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An Act to alter, amend, and render more effectual an Act passed in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor within the Hundreds of Mitford and Launditch, in the County of Norfolk.* [20th June 1801.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor within the Hundreds of Mitford and Launditch in the County of Norfolk*, certain Persons qualified as therein-mentioned were incorporated by the Name of *The Guardians of the Poor within the Hundreds of Mitford and Launditch in the County of Norfolk*, and were declared to be One Body Politick and Corporate in Law, and to have perpetual Succession, and a common Seal; and Directions were given for choosing certain Persons to be Directors, and certain other Persons described in the said Act were appointed to be Directors of the Poor within the said Hundreds, and they were authorized and required to contract for or purchase Lands or Buildings, and to build and erect and furnish suitable Buildings for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said incorporated Hundreds, and to provide a Stock of Materials, and

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to appoint proper Officers to conduct and manage the same as in the said Act is mentioned: And when the said Buildings should be completed and properly fitted up for the Reception of the Poor of the said Incorporated Hundreds, Twenty-four Guardians were to be chosen, who with the said Directors to be chosen and appointed as aforesaid, were to be the Directors and Acting Guardians of the said Poor: And the said Directors and Acting Guardians were empowered to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, and to assign over all or any Part of the Pours Rates, to be collected within the said Hundreds, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal and Interest of the Money so to be borrowed: And the said Directors and Acting Guardians were empowered to assess with as much Equality and Indifference as possible, certain Average Annual Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding the respective Rates therein-mentioned, upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundreds, as the said Directors and Acting Guardians should judge necessary for paying the Interest due on the said Debt, and for defraying the Expences of the current Quarter, and for and towards paying off and discharging the said Principal Debt, and to raise and levy such Sum and Sums of Money so to be assessed by them in such Manner as in the said Act is prescribed: And whereas the Directors and Acting Guardians appointed and chosen by virtue of the said recited Act, did proceed to carry the same into Execution, and did cause a large House to be erected and built for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said Incorporated Hundreds, and a considerable Debt was incurred in building and furnishing the same, and a certain Average Annual Payment or Contribution was in pursuance of the said Act rated, charged, and imposed by the said Directors and Acting Guardians upon each of the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Incorporated Hundreds, for the Purpose of defraying the Charges and Expences of carrying on and executing the said Act, and for and towards paying off the said Debt and the Interest thereof: And whereas the Provisions of the said recited Act have been found by Experience to be insufficient for the Purposes thereby intended, and the Annual Average Payments so rated and imposed upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Incorporated Hundreds, are not only disproportionate and injurious to many of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, but have also been found to be inadequate to the Purpose of keeping down the Interest of the said Debt, and defraying the Expences of maintaining the Poor of the said Incorporated Hundreds: And a further Debt to a considerable Amount hath been incurred and the said House hath been found to be insufficient for the orderly and proper Reception of the poor Persons maintained and employed therein, for Remedy whereof, and in order to make further and effectual Provision for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor within the said Incorporated Hundreds, and to secure the speedy Liquidation and Payment of the said Debt, may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted and declared by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much and such Part of the said recited Act as provides that all poor Children which at any Time shall be maintained by the said Guardians shall remain under their Government, the Males until they arrive at the Age of Sixteen, and the Females at the

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Age of Fourteen Years respectively, and that after such Children shall have attained such Ages respectively they shall be discharged from the Rule and Government of the said Guardians and be at their own Disposal, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it hereby enacted and declared, That all poor Children which shall at any Time be sent to and maintained in the said House shall during such Time as they shall continue therein be and remain under the Care and Government of the said Guardians in the same Manner as poor Persons maintained in the said House are by the said recited Act declared to be under the Government and Management of the said Guardians.

Children to be under the Care of the Guardians.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and Acting Guardians at any General Annual Meeting, or at any of their Quarterly Meetings, to be held by them in pursuance of the said recited Act, by and with the Consent of any Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, to bind any poor Male or Female Child or Children maintained in the said House to be Apprentices to any Occupier or Occupiers of Lands or Tenements, or to any Person or Persons using any Trade in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundreds or either of them, whom they shall judge to be proper Persons to take such poor Child or Children as Apprentices, or to the Governor for the Time being of the said House, appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, or to any proper Persons willing to take such poor Child or Children as Apprentices, or to bind such Male Child or Children Apprentices in the Sea Service to any Captain, Master or Owner of any Ship or Vessel, in like Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor with the Assent of the Justices of the Peace, are by the Laws now in being empowered to do: Provided that such Apprenticeship shall not extend as to such Male Children beyond the Age of Twenty-one Years, or as to such Female Children beyond the Age of Eighteen Years, and the Persons to whom such poor Child or Children shall be so bound Apprentices, shall be obliged to receive and provide for them as Apprentices, in like Manner as such Persons are or might be now obliged by the Laws in being to provide for Apprentices, and no Apprentice so bound as aforesaid shall be assigned or turned over to any Person or Persons whomsoever without the previous Consent of the said Directors and Acting Guardians at their annual or quarterly Meetings, (to be held as aforesaid), and then for the Remainder of the original Term only and to One of the same Trade, Business, or Occupation, (except for some particular and sufficient Reason); and that all Persons to whom such Apprentices shall be so assigned or turned over shall be obliged to receive and provide for them in the same Manner and under the same Penalties and Forfeitures as the Persons to whom they were first bound as aforesaid were obliged to receive and provide for them, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

For binding out Apprentices.

IV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That in placing or binding out such poor Children as Apprentices to any Person or Persons, residing within either of the said Incorporated Hundreds, the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall and may either bind out such Children as Apprentices to some Person or Persons residing in

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in the Parish, Hamlet, or Place in which such poor Children are respectively legally settled, or to any Person or Persons residing in any other Parish, Hamlet, or Place, within the said incorporated Hundreds, as to the said Directors and acting Guardians shall in their Discretion seem meet, so that the Number of Children, of either Sex, to be bound out in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place, shall not exceed the Number of Children, of either Sex, belonging to such Parish, Hamlet, or Place respectively, who shall then be maintained in the said House, and which are to be so placed or bound out Apprentices as aforesaid.

Directors to enquire into the Ability of Persons taking Apprentices.

V. Provided also, and be it hereby enacted and declared, That in placing out such poor Children Apprentices as aforesaid, within the said incorporated Hundreds, the said Directors and acting Guardians shall have due Regard not only to the annual Value of the Hereditaments and Premises occupied by the Person or Persons with whom such Child or Children shall be placed, but also to the Extent of the Trade or Business carried on by such Person or Persons respectively, and to his, her, and their Ability, in all Respects to keep and maintain such Apprentice or Apprentices.

Former Act as to dismissing poor Children and others repealed.

VI. Provided also, and be it enacted and declared, That so much of the said recited Act as provides, that if the Parents of Children maintained by the said Guardians, shall at any Time be desirous or willing to receive and maintain such Children, then the said Directors and acting Guardians should and they are hereby required to dismiss such Children: And also that so much of the said recited Act as provides, that if it shall appear to the said Directors and acting Guardians at any of their weekly Meetings, that any poor Persons can maintain themselves by their Labour, and such Poor Persons shall at any such weekly Meetings desire to be dismissed, that the said Directors and acting Guardians should, and they are by the said recited Act required to dismiss such Poor Persons from the said House, be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Poor Persons and Children may be dismissed if their Relations and Friends desire it.

VII. And be it further enacted and declared, That if the Parents, Relations, or Friends of any Poor Person or Persons, Child or Children, maintained in the said House, shall be desirous to receive, provide for, and maintain such Poor Person or Persons, Child or Children, and shall give satisfactory Proof of his, her, or their Ability so to do to the said Directors and acting Guardians, then the said Directors and acting Guardians shall and may, and they are hereby required at any of their weekly or other Meetings, to be held under the said recited Act, to dismiss and deliver up such Child, Children, or Poor Persons to such their Parents, Relations, or Friends so desiring and being able to receive, provide for, and maintain them; and in case the said Directors and acting Guardians shall refuse to dismiss such Child, Children, or Poor Persons at Two successive weekly or other Meetings held by them, it shall and may be lawful for such Parents, Relations, or Friends, so being willing and able to provide for and maintain them as aforesaid, to complain to any Justice of the Peace for the said County of Norfolk, who shall proceed to summon the Governor or Steward for the Time being of the said House, and to hear and determine the subject Matter of the said Complaint, and (if he shall deem it proper) to order such poor Person or Persons, Child or Children, to be dismissed from the said House, and delivered to his, her, or their Parents, Relations, or Friends,

Friends, any Thing in the said recited Act or herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

VIII. And be it further enacted and declared, That in case any of the said Children which shall be placed out by the said Directors and acting Guardians, by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, as Apprentices or otherwise, shall be abused or ill treated by the Masters or Mistresses with whom they are placed, or by the Assigns or Executors of such Masters or Mistresses, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Parents, Relations, or Friends of any such poor Children, and to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians or any of them, and for their Clerk or the Governor of the said House for the Time being, to complain to any Justice of the Peace, acting in and for the County where such Cause of Complaint arises, who is hereby authorized and required to summon the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint shall be made, and to examine into, hear, and determine the subject Matter of such Complaint, and to order such poor Child or Children to be discharged from his, her, or their Apprenticeship or Service, if such Justice shall think fit so to do; and such Justice may also if he thinks proper order such Master or Mistress, or his or her Assigns or Executors, to pay any Sum of Money to the said Directors and acting Guardians or their Treasurer, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as to such Justice shall seem meet, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so ordered to pay the same, wherever such Goods and Chattels can be found; and if the Master or Mistress, or his or her Assigns or Executors shall think him, herself, or themselves aggrieved, by the Order of such Justice, he, she, or they may appeal to the next or next succeeding General Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Norfolk*, first entering into Recognizance with sufficient Sureties effectually to prosecute such Appeal, and to pay such Sum of Money and Costs as the said Court of Quarter Session shall award.

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IX. And whereas it frequently happens that Persons carrying on Trades or occupying Lands within the said incorporated Hundreds, neglect or refuse to employ poor Persons who are willing and able to Work and belong to the Parish in which such Persons dwell, carry on their Trade, or occupy Lands, and they retain or employ others whose Settlement is not in such Parish, to the great Injury and Discouragement of their own industrious Poor, be it therefore enacted and declared, That, from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any poor Person or Persons whose Settlement is in any Parish within the said incorporated Hundreds, who is and are able and willing to be employed in any Work, Trade, or Service, at the usual Rates and Prices given and paid in the said incorporated Hundreds, shall apply for Relief to the said Directors and acting Guardians at any of their weekly or other Meetings, complaining that he or she is willing and ready to be retained or employed, and that he or she has applied to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or to some One of them in the Parish to which he or she belongs, but that such Churchwarden or Overseer has neglected or refused to procure him or her such Service, Work, or Employment for the Space of Seven Days after such Application so made, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more of the said Directors and acting Guardians to complain to any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said County of

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Norfolk, and the said Justice or Justices shall upon such Complaint, summon the said Churchwardens or Overseers or some One or more of them to appear before him or them, and shall enquire into and examine the subject Matter of the said Complaint, and such Justice or Justices shall and may if he or they think fit, order and direct the said Churchwardens and Overseers to find and provide for such poor Person or Persons in the Parish to which he, she, or they belong, such Service, Work, or Employment, as such poor Person or Persons is or are able and willing to be engaged in, at, and for a fair and reasonable Recompence or Wages, according to the Ability of such poor Person and Persons, and if the said Churchwardens and Overseers shall neglect or refuse forthwith to provide such Work or Employment for such poor Person or Persons, pursuant to the Order or Direction of such Justice or Justices, then such Justice or Justices shall and may order, direct, and appoint, by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, that the Churchwardens or Overseers of such Parish shall make and pay such Weekly Allowance to such poor Person or Persons, as to such Justice or Justices shall seem fit, until such poor Person or Persons shall be retained, employed, or supplied with Work or Employment, according to such Order or Direction of such Justice or Justices, and the said Churchwardens and Overseers shall and may reimburse themselves the Money paid by them in Discharge of the said weekly Allowance, in the same Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers may by the Laws now in being raise and levy Money for the Relief of the Poor of their respective Parishes, any Thing in the said recited Act, or in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

For punishing poor Persons who shall misbehave or be refractory.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Act given to the said Directors and acting Guardians, to punish poor Persons and Children maintained in the said House, who shall be idle or guilty of any such Misbehaviour as therein-mentioned, shall continue and be in full force; and that if the said Directors and acting Guardians shall find any poor Person or Persons maintained in the said House to be refractory, such Directors or acting Guardians, or any One of them, may complain, or may direct the Governor of the said House to complain to any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, who shall and may enquire into and examine the subject Matter of such Complaint, and shall and may if he finds sufficient Cause so to do, punish such poor Person or Persons, in the same Manner as idle and disorderly Persons are punishable by the Laws now in being.

For repealing so much of former Act as relates to the Number of acting Guardians to be annually chosen, and to the Number of Directors and Guardians to attend weekly Meetings.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act, as provides that the Directors and acting Guardians shall annually by Ballot proceed to choose Twenty-four of the Guardians (Twelve of whom were not Guardians in the preceding Year), to be acting Guardians, with the Directors mentioned in the said recited Act; and also so much of the said recited Act, as provides that the said Directors and acting Guardians, or any Five or more of them, whereof Three to be Directors, should in the respective Quarters of the Year for which they should be appointed, meet at the said House, weekly or otherwise, as in the said Act is mentioned, shall, as to the Number of such acting Guardians so to be appointed as aforesaid, and of such Directors and acting Guardians to meet weekly as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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XII. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That from and after the passing of this Act, instead of Twenty-four such Persons, as in the said recited Act is mentioned, to be annually chosen and appointed to be acting Guardians of the Poor as aforesaid, Twelve only of such Persons (Six of whom at the least shall not have been acting Guardians the preceding Year) shall be so annually chosen to be, and shall be acting Guardians, together with the said Directors chosen and qualified as in the said recited Act is mentioned, for the following Year; and that instead of any Five or more of the said Directors and acting Guardians, whereof Three to be Directors, who by the said recited Act were to meet weekly as aforesaid, any Three of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, whereof Two at least to be Directors, shall and may meet weekly, or otherwise, in the Manner and for the Purposes prescribed and mentioned in the said recited Act; and the said Twelve Acting Guardians shall be chosen and appointed in the same Manner as the said Twenty-four Acting Guardians were by the said recited Act directed to be chosen and appointed, and shall have the same Power and Authority in all Respects as the said Twenty-four Acting Guardians had under and by virtue of the said recited Act; and the said Three Directors and Acting Guardians, whereof Two to be Directors as aforesaid, shall have the same Power and Authority in all Respects as the said Five Directors and Acting Guardians, whereof Three to be Directors, had under and by virtue of the said recited Act.

Directing the Number of Guardians to be annually chosen, and the Number of Directors and Guardians to attend Weekly Meetings.

XIII. Provided also, and be it enacted and declared, That so much of the said recited Act as provides that not less than Twenty-one of the Directors and Acting Guardians together (whereof Eleven at least to be Directors), shall be present at the General Annual Meetings, and for the Purposes therein mentioned, and the major Part of whom then present should give their Assent to such Acts as are therein mentioned, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that instead thereof not less than Fifteen of the said Directors and Acting Guardians together, whereof Nine at least to be Directors, shall be present at the General Annual Meetings, directed by the said recited Act to be held as therein mentioned, the major Part of which said Fifteen Directors and Acting Guardians, whereof Nine to be Directors as aforesaid, assembled at such Annual Meetings, shall be competent to do, execute, and perform all such Acts, Matters, and Things as the major Part of such Twenty-one Directors and Acting Guardians are by the said recited Act authorized to do, execute, and perform.

For altering the Number of Directors and Acting Guardians at the Annual Meetings.

XIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted and declared, That so much and such Part of the said recited Act as provides that the Directors and Acting Guardians to be from Time to Time appointed annually, as therein mentioned for each Quarter of the succeeding Year, to inspect, direct, manage, and provide for the poor People in the said House, may by Agreement amongst themselves, divide themselves into Committees, to act for each Month of each Quarter of the Year, shall (so far as concerns such Agreement amongst themselves) be and the same is hereby repealed; and instead thereof the said Directors and Acting Guardians so to be appointed as aforesaid, or so many of them as shall be present at the Time of such Appointment, shall and may divide themselves, together with those who are absent, into Three Committees, to act for each Month of each Quarter; and such Directors and Acting Guardians so divided, shall (although there be no Agreement among themselves) in case they or any of them

For altering the Manner of appointing Directors and Acting Guardians to attend the Quarterly Meetings.

them absent themselves or neglect to attend at the Meetings appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act, be respectively subject and liable to the same Penalties and Forfeitures as are by the said recited Act inflicted upon Directors and Acting Guardians respectively, who by Agreement had divided themselves and neglected to attend such Meetings so appointed as aforesaid, and such Penalties and Forfeitures so inflicted by this Act shall be levied and recovered in the same Manner and by the same Means as are in that behalf prescribed by the said recited Act.

Weekly Meetings to be held on Monday instead of Tuesday.

XV. Provided also, and be it enacted and declared, That the weekly Meetings of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, which by the said recited Act are directed to be held on every Tuesday Morning, shall from and after the passing of this Act be held on Monday Morning in every Week, or oftener if it shall be necessary, for the Purposes mentioned in the said recited Act.

For appointing Directors to attend previous Meetings to audit the Accounts.

XVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted and declared, That at each of the General Annual Meetings to be hereafter held in pursuance of the said recited Act, the Directors then present shall and they are hereby authorized and required to nominate and appoint Three Directors out of the Committee, then to be appointed, for each Quarter of the succeeding Year, so that One of such Three Directors shall be chosen from each Monthly Committee, for the purpose of attending a Meeting usually held, and hereafter to be held at the said House, previous to each of the Quarterly Meetings held pursuant to the said recited Act, in order that at such previous Meeting the Accounts of the Treasurer, and all other Accounts concerning the said House may be audited and examined, (previous to such Accounts being laid before the said Quarterly Meeting; and in case any of the said Directors so appointed to attend such Quarterly Meeting, shall neglect to attend the same, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be levied and applied as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by the said recited Act or by this Act directed to be levied and applied.

Churchwardens and Overseers neglecting their Duty may be summoned to the Weekly Meetings.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That in case any of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any of the Parishes, Hamlets, or Places within the said Hundreds, shall at any Time or Times hereafter refuse, or neglect to aid or assist the said Directors and Acting Guardians to the best of their Power, or shall at any Time disobey or neglect or refuse to perform the Order or Orders of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, relative to the Execution of the said recited Act or of this Act, or if any such Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor shall refuse or neglect to raise and levy the Sums of Money assessed, or to be assessed or charged by virtue of the said recited Act, or of this Act, upon his respective Parish, Hamlet, or Place, or to pay the same, at the Time and Place to be appointed by the said Directors and Acting Guardians, every such Churchwarden and Overseer so disobeying, neglecting, or refusing, may be summoned by Writing, under the Hands of any Three Directors or Acting Guardians, to appear either at the next General Quarterly Meeting of the said Directors and Acting Guardians to be held pursuant to the said recited Act, as prescribed by the said recited Act, or at any Weekly or other Meeting of the said Directors and Acting Guardians as to them shall seem meet; and such Churchwarden or

Overseer so summoned and neglecting to attend at such Weekly or other Meeting, or appearing and not sufficiently justifying or excusing himself, shall be subject to such Penalty and Forfeiture not exceeding Five Pounds, as is in the like Cases inflicted by virtue of the said recited Act; and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall and may be inflicted, raised, levied, and recovered in such Manner and by such Ways and Means as are in that Behalf prescribed by the said recited Act.

XVIII. And whereas the House erected under and by virtue of the said recited Act for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said Incorporated Hundreds, hath been found to be and is insufficient for the orderly and proper Accommodation of the poor Persons maintained therein; and many of the Parishes in the said Incorporated Hundreds are situated so remote from the said House, as to render Applications for Relief and the Removal of the poor Persons thereto in many Cases inconvenient: For Remedy whereof, and in order to give Encouragement to the honest and industrious Poor, residing within the said Hundreds, who shall be willing and desirous, as far as they can, to maintain themselves and their Families, be it further enacted, That from and after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next, after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the Poor of the several and respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Incorporated Hundreds, when and so often as they shall think fit, by, from, and out of the Monies to be raised and levied by the Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor of such respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, according to the Laws now in Force for that Purpose, to relieve and maintain any poor Person or Persons, and his Wife, or his or their Child or Children, or any of them being legally settled in and belonging to their respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, during such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Churchwardens and Overseers in their Discretion shall deem proper, subject nevertheless to the Regulations and Provisions contained in the Laws and Statutes now in Force relating to such Relief of the Poor; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for any One of the Directors, acting for the said Incorporated Hundreds, under or by virtue of the said recited Act, upon the Complaint of any poor Person or Persons residing and legally settled within any Parish, Hamlet, or Place in either of the said Incorporated Hundreds, and wanting Relief or Parochial Assistance, to issue his Warrant or Precept, and thereby to summon the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Place to which such poor Person or Persons shall belong, or any of them, to appear at the then next Weekly Meeting of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, to be held in pursuance of the said recited Act, or if there shall not be sufficient Time to summon such Churchwardens and Overseers to appear at such next Weekly Meeting, then such Director may and shall summon such Churchwardens and Overseers to appear at the following or next succeeding Weekly Meeting, to answer the subject Matter of the said Complaint; and the Directors and Acting Guardians, assembled at such next or next succeeding Weekly Meeting, are hereby authorized and required to examine into, hear, and determine the subject Matter of the said Complaint, and to make such Order therein upon such Churchwardens and Overseers for the Relief, Sustainment, and Maintenance of such poor Person or Persons, and his Wife, or his, her, or their Child or Children, or any of

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them, as to such Directors and Acting Guardians, or the major Part of them, so assembled at their weekly Meetings shall seem meet; or otherwise such Directors and Acting Guardians may, if they shall think fit, order and direct such poor Person or Persons, and his, her, or their Wife, Child or Children, or any of them, to be conveyed or sent by the said Churchwardens and Overseers to the said House so erected and built for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said Incorporated Hundreds, there to be maintained and employed by and under the Care and Management of the said Directors and Acting Guardians: And the said Churchwardens and Overseers and every of them, are and is hereby required forthwith to obey and perform all and every such Summons of any One of the said Directors, and all and every such Order or Orders of the said Directors and Acting Guardians so assembled as aforesaid, touching and concerning the Matters aforesaid, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying any Sum of Money, not less than Forty Shillings, nor more than Five Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied in like Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures imposed and inflicted by the said recited Act or by this Act are to be recovered, levied, and applied.

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XIX. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several and respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds, to raise and levy the Money which shall or may from Time to Time be paid and expended by them under and by virtue of the Power hereby vested in them, and in the said Directors and Acting Guardians at their Weekly Meetings as last aforesaid in and about the Relief, Sustainment, and Maintenance of the said poor Persons and their Wives, Child or Children, legally settled in their respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, in the same Manner and by the same Ways and Means, and with the same Remedies for the Recovery thereof, as the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are by any Law or Statute now in Force authorized and empowered to raise and levy a Stock and Money for the Employment and Relief of the Poor of their respective Parishes.

Expences of maintaining the Poor in the House to be defrayed by the Parishes in Proportion to the Number of Poor sent by each Parish.

XX. And whereas, Power was given by the said recited Act to the said Directors and Acting Guardians from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, and to assign over all or any Part of the Poores Rates, to be collected within the said incorporated Hundreds, as a Security for the Re-payment of the Principal and Interest of the Money so to be borrowed; and for the better Security of such Sum or Sums of Money as should be borrowed by Virtue of the said recited Act, and for providing for the Poor to be employed or relieved in the said House and for defraying the other Expences of the said recited Act, the said Directors and Acting Guardians were empowered to assess with as much Equality and Indifference as possible such Sum and Sums of Money upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds, as the said Directors and Acting Guardians should judge necessary for paying the Interest of the said Debts and for defraying the Expences of the current Quarter, and for and towards paying off and discharging the said principal Debt, not exceeding in any one Year the Sum which had been expended for the Relief and Support

Support of the Poor in such Parish, Hamlet or Place, in one Year, upon an Average of Seven Years to be drawn from *Easter* One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five; And whereas the said Directors and Acting Guardians, in pursuance of and soon after the passing of the said recited Act, did assess, impose, and fix a certain average Annual or other Payment upon each and every of the respective Parishes, Hamlets and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds to be raised and paid within each and every of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, and the said Directors and Acting Guardians have by Virtue of the Power given them by the said recited Act, raised and borrowed divers large Sums of Money upon the Credit of the said Poors Rates within the said incorporated Hundreds, and several Sums of Money amounting to Ten thousand Pounds have been borrowed and charged, and are now due and owing upon the Security of the said Poors Rates, and the Sum of Four thousand Pounds and upwards hath been advanced by the Treasurer at the Request of the said Directors and Acting Guardians for the Purposes of the said recited Act, and the same is now due and owing to the said Treasurer: And whereas it hath been found by Experience that the average annual or other Payments so as aforesaid charged and imposed upon each of the said Parishes, Hamlets and Places is in many Instances unequal; for Remedy whereof be it further enacted, That from and after the twenty-ninth Day of *September* next ensuing the passing of this Act, all the Charges and Expences occasioned by or in any Manner attending the Relief, Maintenance, and Sustainment of the poor Persons from thenceforth to be kept and maintained in the said House, shall from Time to Time be borne and defrayed by each and every of the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds, in proportion to the Number and Ages of the several Persons belonging to each of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, from Time to Time kept and maintained in the said House: And to that End the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby authorized and required at their first Quarterly Meeting to be held in pursuance of the said recited Act next after the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, to ascertain and fix a certain Ratio or Proportion *per Head per Week*, by which such Parishes, Hamlets, or Places respectively shall and may from Time to Time contribute and pay for the Sustainment and Maintenance of the poor Men and Women, and of the poor Males and Females under the Age of twenty-one Years, belonging to such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively during such Time and Times as they shall respectively remain in the said House; and the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby further authorized and required at their subsequent Quarterly Meetings, to be held as aforesaid from Time to Time, to alter and vary and to ascertain and fix such Ratio or Proportion *per Head per Week* as Circumstances may require; and the said Directors and Acting Guardians for the Time being, or any Three or more of them (whereof Two to be Directors), are hereby authorized and required to issue Warrants in the Manner prescribed by the said recited Act to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds, requiring the said Churchwardens and Overseers respectively to pay in the Manner as is prescribed by the said recited Act with respect to the Average Assessments thereby directed to be made, the several Contributions or Sums of Money due from the said respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places for the Relief, Sustainment and
Maintenance

Maintenance of their respective Poor kept and maintained in the said House as aforesaid, to the Treasurer for the Time being to be appointed under and by virtue of the said recited Act, whose Receipt for the same shall be a legal Discharge to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized and required to raise and levy the said Contributions or Sums of Money, so to be paid by them to the said Treasurer in the same Manner and by the same Ways and Means as they are by the said recited Act required, to raise and levy the Average Assessments or Payments thereby directed to be raised, levied, and paid by them, and that all the Powers and Provisions, contained in the said recited Act, for enabling the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and the said Directors and Acting Guardians respectively to raise and levy the Average Assessments and Payments thereby directed to be made, shall be in full Force and Effect for the Purpose of enabling the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and the said Directors and Acting Guardians respectively, to raise and levy, and to enforce the Payment of the Contributions or Sums of Money which shall so as aforesaid become due and payable by the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, for and in Respect of their several and respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, under and by virtue of this Act.

Such Expences to be computed by the Week.

XXI. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Contributions to be made by each of the said Parishes, Hamlets and Places, for and in Respect of the poor Person or Persons belonging thereto, and from Time to Time kept and maintained in the said House, shall be always reckoned or computed by the Week, and not otherwise, and that although any such poor Person or Persons shall continue in the said House for any Time less than a Week, yet in making the said Computation such Time shall be deemed and taken as for One whole Week.

Cloaths to be provided by the Directors and Acting Guardians at the Expence of the several Parishes.

XXII. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and Acting Guardians, to find and provide for all the poor Persons kept and maintained in the said House, during such Time as they shall continue therein, all such Cloathing of every Sort, as the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall think proper, and to charge the Expence thereof to and upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, from or by which such poor Person or Persons shall be sent to the said House, and the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby authorized and required to issue their Warrants to the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, requiring Payment of such Expences; and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized and required to pay the same to the said Treasurer; and the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and also the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby empowered to raise and levy the same within the respective Parishes, Hamlets, or Places liable to pay the same, in the same Manner, by the same Means, and with the same Powers and Remedies for enforcing the Payment thereof, as are herein-before provided, with respect to the levying, raising, and paying the said Contributions, or Sums of Money hereby directed to be raised and levied within the said respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, for the Support of the said House,

House, and the Relief and Sustainment of the Poor kept and maintained therein.

XXIII. And in Order to provide for the Support of the said House and Buildings, and for keeping the same in Repair, and for defraying the Salaries and Wages of the Chaplain, Treasurers, Clerks, Governors, and other Officers from Time to Time to be appointed and employed by the said Directors and Acting Guardians, under and by virtue of the said recited Act, be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences occasioned thereby, shall be borne and paid by the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, within the said incorporated Hundreds, in proportion to the Number of poor Persons sent by or from the said respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places to, and maintained in the said House, and according to all the other Circumstances relating to the Situation of each of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places with respect to the said House, and to the other of the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, within the said incorporated Hundreds, and in order to ascertain the Proportion or Share in which each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places shall contribute thereto, the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, at some of their Quarterly or other Meetings, to be held in pursuance of the said recited Act, to enquire into and ascertain the Number of poor Persons sent by or from the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, to be maintained in the said House upon an Average of Four Years, to be drawn from *Midsummer* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and upon taking the same and all the other Circumstances of the Case into their Consideration, the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby required to ascertain and fix, with as much Equality and Indifference as may be, the Share or Proportion in which each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, ought and shall be liable during the next succeeding Term of Four Years, to contribute and pay towards the said last mentioned Costs, Charges, and Expences, and at the Expiration of the last mentioned Term of Four Years, and at the End of every subsequent Term of Four Years, the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall and may, if they think fit, in like Manner enquire into and ascertain the Number of poor Persons so as aforesaid sent to and maintained in the said House during the preceding Term of Four Years, and upon taking the same and all the other Circumstances of the Case into Consideration, the said Directors and Acting Guardians are hereby authorized and required to alter and vary, if Occasion shall require, and again to ascertain and fix the Share or Proportion in which each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, shall contribute and pay towards the said last mentioned Costs, Charges, and Expences; And the said Directors and Acting Guardians for the Time being, or any Three or more of them (whereof Two to be Directors) are hereby authorized and required to issue their Warrants to the said several Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, requiring them to raise, levy and pay such Shares and Proportions to the said Treasurer, and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are hereby in like Manner authorized and required to raise, levy, and pay the same, in the same Manner and Form, and with the same Remedies for enforcing the Payment thereof in all Respects as are herein-before provided and given, for and in respect of the several Contributions or Sums of Money which under and by Virtue of this Act shall become due from the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, for the Sustainment,

For supporting the House and paying Salaries to the Officers.

Management, Care and Employment of their respective Poor, kept and maintained in the said House as aforesaid.

For paying off
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Debt.

XXIV. And for the better Security of the several Persons who have advanced, and to whom any Sum or Sums of Money is or are now due and owing on the Credit of the Poores Rates of the said incorporated Hundreds, and in order to make certain and effectual Provision for the Payment not only of the Interest of the said Debt, but also for the speedy Liquidation and Discharge of the Principal Money now due and owing as aforesaid, be it further enacted, That the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said incorporated Hundreds, so as aforesaid (in pursuance of the said recited Act) assessed by the said Directors and Acting Guardians, shall remain and continue liable to and charged with the Payment of the said average annual or other Payments, so as aforesaid charged, imposed, and fixed upon each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, by virtue and in pursuance of the said recited Act, until the Whole of the said Debt and principal Money now due and owing, and charged upon the said Poores Rates, within the said incorporated Hundreds; and the said Debt due to the Treasurer, and the Interest due and to grow due for the same, shall be fully paid off and discharged; and that the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, shall in the mean Time and until the said Principal Money and Interest shall be paid and satisfied, continue to raise and levy within their respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, the same average annual or other Sums of Money as have hitherto, by virtue of the said recited Act, been raised and levied within the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively; and that the same shall be raised and levied in the same Manner, and by the same Ways and Means, and with the same Remedies in all Respects for enforcing the Payment thereof as are provided and given by the said recited Act or otherwise; and that One Moiety or Half Part of the Monies so to be raised, levied, and collected, as last aforesaid, shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being, to be appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, and shall be applied by and under the Management and Direction of the said Directors and acting Guardians, in Payment of the Interest due and to grow due on the said Debt, and for and towards the Liquidation and Payment of the said Principal Money, by Instalments, to be paid to the Persons to whom the same Principal Money shall be due and owing, or to such of them as shall agree to accept such Payment by Instalments, with as much Equality and Indifference as may be, and then in Payment to the other of such Persons (if any there be) not so agreeing, until the Whole of the said Principal Money and Interest shall be fully paid off and discharged; and the remaining Moiety or Half Part of the said Monies so to be raised, levied, and collected, as last aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be applied by the said Directors and acting Guardians, in paying the Charges and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and for or towards Payment and Discharge of the Contributions or Sums of Money due and payable by the respective Parishes, Hamlets, or Places raising and paying the same, for and towards the Support of the said House and Buildings, and keeping the same in Repair, and for defraying the Salary or Wages of the Chaplain, Treasurer, Clerks, Governors, and other Officers appointed and employed by the said Directors and acting Guardians as aforesaid, and in defraying the Costs and Charges of the Relief, Sustainment, and Maintenance of the poor Persons sent by

or from such Parishes, Hamlets, or Places respectively to the said House, in proportion to the Number of the poor Persons belonging to and sent by such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively to the said House, and kept and maintained therein, and for defraying the Costs and Charges of cloathing the Poor of such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, in the Proportions, Manner, and Form herein-before in that behalf prescribed; and if after Payment and Satisfaction thereof there shall remain any Surplus of such Monies so to be raised, levied, collected, and paid as last aforesaid, the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall from Time to Time cause the same to be repaid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place to which such Surplus shall belong, for the Use and Benefit of the Persons upon whom the same was raised, levied, and collected, after the same Rate and Proportion in which they contributed to the raising and Payment thereof.

XXV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and Acting Guardians to apply and pay any Part of the Monies to be raised by the said average annual or other Payments, so to be raised, collected, and paid as last aforesaid, for or towards Liquidation and Payment of the said Debt or Sum of Money so as aforesaid advanced by and now due and owing to the said Treasurer; and from and after full Satisfaction and Payment shall be made of the said Principal Money or Debt of Ten thousand Pounds, and of the said Debt so due to the said Treasurer as aforesaid, and the Interest thereof, the said annual average or other Payments so assessed, imposed, and fixed upon the said several Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, by the said Directors and Acting Guardians, under or by virtue of the said recited Act, shall cease, determine, and be no longer raised, levied, collected, or paid.

Proviso for Payment of Debt to Treasurer.

When Debt paid the present Average to cease.

XXVI. And whereas the Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, situated within the said Hundreds of *Mitford* and *Launditch*, is of considerable Extent and Population, and the poor Persons sent therefrom to be maintained in the said House are very numerous; and the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington* are desirous to maintain and employ all the poor Persons belonging thereto, at their own separate Expence; and that the poor Persons belonging to the said Parish should be withdrawn from the Government and Management of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, and that the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington* should be exempted from any average annual or other Payments or Contributions, charged or imposed by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, for or towards the Support and Reparation of the said House and Buildings, erected under the Authority of the said recited Act, or for or towards the Charges and Expences incident to or attending the Sustentation and Employment of the poor Persons maintained therein, or for any other Cause or Matter whatever; and the said Inhabitants and Parishioners have proposed and offered to pay to the said Directors and Acting Guardians the Sum of One thousand Pounds, as and for and in full Payment and Satisfaction of their Share and Proportion of the said Debt of Ten thousand Pounds, now due and owing upon the Credit of the Poors Rates of the said incorporated Hundreds; and also One Tenth Part of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to be due and owing from the said Guardians of the Poor to their said Treasurer upon the Tenth Day of *October* next; and the said

For separating the Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington* from the Corporation.

Inhabitants

Inhabitants and Parishioners have also proposed to accept and receive from the said Directors and Acting Guardians the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, as and for an Equivalent and in full Payment and Satisfaction of and for the Right, Title, Part, Share, and Interest of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, and the Inhabitants and Parishioners thereof of and in the House and Buildings erected under and by virtue of the said recited Act; and of and in all and every the Lands, Grounds, and Premises purchased, had, or taken by the said Guardians of the Poor, under or by virtue of the said recited Act; and also of and in all and every the Furniture, Implements, Articles, Matters, and Things, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, and all and every the Real and Personal Estate whatsoever, vested in or belonging to the said Guardians of the Poor: And whereas it would tend to the mutual Convenience and Advantage of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, and of the other Parishes within the said incorporated Hundreds, if the said Proposals were accepted and carried into Execution, be it therefore further enacted and declared, That the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, or some of them, shall and do, on or before the said Tenth Day of *October* next after the passing of this Act, pay or cause to be paid to the said Directors and Acting Guardians, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, the Sum of One thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, as and for their Share or Proportion of the said Debt of Ten thousand Pounds; and also the said One Tenth Part of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to be due and owing from the said Guardians of the Poor to their Treasurer, upon the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next after the passing of this Act, and then all and every the poor Persons and Children then, or at any Time or Times thereafter legally settled in or belonging to the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, shall be withdrawn and discharged from the said House, and from the Rule, Government, and Management of the said Directors and Acting Guardians, and the present and future Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, shall from thenceforth be and continue absolutely exempted, exonerated and discharged from all the Powers, Provisions, annual Average and other Payments and Contributions, and all and every the Articles, Matters, and Things in and by the said recited Act or this Act contained and prescribed, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said recited Act and this Act had not been made, and from thenceforth all and every the poor, needy, impotent, and lame Persons belonging to the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, shall be maintained, provided for, and set on Work by the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, in the same Manner as they would, ought, or might have been in case the said recited Act and this Act had not been made.

For vesting the House and Furniture in the Directors for the Use of the other Parishes.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, upon the said Tenth Day of *October* next, to pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, the full Sum of Five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, as and for an Equivalent, and in full Satisfaction of and for the Right, Title, Part, Share, and Interest of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*,

lington, of, in, and to the said House and Buildings, Lands, Grounds, Furniture, Implements, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, and Real and Personal Estate, now vested in or belonging to the said Guardians of the Poor as aforesaid; and such Sum of Five hundred Pounds shall be received by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, and shall be applied and disposed of by them for and towards reducing the said several Sums, so to be paid by the said Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, to the said Guardians of the Poor or their Treasurer as aforesaid; and from thenceforth the said House, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, and Premises, Furniture, Implements, Goods, Chattels, Effects, and Real and Personal Estate, and every Part thereof shall become, be, and continue vested in the said Guardians, for the Use and Benefit of the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Incorporated Hundreds, and of the Inhabitants and Parishioners of such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively for the Time being, exclusive of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, and the Inhabitants and Parishioners thereof, who, from and after such Payment, shall have no Right, Title, Part, Share, Interest, Claim, or Demand whatsoever, of, in, or to the said House, Buildings, Lands, Grounds, and Premises, Furniture, Implements, and Real and Personal Estate, so to be vested in the said Directors and Acting Guardians as aforesaid, or of, in, or to any Part or Parcel thereof.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That all and every the poor Persons and Children belonging to and legally settled in the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, shall and may be sent to and maintained and employed in the said House, until the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next, in the same Manner as they might have been if this Act had not been made; and that the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*, shall continue to raise, levy, and pay, until and upon the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next, unto the Directors and Acting Guardians, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, their due Share and Proportion of the average annual or other Payments which they are or would be subject and liable, and ought to pay, under and by virtue of the said recited Act, to be reckoned and computed up to the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September*; and that the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall have the same Powers and Authorities in all Respects for levying, recovering, and enforcing the Payment thereof, as are in that Behalf prescribed and given by the said recited Act; or in Default of Payment, the said Directors and Acting Guardians may abate, deduct, and retain the same from and out of the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds hereby directed to be paid by them to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*.

Poor may continue to be sent to the House from *East Dereham* for a limited Time.

XXIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted and declared, That upon Payment of the said Sum of One thousand Pounds, and the said One Tenth Part of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to be due and owing from the said Guardians of the Poor to their Treasurer, upon the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next as aforesaid, by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *East Dereham with*

Directing the Application of the Money paid by the Parish of *East Dereham*.

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Dillington, to the said Directors and Acting Guardians or their Treasurer as aforesaid; they the said Directors and Acting Guardians shall, with all convenient Speed, cause the said Sum of One thousand Pounds to be paid and applied towards the Liquidation and Payment of the said Debt of Ten thousand Pounds, in the Manner herein before prescribed, and shall cause such Tenth Part of such Money so to be received by them of the said Churchwardens and Overseers as aforesaid to be paid and applied for or towards the Liquidation and Payment of the said Debt so due to the said Treasurer as aforesaid.

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Dereham* does
not pay the
said Money.

XXX. Provided also, and be it further enacted and declared, That in Case the said Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, shall not pay or cause the said Sum of One thousand Pounds and the said One Tenth Part of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to be due and owing from the said Guardians of the Poor to their Treasurer, upon the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next as aforesaid, to be paid to the said Directors and acting Guardians, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, on or before the said Tenth Day of *October* next; then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and Acting Guardians, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants, under their Hands and Seals, to proceed from Time to Time to recover and levy the same Sum and Sums of Money, and every or any Part or Parts thereof, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, or of any or either of them, or of any other of the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, wherever the same Goods and Chattels may be found, until the said Sum and Sums of Money so due and unpaid, together with lawful Interest for the same, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale be fully paid and satisfied.

For enabling
the Parish of
East Dereham
to raise the
said Money.

XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in order to enable the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington* to pay the said Sum of One thousand Pounds, and such further Sum or Sums to the said Guardians of the Poor or their Treasurer as aforesaid, first deducting thereout the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds, so to be allowed and paid to the said Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, by the Guardians of the said Poor as aforesaid; it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, to raise by Taxation of every Inhabitant, Parson, Vicar and other, and of every Occupier of Lands, Houses, Tythes, impropriate Propriations of Tythes or saleable Underwoods, in the said Parish of *East Dereham* with *Dillington*, a competent Sum for the making of such Payments as aforesaid, in the same Manner and under the same Powers and Restrictions as the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, are by the Laws now in being enabled to raise Money for the necessary Relief of the lame, impotent, old, blind, and other Poor, not able to work, and for putting out poor Children Apprentices.

This Act not
to prejudice
the present
Creditors.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend in

in any Manner to prejudice, lessen, abridge, or defeat the several Assignments, Charges, and Securities heretofore given or made by the said Directors, and Acting Guardians, by virtue and in pursuance of the said recited Act, of or upon the Pours Rates of the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Incorporated Hundreds, or of any Part or Parts thereof, for any Sum or Sums of Money borrowed by and advanced to them for the Purposes of the said recited Act, and now remaining due and unpaid, save only as to the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington*; but that all such Assignments, Charges, and Securities so given or made, shall continue and be in full Force and Effect, save as aforesaid; and that the Person and Persons who now are, and from Time to Time shall be intitled to and interested in the said principal Monies borrowed, and now remaining due and owing on any such Assignments, Charges, or Securities as aforesaid, shall and may have and take the same Remedies and Means for recovering and enforcing the Payment thereof, as he, she, or they, might or could have done if this Act had not been made, save only as to the said Parish of *East Dereham with Dillington* aforesaid.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and singular the Provisions contained in this Act, shall in the Execution of the said recited Act, be used, applied and continued, as if the same Provisions were specifically enacted in the said recited Act; and all the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, Matters and Things contained in or prescribed, or appointed by the said recited Act, and not hereby expressly taken away, altered, or repealed, shall be of full Force and Effect, and extend to this Act, and to the several Assessments, Matters and Things herein contained and mentioned, or hereby authorized to be laid and imposed; and that the said recited Act, and the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, Matters, and Things therein contained (except such as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed) shall be construed and executed with this Act as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were herein repeated and re-enacted.

This and the former Act to be construed together.

