



ANNO QUADRAGESMO SECUNDO

GEORGI II. REGIS.

Cap. 28.

An Act to amend and render more effectual An Act made in the seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of *St. Mary Islington* in the County of *Middlesex*. [15th April 1802.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of St. Mary Islington in the county of Middlesex, and for building a Workhouse for the said Parish*: And whereas from the numerous Increase of the Poor of the said Parish, the present Workhouse is too small for their Reception; and great Inconveniencies have arisen by reason of there being no Building which can be used as an Infirmary for the Poor when sick, and other Buildings are occasionally wanted for the Reception of Lunatics and other poor Persons who are deemed improper to be among the Poor in the said Workhouse; and the said Act requires to be altered and amended: May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees appointed in or by virtue of the said former Act, and their Successors, or any Nine or more of them, to borrow in like Manner as directed in the said Act, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, (over and above the Sum authorised to be raised by the said Act) at as low a Rate of Interest as the same can conveniently be procured; which Sum and Sums of Money so to be borrowed, or any Part thereof, the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them are hereby authorised and empowered to appropriate and apply for the Purposes, either of enlarging the present Workhouse, or of renting a sufficient Quantity of Land, and erecting thereon a Building or Buildings to be used as an Infirmary for sick

17 Geo. 3.
Power to borrow Money.

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poor Persons belonging to the said Parish, and for the Reception of insane poor Persons, and such others as are or shall be unfit to be admitted into the Workhouse; which Building or Buildings, and any Wall or other Fence necessary to surround the same, shall be contracted and paid for in like Manner as is directed in the said former Act.

Part of a
Clause in
former act
repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said Act as directs the Rates and Assessments thereby authorised to be collected to be made and laid as the same shall be ascertained and rated to the Land Tax for the Time being, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that all Rates and Assessments which shall be made for the Relief of the Poor, and for the Payment of Annuities and other the Ends and Purposes of the said former Act, or of this present Act, either by the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Parishioners, or by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall be made and laid upon all and every Person and Persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, occupy, or enjoy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, or any other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish; and on every other Person and Persons, who by Law, or under the said former Act, or this present Act, is, are, or shall be chargeable or liable to be assessed according to the then yearly Rent, or yearly improved Value of the Premises; which Rates and Assessments shall be allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, as in the said former Act is directed: And that no Rate or Assessment to be made by the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Parishioners, shall be valid, unless the Number of Thirteen Parishioners, which, according to the Custom of the Parish, constitute a Vestry, (including the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor,) shall attend to make the same.

How Rates
are to be
recovered.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons charged with any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall refuse or neglect, after Demand made by the Collector or Collectors for the Time being, to pay the Money rated or assessed upon him, her, or them respectively, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and he and they is and are hereby authorised and required to summon, by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, all and every Person and Persons so charged, and who shall have so refused as aforesaid (on Oath being made before such Justice or Justices by the Collector or Collectors for the Time being, of his or their having attended at the Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons then intended to be summoned, and demanded the Rate or Rates, and of such Person or Persons having so refused or neglected to pay the same) to appear before such Justice or Justices, at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons (Service by such Collector or Collectors, or any of the Constables, Headboroughs, or Beadles of the said Parish of every such Summons, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their usual or last known Place of Abode to be deemed sufficient); and if any Person or Persons, so summoned, shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons or Summonses; or if he, she, or they do, or shall attend, and shall not make

make it appear to such Justice or Justices, that he, she or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates according to the said former Act; or of this Act, then all and every the Person and Persons who shall have been so summoned; shall pay as well such Rate as the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where the said Rate or Assessment; Costs and Charges, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, who shall have issued the same, and he and they is; and are hereby authorized and required (on Oath being made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses as aforesaid) to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, authorizing and directing such Collector or Collectors, or any Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, Beadle or Beadles of the said Parish, to levy such Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments respectively, and all Arrears thereof, and the Expence of the Summons, and of the Warrant, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing; and if within Five Days next after any such Distress shall be so made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments and Arrears, and the Costs and Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and of such Distress, and of keeping such Goods and Chattels, shall not be paid and satisfied, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, Beadle or Beadles, to cause the said Goods and Chattels, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient, to be appraised by one or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and sold to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with such Arrears, Costs, Charges and Expences as aforesaid, and the reasonable Charge of such Appraiser or Appraisers for his or their Trouble, returning the Overplus of the Money arising by such Sale (if any) to the Owner or Owners of the Goods and Chattels respectively, on Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

IV. And be it enacted, That when any Person or Persons shall come into, inhabit, hold, use, occupy, or enjoy any Land, House, Shop, Ware-house, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, or any other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish, which any other Person or Persons assessed shall cease to occupy, or shall remove from, or which, at the Time of making such Rates or Assessments, was or were unoccupied, or empty; that then, and in such Case, such Person or Persons so ceasing to occupy, or removing from, and every Person and Persons succeeding in the Occupation of, or removing into the same, shall be liable to pay the said Rates or Assessments, in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons occupied the same respectively (provided there be not more than Half a Year's Rate unpaid), in the same Manner, and under the like Penalties, as if such Person or Persons, so removing, had not removed, or such succeeding Occupier or Occupiers had been originally rated and assessed in such Rates and Assessments; which Proportion, in case of any Dispute, shall be ascertained by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them; Provided always that nothing in the said Act, or in this Act contained, shall extend to tax, rate or assess any Person for any of the Purposes of the said Act or this Act, or subject any Person

Succeeding Tenants made answerable for Arrears of former Occupiers in certain Cases.

to the Payment of any of the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of the said Act, or this Act, for any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, or any other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish) which shall be unoccupied or empty during the Time the same shall be so unoccupied or empty, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Trustees to administer an Oath to Persons appealing against the Rates.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by the Sum or Sums of Money which shall be charged on them for such Lands, Houses, or other Premises, in any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of the said Act, or this Act, it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons to apply to the said Trustees for Relief; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, at any of their said Meetings, having first examined the said Parties upon Oath, (which Oath the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them are hereby authorized to administer) as to the real annual Rent, or annual Value of the Premises so rented or occupied by them, may, and are hereby empowered to deduct such Proportion of the said Rates and Assessments as shall appear to them to be an Overcharge: And in case any Person or Persons shall apply to be excused the Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money rated and assessed on them respectively, by reason of their Poverty, and it shall appear to the said Trustees that such Person or Persons so applying to be excused the Payment as aforesaid, is, or are through Poverty unable to pay the same, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to compound with, or in Part or wholly to remit such Sum or Sums of Money due from such Person or Persons, and which shall have been rated and assessed upon him, her, or them, by virtue of the said former Act, or of this Act: Provided always, That any Person or Persons, dissatisfied with any Determination of the said Trustees, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace in the Manner prescribed by the said recited Act.

Such part of former Act as not altered, to continue in force.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisoes, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters and Things contained in the said recited Act, (except so much thereof as is hereby repealed, altered, explained or amended,) shall be and continue in full Force and Effect.

Expence of this Act how to be paid.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges of passing this Act shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of any Monies that shall be raised by virtue of or under the said former Act, or this present Act.

Public Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be taken and allowed in all Courts whatsoever, as a public Act; and all Judges, Justices, and other Persons are hereby required to take Notice thereof as such, without specially pleading the same.