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## *Cap. 56.*

An Act for enlarging the present or providing an additional Workhouse, for the Parish of *Chatham*, in the County of *Kent*; for raising Money for that Purpose; for the better ascertaining and collecting the Poor Rates; and for the better Relief, Government, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish. [24th May 1802.]

**W**HEREAS the Parish of *Chatham*, in the County of *Kent*, is large and very populous, and the Poor belonging thereto are very numerous, and are maintained and supported at a great and burthensome Expence: And whereas the Buildings and Premises now used as a Poor-house and Workhouse in and for the said Parish, are not sufficiently large for the proper Accommodation and Employment of such Poor: And whereas the Enlargement of such Buildings and Premises, or providing other proper Buildings and Premises, for the general Reception and Employment of the said Poor; and the granting proper Powers for the better ascertaining and collecting the Poor Rates, and for the better Government, Regulation, and Employment of such Poor, will tend to the Ease of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and to

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the more effectual Relief, Assistance, and Accommodation of such of the said Poor as by Age or Infirmities are rendered incapable of supporting themselves by their Labour, to the better Employment of the industrious and those who are able to work, to the proper Correction and Punishment of the idle, refractory, and profligate, and to the Education of the Infant Poor in Habits of Industry and Religion: 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 the perpetual Curate of the said Parish of *Chatham*, such of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent* as shall be resident in the said Parish, the Lord or Lady of the Manor and Hundred of *Chatham*, the resident Commissioner of His Majesty's Dock Yard in the said Parish, the resident Storekeeper of His Majesty's Ordnance, the High Constable of and for the Manor and Hundred of *Chatham*, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, and every and each of them respectively for the Time being, and *Thomas Ashenden, Jacob Ashley, John Burton, John Boddington, Thomas Colchester, Thomas Creed the elder, George Cresy, Samuel Henry Dickerson, William Dadd of the Fountaine, John Eggier, Ambrose Etherington, John Gurr, William Goddard, William Jefferys, Edward Prentis Henslow, Samuel Hemmans, John Irons, Thomas Lomas, Joseph Matthews, David Polhill, William Poole the elder, William Twopeny, Thomas Turner, and William Whitehead*, and their Successors (to be elected in Manner herein-after mentioned), are hereby nominated and appointed Guardians of the Poor of the said Parish of *Chatham*, and Trustees for putting this Act in Execution.

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II. And, that there may be an impartial Succession of Guardians chosen out of the Inhabitants of the said Parish, and in order to keep up the Number of Twenty-four Guardians (exclusive of the Persons who are to be Guardians in Right of their Office or Station), be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and such of the Parishioners of the said Parish who shall be rated to and pay any Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, are hereby authorized, and required to meet at the Vestry Room of the said Parish upon *Easter Monday* which will be in the Year One thousand eight hundred and three, and so on *Easter Monday* in every Year afterwards successively, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and at the said Meeting in One thousand eight hundred and three, the Clerk to the said Trustees, or some Person to be by them appointed for that Purpose, shall write the Names of such of the said Guardians who shall be then living, and shall then reside in the said Parish of *Chatham*, and shall not have refused to act as a Guardian (except the Names of the Persons who are to be Guardians in Right of their respective Office or Station), on distinct Pieces of Paper, and shall roll up the same separately and as near as can be in the same Shape or Manner, and shall then put them into a Box or Glass, from whence some indifferent Person shall draw out Eight of the said Papers, or such Number as shall reduce the whole Number of Rolls contained in the said Box or Glass to Sixteen, and the Names of the Guardians so drawn shall be read aloud, and such Guardians whose Names shall be so drawn shall then go out of Office, and the Parishioners then present shall immediately proceed to elect a like Number of other  
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Persons, Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Guardians in the Room of those who shall then go out of Office, or to re-elect the same Guardians continuing Inhabitants thereof, any or either of them, into the said Office of Guardians; and the Guardians who shall be then elected or re-elected by the major Part of the Parishioners present, shall be joined with the remaining Guardians, and shall have the same Power and Authority with them to act in the Execution of this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That on *Easter Monday* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and four, the Clerk to the said Guardians, or some Person to be by them appointed for that Purpose, shall write the Names of such of the remaining Sixteen Guardians who shall be then living and shall then reside in the said Parish of *Chatbam*, and shall not have refused to act as Guardians, on distinct Pieces of Paper, and shall roll up the same separately and as near as can be in the same Shape and Manner, and shall then put them into a Box or Glass, from whence some indifferent Person shall draw out Eight of the said Papers, or such Number as shall reduce the whole Number of Rolls contained in the said Box or Glass to Eight, and the Names of the Guardians so drawn shall then be read aloud; and such Guardians whose Names shall be so drawn shall then go out of Office, and the Parishioners then present shall immediately proceed to elect a like Number of other Persons, Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Guardians in the Room of those who shall then go out of Office, or to re-elect the same Guardians continuing Inhabitants thereof, any or either of them, into the said Office of Guardians; and the Guardians who shall be then elected or re-elected by the major Part of the Parishioners present, shall be joined with the remaining Guardians, and shall have the same Power and Authority with them to act in the Execution of this Act; and from thenceforth, on *Easter Monday* in every Year successively, the senior Eight of the then acting Guardians (except the Persons who are to be Guardians in Right of their respective Office or Station), or so many as shall reduce the whole Number to Sixteen, shall go out of Office, the Guardians of the same Election taking Place and to be reputed senior Guardians with respect to each other, according to their Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth, and their Places shall then be supplied by the major Part of the Parishioners then present, in Manner aforesaid.

Further Regulations for choosing Guardians.

IV. And be it further enacted, That upon any Vacancy happening of the Office of any Guardian for carrying this Act into Execution, either by the Death of such Guardian, or his ceasing to be an Inhabitant of the said Parish, or his Refusal to act in the Execution of this Act, the surviving or other Guardians for the Time being shall or may thereupon at any Meeting of Guardians to be held pursuant to this Act, order such Vacancy to be filled up before the Day stated by the former Clause of this Act for the Election of Guardians in the Room of those who shall be displaced as aforesaid, causing Ten Days Notice at least to be given, in Writing, of the Day and Hour of the Election of a new Guardian for filling up such Vacancy, to be had in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, or such other Place as they shall appoint, by affixing such Notice at or upon the Church Door of the said Parish; and that thereupon the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and such of the said Parishioners, so qualified to vote for Guardians as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and required,

For supplying Vacancies by Death, &c.

quired, pursuant to such Notice in like Manner as by the said former Clause of this Act is directed, to proceed to elect a new Guardian in the Room or Stead of the Guardian whose Office is so become vacant as aforesaid; and in case upon any such Vacancy happening of the Office of any such Guardian as aforesaid, such Vacancy shall not be filled up, nor any Election had of any new Guardian previous to any stated Day by the former Clause of this Act, for the Election of Guardians in the Room of those displaced as aforesaid, then the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and such of the said Parishioners so qualified as aforesaid, shall and may, and are hereby authorized and required, on any such stated Day, and at the Time and Place when and where they shall be so assembled, for the Purpose of electing Guardians in the Room of those displaced or vacated as aforesaid, to proceed also to elect and choose One or more new Guardian or Guardians, in the Room or Stead of such Guardian or Guardians, of whose Office or Offices any Vacancy shall then have previously happened; and shall not have been filled up pursuant to the Directions of this Act; and all and every the Guardians so elected and chosen in the Room of such Guardians, of whose Office or Offices any Vacancy shall have happened as aforesaid, shall be a Guardian or Guardians upon the like Terms and Conditions as the Guardian or Guardians in whose Room or Stead he or they shall be chosen, was or were subject and liable unto with respect to their being displaced or otherwise.

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V. And be it further enacted, That for the Preservation of Order in, and the better Regulation of, all Elections of new Guardians by virtue of this Act, the Chairman of such Meeting, elected as herein-after mentioned (being such immediately previous to such Election, notwithstanding he may be disqualified thereby to continue a Guardian in future), shall preside thereat and take the Poll of the Electors (if any shall be required); and that such Guardian so presiding thereat, shall, in case of an Equality of Voices or Votes in such Election, or concerning any Adjournment thereof, have a casting Voice or Vote (although he may have voted before at such Meeting), and shall then and there publickly declare what Persons are duly elected new Guardians under this Act, and certify the Names of such new Guardians so elected, unto the old Guardians, at their next Meeting to be held immediately after such Election; and such Certificate of the Persons so elected Guardians, shall be final as to the Fact of the due Notice of such Election, and of their being duly elected, and not liable to be controverted before any Magistrate or Magistrates, or in any Court of Law or Equity, or otherwise howsoever.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That such of the said Guardians nominated by this Act (except the Persons who are to be Guardians in Right of their respective Office or Station), who shall not act in the Execution thereof at the First or Second Meeting of the Guardians to be held immediately after the passing thereof, and shall not subscribe a Declaration in Writing to be entered among the Proceedings under this Act, declaring their Acceptance of the Trust or Office of a Guardian under it; and such new Guardians to be elected under this Act in Manner aforesaid, who shall not, within Ten Days after Notice in Writing given to or left for them at his or their usual Place of Abode, from the acting Guardians of any Meeting of Guardians under this Act (whose Duty it is hereby declared to be to cause such Notice to be given to or so left for all Persons  
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so to be elected Guardians, as soon as conveniently may be after their Election), voluntarily subscribe a Declaration in Writing to the like Purport or Effect, shall be *ipso facto* held, adjudged, deemed, and taken to have declined and refused to accept such Trust or Office of a Guardian under this Act, and the Office of such Guardian is in that Case hereby declared to be *ipso facto* vacant; and that thereupon the acting Guardians under this Act shall and may, and they are hereupon authorized and required, at some subsequent Meeting, as soon as conveniently may be, to order the Office of such Guardian or Guardians respectively to be filled up as hereinbefore is directed, as if such Guardian or Guardians had been actually dead; and such Person so elected into the Office of Guardian shall not be admitted or reinstated therein without a fresh Election, unless he shall voluntarily afterwards, and before the Expiration of Six Days next after any Notice shall be affixed on the Church Door of the said Parish, pursuant to this Act for electing a new Guardian in his Room, subscribe such Declaration, declaring his Acceptance of the said Office of Guardian as aforesaid.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person (except the several Persons nominated and appointed in and by this Act, and also the Persons who are to be Guardians in Right of their respective Office or Station), shall be capable of acting as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall at the Time of acting be seised or possessed, in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, or be in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Freehold or Leasehold, within the said Parish of *Chatbam*, of the clear yearly Value, and assessed to the Parish Rates thereof at the Rate of Twenty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards; or unless he shall be a Tenant or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Parish assessed to the Parish Rates at the Rent of Twenty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and also be possessed of a Personal Estate to the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds; and if any Person (except as aforesaid) not being qualified as aforesaid, shall presume to act in the Execution of this Act, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Effoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance shall be allowed; and the Person so prosecuted upon the Trial thereof shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty upon Proof being given of his having acted as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act. Qualification.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Messuages or Tenements, Poorhouses, Workhouses, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which from and immediately before the passing of this Act, the Minister, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the said Parish, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, were entitled unto or possessed of in Trust for the Parishioners thereof, for and towards the Relief, Maintenance, Use, and Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, shall, from and immediately after the passing hereof, be possessed by, paid, delivered, and belonging unto the said Guardians by virtue of this Act, as Estates and Effects in Possession of the Churchwardens, &c. before this Act, for the Use of the Poor, vested in these Guardians.

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fully, effectually, and beneficially, and in as large and ample Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as they the said Ministers, Churchwardens, and Overseers, or other Person or Persons, at or immediately before the passing hereof, were entitled thereto, or were in Possession thereof as aforesaid, subject nevertheless to be used, possessed, applied, and disposed of, upon the Trusts in this Act contained, and not otherwise; and also that the said Guardians under this Act shall be thereupon invested with all and every the Powers and Authorities for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, which Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor by the Laws made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor, are or shall be invested with; (except only in such Cases wherein the same are expressly altered or varied by this Act, and wholly repugnant thereto).

**Estates, Money, &c. left to charitable Uses, to be applied by Guardians according to the Will of the Donor.**

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all or any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Sum and Sums of Money or other Effects, that shall come to the Hands of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, or any other Person or Persons in Trust for the said Parish, to be applied in any particular Manner for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, by virtue of any Will or Deed, or by any other Means whatever, shall be by them conveyed, assigned, and paid to the said Guardians or their said Treasurer, and shall be applied and disposed of by the said Guardians in the Manner and for the Uses and Purposes appointed and directed for the Application thereof, be the same by Deed, Will, Donation, Gift, Agreement, or otherwise, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever; and the said Guardians are hereby authorized and required to inspect into and examine how such Trust Estates and Funds have been managed by those who have the Management thereof, and to remedy and correct all improper Management and Conduct therein as to the said Guardians shall seem expedient and necessary: Provided also, that the said Guardians and their Successors may and are hereby empowered to permit and suffer the Trustees, Treasurers, or others, who now are or hereafter may be chosen to conduct the Management, Direction, and Distribution of any Trust Estate or Fund devised, granted, or given to or for the Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, to continue in the Management, Direction, and Distribution of such Trust Estate or Fund for the Benefit of the said Poor, for so long and for such Time as they the said Guardians and their Successors, or the Majority of them, shall think proper and expedient.

**Quorum of the Guardians.**

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

**Notice of every Meeting requiring above Five Guardians.**

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That, previous to every Meeting of the said Guardians for the transacting of any Business, at which a greater Number than Five Guardians shall be requisite to be present, Ten Days Notice at least, in Writing, shall be given of the Hour and Place of such Meeting, and of the special Business intended to be there transacted, by

by affixing such Notice at or upon the Door of the Church of the said Parish.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, or in the Committee Room at the Poorhouse of the said Parish, on the Second *Monday* next after the Day on which this Act shall have received the Royal Assent, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve 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 within the said Parish, as shall be agreed on by the Guardians present at any Meeting; and if there shall not attend at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Guardians to act and to adjourn to another Day, or the Guardians present shall omit or neglect to adjourn themselves, then the Clerk to the Guardians for the Time being shall adjourn the Meeting to that Day Sevensnight, and to the same Place at which such last Meeting was held or appointed to have been held, causing Notice of such Adjournment to be given in Manner herein-before appointed for Notice of Meetings for the Elections of new Guardians; and the Guardians present at all Meetings shall defray their own Expences; and all such Guardians 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 Guardians.

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XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time appear to the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, proper and expedient that a Meeting of the Guardians should be held at an earlier Time than the respective Meeting shall then stand adjourned to, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, to summon a Meeting of the Guardians to be held at some convenient Time and Place within the said Parish, by giving Seven Days Notice thereof, in Manner herein-before directed for Notices of the other Meetings; and all such Meetings shall be deemed good and valid, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians present at every Meeting shall, before they proceed to any other Business, elect One of the Guardians 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, although he may have voted before at such Meeting.

A Chairman  
to be chosen.

XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, by Writing under their Hands, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons as they shall think proper to be their Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors of the Rates authorized by this Act to be raised (such Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, to be resident in and rated to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish), Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors of the Works, Master or Masters, Mistress or Mistresses of the Poorhouse or Workhouse, or other Officers, to transact any of the Business, Matters, or Things, in or about the putting this Act into Execution, taking such Security for the faithful Execution of their respective

For appoint-  
ing Clerks, etc.

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and allowing them Salaries.

respective Offices, as the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall think fit; and out of the Money raised by virtue of this Act, to pay or allow unto such Person or Persons such Salaries or Recompence, yearly or otherwise, for his or their Trouble, as to them the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall seem meet and reasonable, and to revoke and countermand, alter and vary such Nominations and Appointments, Salaries or Recompence, and make others in their stead, or not, as to them shall seem meet and proper.

Bye Laws may be made.

To be entered in a Book with other Proceedings.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, and they have hereby full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make such Bye Law, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as well for the better regulating their own Proceedings at any publick Meetings of the said Guardians, and the Manner of convening and holding such Meetings, wherein the same respectively are not controlled by this Act, as for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, and also for applying the Monies that shall from Time to Time arise by virtue of this Act, 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 Guardians, shall be entered by their Clerk or Clerks 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, or by the said Clerk by his Order; and which Book or Books may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and to all which Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and all other Person or Persons whomsoever, to whom the said Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall or may relate, is and are hereby required from Time to Time to conform themselves, at and under such reasonable Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, to be inserted in such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations respectively, not exceeding Five Pounds, for Non-conformity thereto, as shall be agreed upon at the Time of making the same, and to be recovered in like Manner as other Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures are herein directed to be recovered, and to be paid unto the Order of the said Guardians under this Act, or any Five or more of them, and to be applied to the Purposes thereof: Provided always, that such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations respectively be published, by affixing a Copy thereof on the Door of the Church of the said Parish; and that the same shall be subject to Appeal as herein-after is mentioned.

No Bye Law, &c. to be repealed, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no such Bye Law, Rule, Order, Regulation, Act, or Proceeding shall be repealed or revoked, unless by a Majority of a greater Number of the Guardians present at some subsequent Meeting than were present at the doing or making thereof.

The Treasurer to pay the Money as the Guardians shall appoint.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to order and direct the said Treasurer and Treasurers from Time to Time to pay all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be by him or them received for or on Account of the Poores Rate, or on Account of the Poor  
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of the said Parish, and applicable to the Relief thereof, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as they shall think necessary and expedient for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Treasurer and Treasurers is and are hereby authorized and required to pay the same from Time to Time accordingly; which Sum or Sums so paid shall be allowed him or them in his or their Accounts respectively.

XIX. Provided always, That the Rates or Assessments directed to be made by this Act, shall be collected, levied, and recovered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, in Manner as heretofore, until such Time as a Collector or Collectors shall be chosen in Manner aforesaid, or during such Time as there shall happen to be no Collector or Collectors of the said Parish, on the Person or Persons hereby directed to pay the same, in such Manner as the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be levied and recovered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, by an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, or by any subsequent Act or Acts relating to the Relief of the Poor.

In case no Collector appointed, the Rates to be collected by the Churchwardens, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be collected by virtue of the Rates or Assessments hereby directed to be made, and all other Monies whatsoever, which shall come to the Hands of the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor applicable to the Relief of the Poor within the said Parish (such Monies as shall or may hereafter be given to the said Parish, and applicable to the Use of the Poor thereof, the Management and Distribution of which shall or may be otherwise directed by the Donor or Donors thereof respectively only excepted), shall be by them from Time to Time paid unto the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed as aforesaid, within the said Parish, so soon as such Monies shall be received by the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, as they shall be received by the Treasurer or Treasurers to make Payment thereof.

Monies coming to the Churchwardens, etc. to be paid to the Treasurer.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall and they are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time and at all Times from and after the passing of this Act, as often as Occasion shall require, to make such Rates or Assessments as by the Laws now in being or hereafter to be made, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor now are or otherwise shall or may or could or might be enabled or empowered to make for and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, for raising such Sum and Sums of Money as they the said Guardians, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall judge or determine to be necessary for and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, and other the several Purposes that is and are as well in this Act as also in the several Laws now in being or hereafter to be made, touching and concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywise relating thereto, particularly mentioned, that such Rate or Assessment so to be made by the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall be allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Kent*, and on the *Sunday* next after such Allowance shall be published in the Church of the said Parish, as the Law in such Cases directs; and that all the Monies arising

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from such Rates or Assessments shall from Time to Time be collected or gathered by the Collectors or other Officers appointed for that Purpose, and shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act; and that no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall be made for the Relief of the Poor in the said Parish, other than is and are by this Act directed.

Collectors empowered to levy Rates.

Collectors to account to the Guardians.

Penalty on Refusal or Neglect thereof.

For levying Rates, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Person and Persons to be appointed in Manner aforesaid, Collector or Collectors of the said Rate or Assessment, is and are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and levy the same accordingly; and for the better enabling him or them so to do, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Collector or Collectors to execute all such Warrants of Distress as shall be granted from Time to Time by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, against any Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay the said Rate or Assessment, in the same Manner, and as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as Overseers of the Poor, by any Law or Laws now in being, can or may execute the same; and the said Collector or Collectors shall, and he and they is and are hereby required to make up and render to the said Guardians, at some publick Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, as often as thereunto required by the said Guardians, a full, true, and perfect Account, in Writing, of all Monies collected or received by him or them by virtue of this Act, and of all Monies rated or assessed and not received, and to verify the same on Oath, which Oath the said Guardians, or any Two of them, are hereby authorized to administer, and to pay over the Money so by him or them collected and received and remaining in his or their Hand or Hands, to the said Treasurer or Treasurers, or such Person or Persons as the said Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall by Writing under their Hands appoint to receive the same, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act; and if the said Collector or Collectors, or any or either of them, shall refuse or neglect to give in a just Account as aforesaid, or to pay the Monies remaining in his or their Hands in Manner aforesaid, they shall be liable to such Penalties as Overseers of the Poor in like Cases are subject and liable to.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Monies to become due and payable by virtue of this Act, or any Rate or Rates made for the Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish and for the Purposes of this Act, shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offenders or Defaulters, by Warrant, according to the Form or Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein the Hereditaments and Premises in respect of and for which such Rate is charged shall be situate, which Warrant such Justices are hereby empowered and required to grant; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, according to the Form or Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common or other Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless such Monies and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied; and that when and as often as any Distress

trés shall by the Authority of this Act be made for Non-payment of any of the said Rates or Monies hereby directed to be made, or any Part thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons making such Distress, to raise and levy the reasonable Charges of making and keeping such Distress.

XXIV. 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 Parish, may before the Payment of the Sum which may be rated on them respectively, quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coachhouses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the Limits aforesaid, 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, her, or their Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coachhouse, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments, before he, she, or they shall have paid the said Rate or Assessment, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same when due and demanded by the Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the same, that then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collector or Collectors, or One of them, by Warrant according to the Form or Effect in the Schedule hereunto annexed, under the Hands and Seals of Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein the Hereditaments and Premises in respect of and for which such Rate is charged, shall be situate (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.

For levying the Rates, etc. from Persons quitting Houses, etc.

XXV. And whereas there are divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Parish which are let at small Rents, or are let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, by which Means the Payment of the parochial Taxes for such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments may be evaded; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part thereof, shall be let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of, and shall be rated to and pay the Rates or Assessments in respect of such Tenements and Hereditaments, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish.

Rates of Houses, etc. let to Lodgers, to be paid by the Landlords or Owners.

XXVI. Provided always, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons renting or occupying any such last mentioned House, Tenement, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates

Tenants liable to pay Rates, and deduct the same out of their Rents.

Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof which accrued and become due from each of them respectively, during the Time of their Occupancy only: Provided also, that each and every such Occupier or Occupiers who shall pay such Rates or Assessments, or upon whom the same shall be levied, shall and may from Time to Time deduct the same from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to the respective Landlord or Owner (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant), and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to such Tenant or Occupier, and to his, her, or their Landlord, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay in the Manner directed by this Act; but that no such Tenant or Occupier of any separate Apartment of any House or Houses, or ready furnished House, shall, by the Payment of such Rate or Assessment in Manner aforesaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Parish by such Payment, but that the Landlord or Owner shall be deemed and construed, to all Intents and Purposes, to have paid the same; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Guardians empowered to purchase Ground, etc. and to enlarge the present or provide an additional Workhouse and Furniture.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized and required with all convenient Speed, after the passing of this Act, to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, and all other Persons interested in any Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, for the purchasing such Lands, Grounds (not exceeding Two Acres), Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any or either of them, or so much thereof as the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them, shall think necessary, and to purchase the same and all Buildings thereon, in the Name of the then Guardians of the Poor of the said Parish (who are hereby enabled to accept and take a Conveyance thereof to them and their Successors for ever), and upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed on 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, and Alterations therein, as the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them, 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 Parish, and from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be and require, to alter, enlarge, and repair the present Poorhouse or Workhouse of the said Parish, or any other 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 the Consideration Money for the Purchase of such Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Expences of erecting, building, or converting any Buildings, in Addition to or for the Purpose of a Poorhouse or Workhouse as aforesaid, and furnishing the same, and all other Expences to be incurred by the said Guardians 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 Guardians out of the Monies to be raised, levied, and received by them from Time to Time, in the Manner herein directed.

XXVIII. And

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them (if necessary), with the Consent of the Lord or Lady of the Manor of *Chatham* for the Time being, to take by Grant any Part or Allotment of the Waste or Common of the said Manor, for the Purpose of erecting and making such House or Houses, Offices, Outbuildings, and Gardens, for the Benefit of such Poor, or for the Purpose of making any Addition to any House or Houses, Offices, or Outbuildings, and for the Garden thereto, to be approved of by such Lord or Lady, which said Grant shall be taken in the Name of the then Guardians of the Poor of the said Parish, who are hereby enabled to accept and take the same to them and their Successors for ever.

Waste Lands may be taken for a Workhouse, etc. with Consent of the Lord of the Manor.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used, by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Lunatick, or Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Guardians for executing this Act, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes, or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application of Compensation where amounting to 200 l.

Application  
where the  
Compensation  
is less than  
200*l.* and  
more than 20*l.*

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases, the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified by Writing under their respective Hands, to be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Five or more of the said Guardians (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application  
where the Mo-  
ney is less than  
20*l.*

XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Trustees shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Guardians  
may make  
Contracts.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them, may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for the adding to, altering, repairing, or furnishing, the present Poorhouse or Workhouse, and any other Poorhouse or Workhouse for the said Parish, and the Offices, Outbuildings, Gardens, and Fences requisite or belonging thereto, or for providing Materials and Furniture for the Purposes aforesaid, and that the said Guardians, or any Eleven or more of them, may contract and agree with any Person or Persons for all or any of the Articles, Materials, or Utensils necessary or requisite for the maintaining, cloathing, and employing the Poor to be received into the said House, and also, if they shall think fit, to contract with any Person or Persons for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing all or any of the Poor of the said Parish; and all Contracts and Agreements made or entered into by or between the said Guardians, and any other Person or Persons whomsoever, relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing, to be done or performed in Execution of this Act, shall be reduced into Writing, and signed by the Parties thereto, and shall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the said Guardians as upon all other Parties thereto,

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 Party or Parties refusing or neglecting to perform the same.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall cause all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and every Matter or 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 other Acts and Proceedings of the said Guardians, 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 Poores Rates in the said Parish.

Contracts, etc.  
to be entered  
in a Book.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Guardian, Treasurer, Churchwarden, or Overseer of the said Parish, shall hold or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or under the Powers hereby given or entered into, or be in any Manner beneficially interested or concerned in any such Contract or Agreement as aforesaid; and in case any Guardian, Treasurer, Churchwarden, or Overseer, 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.

No Guardian  
to hold any  
Place of Profit,  
or be con-  
cerned in any  
Contract.

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

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

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, 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 Three thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Poores Rates and Assessments to be collected within the said Parish, and by Writing, signed under the Hands and Seals of any Nine or more of the said Guardians, to mortgage and assign the said Estates, Poores Rates, and Assessments, to the Person or Persons advancing or lending the same, or his or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal Sum and Sums of Money so to be borrowed, with Interest for the same, and every such Assignment may be in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the same Effect; and every such Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law.

Power to bor-  
row Money.

XXXVII. And

Power to  
grant An-  
nuities.

Fixing Ages  
of Annuitants  
and Rates of  
Annuities.

Annuities to  
be paid out  
of Rates.

Securities  
transferrable.

Securities to  
be entered in  
a Book.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, think it adviseable to raise all or any Part of the Monies necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, by the granting of Annuities for the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons, then it shall be lawful for them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Nine or more of them, to grant any Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Guardians, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities to be payable and paid during the natural Life of any Person so contributing, advancing, and paying as aforesaid, or the natural Life of any such Person as shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Contributor, at the Time of Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money; so as no such Annuity be granted for the Life of any Person under the Age of Twenty Years; and so as no such Annuity exceed the Rate of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person under the Age of Thirty Years, or the Rate of Eight Pounds for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person of the Age of Thirty Years and under the Age of Forty Years, or the Rate of Nine Pounds for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person of the Age of Forty Years and under the Age of Fifty Years, or the Rate of Ten Pounds for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person of the Age of Fifty Years and under the Age of Sixty, or the Rate of Eleven Pounds for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person of the Age of Sixty Years and under the Age of Seventy Years, or the Rate of Twelve Pounds for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Person of the Age of Seventy Years or upwards; and the Grant of such Annuity may be in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the same Effect; and every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and every Annuity so to be granted as aforesaid, shall and is hereby charged upon and shall be payable out of the Rates and Assessments herein-before mentioned, and shall be made payable and be paid Quarterly during the natural Lives of such Contributors respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by such respective Contributors, and a proportionable Part of such Annuity shall be paid from the last Quarter Day of Payment, to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant or his *cestui que vie*.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money borrowed or raised by Mortgage and Annuities granted as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever; which Transfer may be made by Indorsement on such Securities, in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or in any other Words to the same Effect; and Copies of all Assignments or Mortgages, and Grants of Annuities which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and of all Transfers thereof, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Guardians, to which Book or Books  
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any Person intersted shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward, and for the Entry of every such Assignment, Mortgage, Grant, and Transfer, the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more, and after such Entry made of any such Assignment, Mortgage, Grant, and Transfer, every such Assignment, Mortgage, Grant, and Transfer, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security hereby transferred; and all and every Person and Persons to whom such Assignments, Mortgages, Grants, and Transfers shall be made, shall be, in the Proportion to the Sum or Sums therein mentioned, Creditors on the said Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premises, and upon the said Rates, equally One with another, and shall have no Preference in respect to the Priority of advancing such Money.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Treasurer for the Time being, and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Guardians by virtue or on Account of this Act, in the Name of such Treasurer, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal, or by the Act of such Treasurer, without the Consent of the said Guardians, but the Treasurer for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action or Suit (as the Case shall be): Provided always, that every such Treasurer, in whose Name the Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended, in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid out of the Monies to be received by the Guardians by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences, as he shall be put unto or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant.

Guardians to  
sue and be  
sued in the  
Name of their  
Treasurer.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Guardians to bring or cause to be brought in the Name of the Treasurer as aforesaid, any Action or Actions of Debt or special Action on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for all or any of the Penalties or Forfeitures which shall be incurred under this Act, and for all or any of the Fines set or imposed by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act, or any Part thereof (in which Action or Actions it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff in such Sum as the Plaintiff shall suppose to be then due or forfeited), for so much Money before then owing from or by the Defendant to the Plaintiff, by an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish; and if the Plaintiff recovers in any such Action he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgement are now by Law levied and recovered, in which Action or Actions no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Guardians  
may sue by  
way of  
Action.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall yearly and every Year hold Four or more Meetings for inspecting the Accounts of the said Treasurer, and of the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse, or other Officer or Officers to be chosen and appointed under this Act, upon such Days as the said Guardians shall order and appoint; at

Accounts to  
be audited.

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which Meetings the said Treasurer shall produce an Account of all Sums of Money by him received, and also the Receipts and Vouchers of the said Master or Mistress, or other Officer or Officers, for all Money paid to him or her, 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 shall also deliver in a true and distinct Account of the Number of Persons in the said Workhouse, 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 the said Poorhouse or Workhouse, and shall be open at all seasonable Times to the Inspection and Perusal of all and every Person and Persons paying to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish; and such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer or Officers, shall also verify on Oath the Truth of such Accounts, which Oath the said Guardians, or any Two of them, are hereby empowered to administer.

May contract  
for Money for  
Indemnifica-  
tion from  
Bastard  
Children.

XLII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Guardians shall, and they are hereby empowered to contract and agree for such Sum of Money or Consideration as they shall be willing to accept from any Person or Persons, to indemnify him, her, or them, for or on Account of any Claim or Demand to be made upon him, her, or them by the said Parish, for the future Maintenance of any Bastard Child, or Children likely to be born a Bastard, and thereupon absolutely to acquit and discharge him, her, or them, from any Claim or Demand of the said Parish on Account thereof, by Writing under their Hands.

May take up  
wandering  
Poor.

XLIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any One or more of the said Guardians, from Time to Time to cause any Person who shall be found wandering or begging within the said Parish, or who being poor or having no visible Means of supporting and maintaining himself or herself and Family without Labour, and being capable of Labour refuseth to do any Work suitable to his or her Age, Strength, or Ability, whereby himself, herself, or Family, or some Part thereof, is chargeable to the said Parish, to be sent to the said Workhouse, there to be kept and employed for so long Time as the said Guardians, or any Two or more of them, shall direct, or until he or she shall be discharged by due Course of Law; and in case of Misbehaviour of any such Person, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Two or more of them, to punish such Offender in Manner herein-after mentioned, or for the said Offence for which he or she was apprehended and sent to the said Workhouse (in case he or she shall be a Vagrant), to cause such Offender to be passed as a Vagrant to his or her Place of Birth or other legal Settlement, if the same can be found.

They may  
punish the  
Poor who are  
idle or  
misbehave  
themselves.

XLIV. And whereas many Persons maintained in publick Workhouses refuse to work, or are guilty of profane cursing and swearing, Drunkenness, or of embezzling and purloining, or other Misbehaviour, and by the Laws now in being no Punishment can be inflicted upon them without committing them to the House of Correction or Common Gaol, which

which Commitments have not been found to answer the Purposes thereby intended; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any poor Person maintained in any Workhouse belonging to the said Parish of *Chatham*, shall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials for Work, or make Waste of the Provisions, Materials, or Things provided in or for the said Workhouse, or be guilty of prophane cursing, swearing, Drunkenness, or any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, or refuse or neglect 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, her, or their Age, Strength, and Ability), it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Two or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished in such Workhouse, either by Abatement of Diet, moderate Correction, solitary Confinement, or Distinguishment of Diet or of Dress, without committing such Offenders to the House of Correction or other Prison; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: But provided always, that no Female shall be whipt in any Case whatsoever.

XLV. And, to the End that all the Poor in the said Poorhouse or Workhouse may be encouraged to apply themselves to the Labour or Tasks in which they may be employed, with Diligence or Attention; be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by such Poor, such Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, in Proportion to the Quality and Perfection of their Work, as to the said Master or Mistress shall appear reasonable, under the Directions of the said Guardians.

Encouragement to be given to industrious Poor.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of the Poor who at any Time shall be received into and maintained in the said Poorhouse or Workhouse, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the same to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or shall buy or receive any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor of the said Poorhouse or Workhouse, every Person so offending shall forfeit, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, upon Conviction on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Kent*; which Penalty, when paid or recovered, shall go One Moiety to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the said Guardians, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

Penalty on buying, etc. Cloaths, etc. furnished for the Poor.

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

No spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

XLVIII. And,

Form of Con-  
viction

XLVIII. 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.

Guardians to  
grant Certifi-  
cates, &c.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Guardians to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Person whose legal Settlement shall be in the said Parish, and who shall be willing to remove or who shall have removed out of the said Parish, which respective Certificates, attested by the Clerk to the said Guardians, and signed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, as Certificates are now by Law directed to be, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes; and if any such Certificates or any Bonds already given to the Officers of the said Parish for indemnifying such Parish from any Charge which may arise from Bastard Children, shall at the Time of the First Meeting of the said Guardians be and remain in the Custody of the Officers of the said Parish, such Certificates and Bonds shall forthwith be delivered to and kept by the Clerk to the said Guardians; and the said Guardians shall and are hereby authorized to sue on such Bonds, and they shall recover the Penalties as if such Bonds had been originally made to them, and all Bonds hereafter to be given for the same or like Purposes shall be made to the said Guardians only; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Children  
taken in to  
be appren-  
ticed.

L. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children who shall at any Time be maintained by the said Guardians, 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 Guardians shall think fit, the said Guardians may and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to bind and put forth any such Children Apprentices to any reputable Person in *England* or *Wales*, to be taught any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or in any Handicraft Business or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, as the said Guardians 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), shall attain the Age of Eighteen Years or Day of Marriage; and that every such Writing shall be mutually binding as an Indenture between the Master, Mistress, and Apprentice, and shall in all Respects be in force, and according to the Laws in force concerning the apprenticing of poor Children where Parents are not able to provide for them; and that the said Guardians shall, and they are hereby required to provide necessary Cloathing for every such Apprentice upon his or her being bound as aforesaid.

Children may  
be discharged  
or hired out.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians may and they are hereby empowered to discharge out of the said Workhouse, 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 in the  
said

said Poorhouse or Workhouse or otherwise, for One whole Year at the least, for the Benefit of such Child or Children.

LII. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant of the said Parish of *Chatham*, notwithstanding his or her being a Member or Officer of the said Parish, or contributing to the Rates of the said Parish, and any Person maintained within the said Workhouse, or otherwise relieved or supported by or at the Expence of the said Parish, shall in all Actions to be brought in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* for the Recovery of any Penalty or Forfeiture given by this Act, and at the Hearing of all Examinations and Appeals touching Orders of Removal from or to the said Parish, or touching Orders of Bastardy, concerning Bastards chargeable or likely to become chargeable to the said Parish, or touching Adjudications or Convictions of Defaults and Offences for which Forfeitures or Penalties are or may be imposed by virtue of this Act, or touching any Penalties or Forfeitures which, or any Part of which by the Laws now in being, or by any Law hereafter to be made, are or may be given to the Poor of the said Parish, be and be deemed to be a competent Witness; any Law, Statute, Custom, Rule, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants  
and Poor may  
be Witnesses.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Recovery and Application whereof is not hereinbefore particularly described), shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any Justice of the Peace for the said County, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, 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 those 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 the said 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 Guardians, or their Treasurer or Clerk, to be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor in the said Poorhouse or Workhouse, or in otherwise putting this Act in Execution; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties or 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 of the said County, 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.

Recovery and  
Application of  
Penalties.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any other Matter or Thing

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done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the said Guardians in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall apply for Relief to the Guardians for putting this Act in Execution, at any Meeting to be held within One Calendar Month next after Publication of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, in the Church, or next after any such Matter or Thing done and committed by or by the Order of the said Guardians; and such Guardians, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered (if they shall think such Persons aggrieved), to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of such Guardians, he, she, or they shall be obliged to pay such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and to comply with such Order of the said Guardians, and then shall and may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the Western Division of the said County, next after such Determination of the said Guardians, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing of his or her Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, to the Clerk to such Guardians, and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into Recognizance before a Justice of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Session; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Session, upon due Proof of such Notice given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Session shall be final and conclusive.

Justices empowered to grant Relief, upon Appeal against the Rates.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That on Appeal from the Rates to be made for the Purposes of this Act, the Justices shall and may amend the same in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief, without quashing or altering such Rates with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon Appeal from the whole Rate it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then the Justices shall and may order a new Rate to be made.

Justices to proceed on Complaint of Guardians or Person appointed by them.

LVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are empowered by the Laws in being to proceed on the Complaint of any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of any Parish, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any One or more of the said Guardians, or of such Person or Persons as shall have been duly appointed by Writing under the Hand of the said Guardians for that Purpose, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish.

LVII. And

LVII. And be it further enacted, That wherever any poor Person or Persons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered to be removed from the said Parish of *Chatbam* to the Parish or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians (if they think fit) to cause such poor Person or poor Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, to be respectively removed in the usual Manner of removing Paupers or Vagrants, by some Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Guardians for that Purpose, by Writing under their Hands and Seals; and every Overseer of the Poor or other proper Officer of the Parish or Place to which such poor Person or poor Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered to be removed as aforesaid, is hereby required to receive every such poor Person or poor Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he or they would have been if such poor Person or poor Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, had been delivered to him, her, or them, by One of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Chatbam*; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Guardians may appoint Persons to remove Poor or Vagrants.

LVIII. 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 only, 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 such Irregularity shall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only, in an Action upon the Case.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

LIX. 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 Guardians or their Treasurer by virtue of this Act.

Paying Expences of the Act.

LX. 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 any of the Powers hereby given or in anywise relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been thereof given in Writing to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Guardians, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made; and every such Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of *Kent* 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

Limitation of Actions

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 before 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 his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, and 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 Case by Law.

**Publick Act.** LXI. 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, containing the Form  
of Proceedings.

No. 1. *WARRANT of DISTRESS for Non-payment of the Rates.*

*Kent,* } To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of  
*to wit.* } *Chatham* in the County of *Kent*, and to all Constables, Borsholders, and other Peace Officers for the same County.

WHEREAS the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants, Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coachhouses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of some Building or Tenement within the said Parish of *Chatham*, were and are truly rated and assessed, or liable to pay the Rate and Rates duly made for the Purpose of an Act, made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*]: And whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums of Money at and against their Names hereunto respectively set down, for Money due from them for or towards the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, and the said several Sum and Sums of Money are still remaining due in Arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to us, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*; and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear before us to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to us the said Justices upon Oath, and they nor either of them, having shewn any sufficient Cause: These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to levy the said several Sums of Money due from the said Persons, and here-under joined to or set against their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels (such Goods and Chattels being kept by the Space of Five Days before the same are sold), rendering to them respectively the Overplus (if any be), the reasonable Charges of such Distress, Sale, and Keeping, being first deducted; and if no sufficient Distress can be had or taken, that then you certify the same to us, to the End such further Proceedings may be had therein as to the Law doth appertain: And we do hereby strictly charge and command all and singular the Constables, Borsholders, and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for the said County of *Kent*, to be aiding and assisting in all Things relating to the Premises. Given under our Hands and Seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord

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PERSONS NAMES.	SUMS DUE.
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A. B. - - - - -	
C. D. - - - - -	
E. F. the Landlord for divided	
G. H. &c. - - - - -	

No. 2. *WARRANT for Want of Distress of Goods.*

*Kent,* } To all Constables, Borsholders, and other Peace Officers for the  
to wit. } County of *Kent*, and also to the Keeper of the House of Correction at *Maidstone*, in and for the said County.

**WHEREAS** now or late an Inhabitant, Holder, Landlord, Tenant, Occupier, or Enjoyer of Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Cellar, Vault, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, or Part of some Building or Tenement within the Parish of *Chatham* in the said County, was and is truly rated and assessed, or liable to pay the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for and towards the Rate lately made for the Purposes of an Act made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*]: And whereas the said \_\_\_\_\_ refused or neglected to pay the said Sum of Money to the Overseer of the Poor, or the Collector of the Rates of the said Parish, although the same was demanded, as appeared to us, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, upon Oath; whereupon we the said Justices granted our Warrant, bearing Date the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ to levy the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ on the said \_\_\_\_\_ by Distress and Sale of His Goods and Chattels, rendering to him the Overplus (if any): And whereas \_\_\_\_\_ One of the Constables or Borsholders of the said County of *Kent*, to whom the said Warrant was delivered to be executed, hath made a Return of the said Warrant, and certified to us, that upon Enquiry and Search it appeareth unto him, that the said \_\_\_\_\_ hath not any Goods or Chattels whereof a sufficient Distress could be had or taken to levy the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and the said Sum is still due and unpaid, as appeareth also to us upon Oath: These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to will and require you, and every of you, to apprehend the said \_\_\_\_\_ and him safely to convey and deliver to the Keeper of the said House of Correction, or his Deputy, together with this Warrant: And we do hereby also command you, the said Keeper or Deputy Keeper, to receive the said \_\_\_\_\_ into your said Gaol, and him safely keep, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of \_\_\_\_\_ [*any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month*] unless such Money, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid. Given under our Hands and Seals; this Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord

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No. 3. *FORM of SECURITY for Money borrowed at Interest.*

BY virtue of an Act made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*], the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of *Chatham* in the County of *Kent*, in Consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit and for the Purposes of the said Act, do grant and assign unto the said *A. B.*, his [*or her*] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of the said Act, as the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which is or shall be borrowed upon the Credit of the said Act; to be had and holden from this Day, until the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ with Interest at \_\_\_\_\_ *per Centum per Annum* for the same, to be paid Half-yearly, shall be fully repaid and satisfied. In Witness whereof the said Guardians, or \_\_\_\_\_ of them, have hereunto set their Hands and Seals, the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4. *FORM of Grant of ANNUITY.*

BY virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*] the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of *Chatham* in the County of *Kent*, in Consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ paid by *A. B.* to the said Guardians, do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.*, his [*or her*] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, an Annuity or yearly Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ out of the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of the said Act; which Annuity or yearly Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid to the said \_\_\_\_\_ his [*or her*] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at the Poorhouse of the said Parish of *Chatham*, by Four equal Quarterly Payments; (that is to say), upon \_\_\_\_\_ in every Year, during the natural Life of \_\_\_\_\_ the First Payment thereof to be made upon \_\_\_\_\_ now next ensuing the Date hereof; and a proportionable Part of such Annuity or yearly Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid from the last Quarter Day of Payment, to the Day of the Death of the said \_\_\_\_\_ In Witness whereof the said Guardians, or \_\_\_\_\_ of them, have hereunto set their Hands and Seals, the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_

No. 5. *FORM of Assignment of SECURITIES.*

I THE within named \_\_\_\_\_ in Consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to me paid by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ at or before the Execution hereof (the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge), do assign and transfer the within Security, and all my Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and the Money thereby secured, unto the said \_\_\_\_\_ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand, the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_

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## No. 6. CONVICTION.

BE 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 County of *Kent*, by virtue of an Act made in  
 the Forty-second Year of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the*  
*Title of this Act*] [*specifying the Offence*]. Given under our Hands and  
 Seals [*or my Hand and Seal*] the Day and Year aforesaid.

## No. 7. NOTICE of APPEAL.

IN pursuance of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Forty-  
 second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth*  
*the Title of this Act*], we do hereby give you Notice, that we intend to  
 appeal to the next Sessions of the Peace to be holden [*if by Adjournment*  
*then those Words to be added*] at *Maidstone*, in and for the County of  
*Kent*, against the Order, Conviction, or Determination [*as the Case may*  
*be*] of \_\_\_\_\_ Two of His Majesty's Justices of  
 the Peace for the County of *Kent*, whereby they have [*stating the Matter*  
*intended to be appealed against*]. Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_

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