and Apprentice, and shall in all Respects be enforced according to the Laws in force concerning the apprenticing of Poor Children, whose Parents are not able to provide for them.

Children may be discharged or hired out.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, and they are hereby empowered to discharge out of the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Corporation by virtue of this Act, or to hire out, either before or as soon as may be after any Child shall have attained the Age of Fourteen Years, any of the poor Children of the said Parishes, to be Servants in Husbandry, Housewifery, or otherwise, for One whole Year at the least, for the Benefit of such Child or Children; and also before such Age to hire out any of such poor Children, and also any other of the Poor within the said House of Industry, to work and labour in the Time of Hay and Corn Harvest, or at any other Time, for the Benefit of the said Corporation, for such Sum or Sums of Money, and for such Time and Term, as the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, and the Person or Persons hiring such poor Person shall agree and determine; and the poor Person so hired out shall do and perform the Work and Labour stipulated and agreed to be done, to the best of their Power, and after such Work shall be completed and finished, shall without Delay return, with their working Implements (if any) and the Apparel wherewith he, she, or they went out to work (Allowance being made for reasonable Wear of such Apparel) to the said House of Industry, or in Default thereof shall and may be apprehended, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of the Justices of the said

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said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, and conveyed back to the said Workhouse, or other House or Houses provided by the Directors by virtue of this Act, there to be employed and provided for as aforesaid; and every such Person being so apprehended and brought back, the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, may and they are hereby empowered to order such poor Person or Persons to be put in the Place of Confinement there, for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, and to do such Task Work as the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall order or direct.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever received, maintained, educated, or employed within, or born in the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Corporation by virtue of this Act, or any Place or Places thereunto belonging, shall gain any Settlement in the Parishes or Places, Parish or Place, where such Workhouses, or other House or Houses, Place or Places are situate, by reason of his, her, or their being so received, maintained, educated, or employed, or of being born therein as aforesaid; any Law, Custom, Usage, Matter, or Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Poor employ-  
ed, or born in  
the House of  
Industry not  
thereby to  
gain a Settlement.

LV. And be it further enacted, That no Bastard, born on the Body of any poor Woman, whose legal Settlement is in any Parish or Place (other than such Parish in which the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Corporation by virtue of this Act, is or shall be situate), and who shall be under the Care and Government of the said Directors for the Time being, shall gain or be entitled to gain any Settlement in the Parish in which such House is situate, and where such Bastard shall be born, unless the same shall happen in the proper Parish and Place of Settlement of the Mother; but that the Settlement of each such Bastard shall follow that of the Mother, as fully as if such Bastard had been born in the Parish, Township, or Place to which the Settlement of such Mother shall belong, and shall be deemed as One of the Poor thereof, to all Intents and Purposes; nevertheless, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, in case the Mother of any such Bastard shall belong to either of the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* or of the *Holy Trinity*, and for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every other Parish, Township, or Place to which the Settlement of every such Woman shall belong, to have and take, and they are hereby entitled to, have such Remedy, against the Mother and the Father of any such Bastard respectively, for the indemnifying the same Parish, Township, or Place from any Charge by reason of any such Bastard Child, and otherwise in all respects, as the Law directs in Cases of Bastardy, and as fully and effectually as if such Bastard had been actually born in the Parish, Township, or Place to which the Mother's Settlement shall belong.

Bastards born  
in the Work-  
houses not to  
gain a Settlement  
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LVI. Provided also, That the said Directors, or any Five or more of the said Directors, shall and may pay or cause to be paid out of the Money to be raised for the Purposes of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money which they the said Directors, or any Five or more of the said Directors, shall think proper to be applied for the occasional Relief and Support of such Person or Persons as by reason of Sicknels or some Accident,

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or other sufficient Cause, to be allowed by the said Directors, or any Five or more of the said Directors, shall not be removed to the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses to be provided by the said Directors by virtue of this Act, or for defraying the Charge of burying the Dead, or Expences which may be incurred in the Removal of Paupers to their legal Settlement, or for any other incidental Expences in providing for the Poor of the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, or either of them, in Cases not herein before specially provided for, or any Sum or Sums of Money which is, or are or shall be required by any Law to be paid out of the Poor Rates of the said Parishes or either of them.

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LVII. And whereas it may happen that, by Casualties or sudden Illness, many Poor Persons within the said Parishes may stand in Need of immediate Relief before Application can be made for the same at the Meeting of the said Directors to be held in pursuance of this Act; for Remedy whereof be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when such poor Person or Persons cannot obtain such Relief from the said Directors, as his or their immediate Necessity may require, it shall and may be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, to order any One or more of the said Directors to pay or cause to be paid, unto every such poor Person, any reasonable Sum or Sums of Money for his, her, or their Support, until the next Meeting of the said Directors shall be held in pursuance of this Act; and such Director or Directors who shall have given such Relief shall, at the next Meeting aforesaid, lay before such Meeting the State and Circumstances of the Person or Persons so relieved, and also an Account in Writing of the Sum or Sums of Money that shall have been so expended; and the said Directors shall and may then give such further Directions for the Maintenance and Relief of every such poor Person as to them shall seem expedient; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors may  
grant Certifi-  
cates.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That after the Poor within the said several Parishes shall be under the Care of the said Directors, it shall and may be lawful to and by the said Directors, at any of their Meetings, to grant Certificates, under the Common Seal of the said Guardians, to any Person whose legal Settlement shall be in either of the said Parishes, and who shall be willing to remove, or who shall have removed out of the said Parishes, or who shall remove from one Parish to another of the aforesaid Parishes; which respective Certificates, under the Common Seal of the said Guardians, attested by the Clergy, and signed by the said Directors for the Time being, and signed by Two Justices of the Peace, as Certificates by Law are now directed to be, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes; and no Certificates whatsoever granted within the said Parishes by any other Person or Persons, after the said Directors shall have Power to grant the same, shall be valid or of any Effect; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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LIX. And be it further enacted, That as soon as the Poor of the said Parishes shall be under the Government of the said Directors aforesaid, all Certificates which have been delivered to, and remain in



in Custody of the respective Parish Officers within the said respective Parishes, by or from Persons residing in the said respective Parishes, shall be delivered forthwith by such Parish Officers to the Clerk for the Time being to the said Directors; and all Certificates which hereafter shall be delivered to the said respective Parish Officers by Persons coming to reside or residing in the said several Parishes, shall from Time to Time be delivered within the Space of Seven Days after the Receipt thereof by such respective Officers, to the Clerk for the Time being to the said Directors, who shall cause the same to be filed, so that Recourse may be had thereto at any future Time; and in case such Parish Officers, or any of them, shall neglect or refuse to deliver over such Certificates, or any of them, the Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, for every such Refusal or Neglect.

received by them, to be delivered to the Clerk.

LX. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds already given to any Parish Officers of either of the said Parishes, for indemnifying such Parishes from any Charge which may arise from Bastard Children, and all Orders of Filiation or Removal which have been or may be procured, shall be forthwith delivered by such respective Parish Officers, to the Clerk to the said Directors, or such other Person or Persons as the said Directors shall appoint; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors to sue on such Bonds, in the Name of the said Corporation, and they shall recover the Penalties thereof as if such Bonds had been originally made to them; and all Bonds hereafter to be given for the same or the like Purposes shall be made to the said Corporation only; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bonds for indemnifying the Parishes against Bastards, to be vested in and in future given to Directors.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, and they are hereby authorized and required, to appoint a proper Person or Persons to remove all poor Persons who shall be removed by Orders of Removal from either of the said Parishes, by virtue of the Laws in that Case made and provided; and that all Orders of Removal which shall at any Time or Times hereafter be made for the Removal of any poor Person or Persons from either of the said Parishes, to his, her, or their Place of legal Settlement, shall be made on the Complaint of One or more of the said Directors, and directed to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint as aforesaid, and the said Orders of Removal, together with the Person or Persons therein directed to be removed, shall be delivered to the Person or Persons so appointed by the said Directors to remove such Poor; and which Person or Persons so appointed are hereby authorized and empowered to take, remove, and deliver the Person or Persons mentioned in such Order as the Person or Persons to be removed, in such Manner as the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish from which such poor Person or Persons shall be so removed might have done before the passing of this Act; and that the said Directors shall pay or allow to such Person or Persons so appointed by them the Expences of such Removal, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act; and such Orders of Removal so made on the Complaint of any One or more of the said Directors, and directed to the Person or Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be good and binding to all Intents and Purposes on all Persons whomsoever,

Directors may appoint Persons to remove Paupers, and Orders of Removal to be made on Complaint of Directors.



as if made on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers, and to them directed.

Churchwardens and Overseers to continue to provide for the Poor for Six Months, unless the Directors think proper sooner to undertake the Care of the Poor.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes respectively shall, and they are hereby required and directed, to continue to provide for and to have the Care and Management of the Poor of the said Parishes respectively, and to exercise their said Offices in the same Manner as before the passing of this Act in every Respect; for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, unless the said Directors shall sooner by Notice in Writing under the Common Seal, to be given to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of each of the said Parishes, or to his or their Place or Places of Abode, appoint a Time before the Expiration of the said Six Months, when the said Directors will take the Care and Management of the Poor of the said Parishes into their own Hands, and proceed in the Execution of this Act; such Notice to be given fourteen Days at least before the Time so appointed by the said Directors as aforesaid; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses on Appeals to Removals, if not rated in the Parish concerned in the Appeal.

LXIII. Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted; That no Person or Persons shall, by reason of their paying to the Poor Rates in the said United Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity* as aforesaid, be disabled or disqualified from being a Witness upon any Hearing, Appeal, or Trial concerning the Place of Settlement, or concerning the Vagrancy or Removal of any poor Person or Persons, unless the Person or Persons produced as a Witness or Witnesses be assessed in the particular Parish to or from which such poor Person or Persons is or are removed.

Directors and Officers declared competent Witnesses, notwithstanding the Penalty for the Offence be payable to the Directors.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That any of the said Guardians, Directors, the Treasurer, Clerk, or any of the other Officers of the said Parishes, shall, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning the Execution of this Act, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, be and be deemed to be a competent Witness, notwithstanding any Penalty or Forfeiture imposed by virtue of this Act, or by any other Law or Statute whatsoever, shall be payable to the said Directors, their Treasurer, Clerk, Agent, or other Officer, for the Purposes of this Act, or any of such Purposes.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant of either of the said Parishes shall before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning the Execution of this Act, be and be deemed to be a competent Witness notwithstanding his or her contributing to the Rates of the said Parishes, or either of them; any Statute, Law, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Recovery and Application whereof is not herein before particularly directed) or which shall be imposed by any Bye Law



Law of the said Directors, upon Proof of the Offences, or Breach of such Bye Laws respectively, before any Justice of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending or breaking such printed Bye Laws, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall, where such Penalty is not fixed and certain, be ascertained by such Justice, and shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant or Warrants such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant for the Purposes, and to administer all such Oaths (*gratis*) and the Overplus, after such Penalties and Forfeitures, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale (such Charges to be settled by such Justice) are recovered and deducted, shall be returned, on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and all such Penalties or Forfeitures, when so recovered or paid (if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act) shall from Time to Time be paid to the said Directors, or their Treasurer or Clerk, to be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor in the said Workhouses, or other House or Houses provided by the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, or otherwise for putting this Act into Execution; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said City of *Coventry* and County of the same City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Charges as aforesaid, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LXVII. And, for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it enacted, That all and every Justice and Justices of the Peace before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the same Effect.

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LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any Conviction in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for him or her to appeal either to the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said City of *Coventry*, and County of the same City, or for the County of *Warwick*, at the Option of the Appellant, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Eight entire Days Notice at least, in Writing, of his or her Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Directors, and within Two Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry*, and County of the same City, or County of *Warwick*, as the Case may be, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order of, and pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions; and the Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such

Appeal.

Notice



Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, are hereby authorized and required to hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such General or Quarter Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Defect or Want of Form, or be removed or removeable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster or elsewhere; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, such Distress shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on Account of any Defect or Want of Form, or any other Irregularity in the Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same 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 Person or Persons aggrieved by any such Irregularity shall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only in an Action upon the Case.

Paying Expences of the Act.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expences of carrying the same into Execution, and incident thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies which shall come into the Hands of the said Directors, or their Treasurer, by virtue of this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or of any of the Powers hereby given, or in anywise relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been thereof given in Writing, to such Person or Persons, and to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Directors, nor after Satisfaction or tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made; and every such Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of Warwick, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if it shall appear to be done in pursuance of this Act, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or shall discontinue



discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have and be entitled to the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Cases by Law.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not in anywise extend to give the said Directors any Power or Authority over any Almshouse, Hospital, or other Building of special Donation whatsoever within the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity* already given, settled, or erected, or hereafter to be given, settled, or erected, nor any Power or Authority over any of the Persons dwelling therein or receiving the Benefit of any such Almshouses, or other charitable Donation; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act not to extend to the Poor in any Almshouses, etc.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to any Chapelry, District, Township, Hamlet, or Place, within the said Parishes of *Saint Michael* and the *Holy Trinity*, or either of them, the Inhabitants whereof are liable to and chargeable with the Maintenance and Relief of their own Poor, distinctly from and independent of such Parish, wherein such Chapelry, District, Township, Hamlet, or Place is or are situate.

Act not to extend to Districts within the respective Parishes, liable to maintain their own Poor.

LXXIV. And whereas the Parish or District of *Saint John the Baptist*, in the said City of *Coventry*, has always been considered a Part of the Parish of *Saint Michael* in the said City, as to the Appointment of Parish Officers and the Relief of the Poor; and the Occupiers of Land and Tenements in the said Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* have been always assessed to the Poor Rates in common with the said Parish of *Saint Michael*; therefore be it further enacted, That the said Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* shall be deemed and taken to be Part of the said Parish of *Saint Michael* for all the Intents and Purposes of this Act.

Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* to be taken as Part of the Parish of *Saint Michael* for the Purposes of this Act.

LXXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Vicar of the Parish of *Saint Michael*, in the said City of *Coventry* for the Time being, shall not be rated to the Relief of the Poor, in respect of the Monies raised under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for establishing certain Payments to be made to the Vicar of the Parish of Saint Michael, in the City of Coventry, for the Time being, in lieu of Tythes, and for repealing so much of an Act of the Fourth and Fifth of Philip and Mary as relates to the Payment of Tythes in the said Parish.*

Vicar of *Saint Michael's* not to be rated.

LXXVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Vicar of the Parish of the *Holy Trinity*, in the said City of *Coventry*, for the Time being, shall not be rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect of the Monies raised under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better providing of a Maintenance for the Vicar of the Parish of the Holy Trinity in the City of Coventry.*

Vicar of *Trinity* not to be rated.

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LXXVII. And



Directors not  
to make  
Goods on  
their own  
Account.

LXXVII. And whereas, in case a Manufactory of Silk Goods were to be carried on by the said Directors, the same might be greatly injurious to the Manufacturers engaged in the Silk Trade; be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Directors at any Time or Times hereafter to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, by the poor Persons under their Care and Management any Silk Goods, otherwise than for Hire only, and at the usual and accustomed Prices.

Publick Act.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without the same being specially pleaded.

### The SCHEDULE referred to.

#### FORM OF CONVICTION.

**B**E it remembered, That on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Year of the Reign of King George the Third, *A. B.* is convicted before \_\_\_\_\_ of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of Coventry and County of the same City, by virtue of an Act made in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, [*set forth the Title of this Act*] of [*specifying the Offence.*]

Given under our Hands and Seals [*or, my Hand and Seal*] the \_\_\_\_\_ Day and Year aforesaid.]

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