



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO QUINTO

# GEORGII III. REGIS.

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## Cap. 99.

An Act for repealing an Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for better governing, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the Parish of Saint Pancras, in the County of Middlesex; for providing a new Workhouse for the Use of the said Parish; for appointing Collectors of the Rates; and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and for making more effectual Provision for those and other Purposes.*

[10th July 1805.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for better governing, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the Parish of Saint Pancras, in the County of Middlesex; for providing a new Workhouse for the Use of the said Parish; for appointing Collectors of the Rates; and for other Purposes therein mentioned; certain Persons were appointed Directors of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint Pancras, and certain Powers were thereby given and granted to such Directors and their Successors, for the Purposes of well governing, providing for, employing, and managing the* 44 G. 3. c. 47.

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Poor of the said Parish; and also of erecting a new Workhouse, and furnishing and keeping the same in Repair: And whereas the said Directors have made a considerable Progress in the Execution of the Powers of the said recited Act; but such Powers are found to be inadequate to the several Purposes thereby intended, and therefore it is necessary that such Powers should be altered, amended, and enlarged; and it would tend greatly to facilitate the Execution of the Purposes intended to be provided for by the said recited Act, if the same were repealed, and further and better Provisions made for those Purposes; and it would tend materially to the Prevention of Fraud in the Vend of Provisions and other Articles in the said Parish, if Powers were granted for the Appointment of Inspectors to examine the Weights and Measures of the several Persons dealing by Weight or Measure within the said Parish; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, the said recited Act, and all the several Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, shall be, and the same is and are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

44 G. 3. repealed.

Directors.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Vicar of the said Parish for the Time being, together with such Two Persons as shall be nominated and appointed from Time to Time, as herein-after is directed, by the Lord or Lady of the Manor of *Tottenham*, otherwise *Tottenball*, in the said Parish, and *Patrick Crawford Bruce*, *Manasseh Lopes*, *Thomas Jervis*, *David Scott*, *John Palmer*, *Claude Scott*, the Reverend *Robert Anthony Bromley*, the Reverend *Edward John Andrews Frith*, the Reverend *Kenneth Courtenay*, the Reverend *John Wood Duppa*, *Edmund Pepys*, *John Nares*, *Robert Baker*, *Sir Alexander Hamilton*, *Edward Russell Howe*, *Daniel Beale*, *William Harrison*, *Edward Divett*, *Gibbes William Jordan*, *John Gust*, *Robert Mac Gbie*, *Edward Dew*, *Thomas Hayne*, *Nathaniel Winter*, *John Rose*, *John Adolphus*, *Benjamin Price*, *William Norfolk Johnson*, *John George Lockett*, *Charles Gore*, *William Denby*, *Brereton Poynton*, *William Sturgeon*, *George Bagster*, *Paul Barbot*, *Gabriel Gillett*, *William Weston*, *James Bock*, *Arnold Michael Burmester*, *Christian Dietrichsin*, *William Littleboy*, *Nehemiah Spicer*, *Samuel Sewell*, *George Young*, *Matthew Hunt*, *Archibald Hunter*, *George Jackson*, *John Kenney*, *John Twycross*, *Joseph Farrington*, *John Young*, *Edmund Coffin*, *Thomas Daniel*, *John Charles Lucena*, *John Forbes*, *Andrew Reid*, *Thomas Murdock*, *Robert Hamilton*, *Edward Allphrey*, *Thomas Wilkinson*, *Wyndham Knatchbull*, *George Fisher*, *Richard Flemming*, *Richard Cooke*, *James Barton*, *George Lockett*, *John Hall*, *Joshua Hodgkinson*, *Samuel Baxter*, *George Dance*, *John Collins*, *Richard Helmes*, *Thomas Rhodes*, *Thomas Harrison*, *William Morgan*, *Richard Morgan*, *Richard Montimer*, *William Francis*, *John Hall*, *Thomas King*, *Christopher Greetham*, *John Thomas Redman*, *Thomas Davis*, *John Clarke*, *Thomas Divett*, *Thomas Rose Swaine*, *Richard Shutt*, *William Minshull*, *William Warrig*, *William Thibetson*, *George Osborn*, *Robert Henry Peart*, *Thomas McDowall*, *Martin Prior*, *Thomas Finch*, *George Shum*, *Thomas Cadell*, *James Deady*, *Henry Isherwood*, *Dugge Moore*, and their Successors, (to be nominated, elected, and appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned) shall be, and they are hereby appointed Directors of the Poor of the Parish

of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*, for the Purposes of well governing, providing for, and employing the said Poor, and also of erecting a new Workhouse, and other Buildings and Works necessary thereto, and furnishing, finishing, and completing the same, and keeping the same in Repair, and of purchasing Ground and Buildings for that Purpose, and of otherwise putting this Act in Execution: Provided always, that the Number of such Directors shall not, together with the said Vicar for the Time being, and such Two Persons to be nominated and appointed by the Lord or Lady of the said Manor, exceed One hundred and three.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Right Honourable *Anne Lady Southampton*, Lady of the Manor of *Tottenham* otherwise *Tottenhall*, within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, and to and for the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor for the Time being, to nominate and appoint Two fit and substantial inhabitant Householders of the said Parish, duly qualified as herein directed, to act as Directors in the Execution of this Act; and in case such Two Persons, or either of them, or any Person or Persons to be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead shall die, or refuse or be incapable to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor for the Time being, to nominate another Person, qualified as aforesaid, in the Room or Stead of each and every Person so dying, or refusing, or being incapable to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act; and every such Nomination and Appointment shall be certified under the Hand or Hands and Seal or Seals of the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor for the Time being to the said Directors, and upon such Nomination and Appointment being so certified to the said Directors, the Person so nominated and appointed shall have full Power and Authority to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act: Provided always, that if any Person or Persons so nominated or appointed by the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor for the Time being, shall neglect to act in the Execution of this Act, for and during the Space of Twelve Calendar Months, then and in every such Case such Neglect shall be and be deemed to be a Refusal to act within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

The Lord or Lady of the Manor of Tottenham to appoint Two Directors.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Director herein named, or to be elected in Manner herein mentioned (save and except the Vicar of the said Parish for the Time being, and such Two Persons as shall be nominated and appointed by the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor for the Time being) shall die, or refuse, or be incapable to act in the Execution of this Act, or shall cease to be qualified to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the surviving or remaining Directors, and they are hereby required, to elect and appoint at some Meeting to be appointed for that Purpose (of which Meeting, and of the Purpose thereof, at least Ten Days Notice, either written or printed, with the Name of the Clerk to the said Directors annexed thereto, shall be given to each and every Director, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode) some other Person qualified to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act, to be a Director in the Room or Stead of each Director so dying or

For the Election of Directors.

or refusing or being incapable to act in the Execution of this Act; and each and every Person so appointed a Director, shall, from and after such his Election and Appointment, have the like Powers and Authorities for carrying this Act into Execution, as if he had been particularly named and appointed a Director by this Act.

Directors, before they act, to take the following Oath.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Director in the Execution of this Act (except in administering the Oath herein-after mentioned to the other Directors) until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath, which Oath the said Directors, or any Two or more of them, at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, is and are hereby empowered and required to administer:

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the several Powers and Authorities reposed in me as a Director of the Poor, appointed in pursuance of an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice.  
‘ So help me GOD.’

If Directors neglect to act for Twelve Months.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons herein nominated, or so to be elected a Director by the said Directors, by virtue of this Act (save and except the Vicar of the said Parish for the Time being) shall neglect to act in the Execution of this Act for and during the Space of Twelve Calendar Months, then and in every such Case such Neglect shall be and be deemed to be a Refusal to act within the Meaning of this Act.

Qualification of Directors.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Person (except the Vicar of the said Parish for the Time being) shall be qualified to act as a Director in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall at the Time of acting be a resident Householder in the said Parish, and be seised and possessed in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and shall be in the actual Receipt of the Rents or Profits thereof, within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, of the clear yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, and assessed to the Rates hereby directed to be made for the Purposes of this Act, at the Rate of Thirty 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 said Rates at the like Rent of Thirty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and also shall be possessed of a Real or Personal Estate to the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds over and above what shall be sufficient to satisfy and discharge his just Debts; and if any Person, 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, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons, being a resident Householder or Householders in the said Parish, and duly assessed to the Rates made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any or His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of

of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; but no such Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, shall be brought or prosecuted, unless One Calendar Month's Notice thereof shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Prosecutor or Prosecutors, specifying the Cause thereof; and in every such Action, Bill, Plaint, and Information, the Proof of such Qualification shall be on the Defendant, and it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff or Prosecutor to prove the Delivery of such Notice, and that he or she is a resident Householder in the said Parish, and duly assessed as aforesaid, and that the Person to sued or prosecuted had acted as a Director in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Person and Persons acting as a Director or Directors in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforesaid, previous to his or their being convicted of such Offence, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Acts of Directors good before Conviction.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, shall, on the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, meet at the Female Charity School in the said Parish, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, and shall then proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall afterwards meet at such Place as to them shall seem fit, between the Hours aforesaid, on *Tuesday* in each and every Week, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, without any Notice being given to the said Directors of such Weekly Meeting.

First and subsequent Meetings.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, to adjourn for any shorter Space of Time than the *Tuesday* immediately subsequent to the last Meeting, of which Adjournment Notice in Writing, or printed, with the Name of the Clerk affixed, shall be left for each Director at his usual Place of Abode, Two Days at least before such next Meeting.

Directors may adjourn for a shorter Time, but then Notice to be given.

X. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time or Times it shall so happen that there shall not appear at any Weekly adjourned or other Meeting, a sufficient Number of such Directors as are herein enabled to act at such Meeting, then and in every such Case every such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the *Tuesday* immediately subsequent to such Meeting, and so *toties quoties*; and at all their Meetings such Directors shall pay their own Expences, save and except at such Time or Times when the Accounts of the said Directors shall be audited in Manner herein mentioned.

Further Adjournment of Meetings.

Directors to pay their own Expences.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the said Directors, or of any of them, shall be or be deemed to be good or valid unless the same be done at some Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act (save and except as may be herein excepted) or in some Committee specially appointed, which it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors to appoint in Rotation or otherwise as they shall see Occasion; and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or vested in such Directors, shall and

No Act valid unless at a Meeting.

Majority present at public Meetings may act.

Chairman to  
be appointed.

may from Time to Time be exercised by the major Part of them who shall attend at any Meeting to be holden as herein directed (the Number of such Directors present at such Meeting not being less than Nine) and all the Orders and Directions of the major Part of such Directors present at all such Meetings, shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were made or done by all such Directors for the Time being (save and except as may be herein excepted); and at every such Meeting of the said Directors a Chairman shall and may be appointed; and when and as often as it shall so happen that there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any one Question (including the Vote of the said Chairman) then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Chairman to give the casting or decisive Vote.

Chairman to  
administer an  
Oath.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Chairman, or to and for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* then present, to administer an Oath to any Person or Persons for the more certain Information of the said Directors in any Matter or Business then depending; and if any Person or Persons shall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the said Directors, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be, and is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Directors not  
to act where  
interested.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Director in the Execution of this Act, during such Time as he shall hold any Office or Place of Profit under the said Directors, or during such Time as he shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract or Work to be performed or done, or in the Supply of any Articles or Materials required under any of the Powers of this Act; but that it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* to act as such in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding his being a Director, except only in Cases wherein he shall be personally interested in any other Manner than as a Director of the said Poor, or as a Parishioner of the said Parish.

May act as  
Justices.

Entry of Di-  
rectors Pro-  
ceedings.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That fair and regular Entries shall be made (in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose) of all the Acts, Bye Laws, Orders, Regulations, Directions, and Proceedings of the said Directors relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Directors who shall be present at the respective Meetings; and such Entries shall be signed or subscribed with the Name of the Chairman of each respective Meeting, and being so signed or subscribed shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Suits, and Actions touching any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in anywise relating thereto.

Entries of  
Proceedings  
under old Act  
good Evi-  
dence.

XV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all and every Book and Books in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings, Rule or Rules, Order or Orders, Act or Acts of the Directors or other Person or Persons acting by and under the Authority of the said recited Act (such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according

according to the Directions of and made Evidence by the said recited Act) shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence in any Court whatsoever; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or the major Part of them, present at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, (such Number present not being less than Thirteen) from Time to Time to make such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the better regulating of their own Proceedings at any of their publick Meetings, and of the Manner of convening and holding such Meetings, and for the good Conduct and Behaviour of the several Officers and Servants employed by the said Directors in the Execution of this Act, and for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, and for the Application of the several Monies that may arise, be collected, or received by virtue of this Act to the Purposes thereof, and likewise from Time to Time to vary, alter, amend, or repeal all or any of such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to fix and appoint such reasonable Fines and Penalties for the Breach or Non-performance of any such Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, or of any Part thereof, as to them shall seem right and proper, so that no such Fine or Penalty shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when made, and all Alterations, Variations, and Amendments thereof, shall be printed, and shall be affixed to the Door or Doors of the Parish Church of *Saint Pancras*, and several Chapels within the said Parish; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when so made, printed, and affixed, shall be good and binding upon all Persons concerned, provided that the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, or inconsistent with or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained; and the same shall be subject to Appeal in Manner herein mentioned.

Directors may  
make Bye  
Laws.

Bye Laws to  
be printed.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, when so made by the said Directors, shall be varied, altered, amended, or repealed, save and except at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, of which Meeting and of the Purpose thereof, Ten Days Notice at the least, either written or printed, with the Name of the Clerk to the said Directors annexed thereto, shall be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of each and every Director.

Bye Laws not  
to be repealed  
without No-  
tice.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Collector of the Rates, and the Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and each and every Clerk, Agent, Beadle, Constable, and other Officer and Servant nominated and appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, shall hold and enjoy their several and respective Offices and Employments, together with the several and respective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he or she shall be removed therefrom respectively by the Directors acting by virtue of this Act; and every such Collector and Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and every such Clerk, Agent, Beadle, Constable, and other Officer and Servant, shall

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be subject to the like Pains and Penalties, and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations as if he, she, or they had been nominated or appointed by virtue of this Act.

Appointment  
of Collectors,  
Clerks, and  
other Officers.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or the major Part of them assembled at any of their Meetings (the Number present of such Directors not being less than Thirteen) to elect and appoint One or more Person or Persons, being a resident Householder or Householders in the said Parish, to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates authorized to be made, collected, and levied by virtue of this Act; and also to elect and appoint some Person or Persons, being a Banker or Bankers, to be the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Directors; and also to elect and appoint a Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, and One or more Beadle or Beadles for the Removal of the Poor from Time to Time, and for other Purposes relative to the said Poor; and also to elect and appoint such Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents, as they shall deem necessary, for inquiring into the State and Circumstances of the Poor, dispensing casual Relief, and inspecting the Supplies and Management of the said Workhouse, under the special Instructions of the said Directors; and also to elect and appoint such Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers and Servants as they shall deem necessary for the Execution of this Act, and to take such Security from all such Persons so elected and appointed, as the said Directors shall think proper for the due Execution of their respective Offices; and from Time to Time to remove such Collector or Collectors, Treasurer, Master or Mistress, Beadle or Beadles, Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents, Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers and Servants, at the Will and Pleasure of them the said Directors; and out of such Rates and Assessments to be collected and received by virtue of this Act, to make such Allowances by Way of Poundage to the said Collectors, not exceeding Three-pence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the Rates aforesaid; and also to pay or allow unto such Master or Mistress, Beadle or Beadles, Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents, Clerk or Clerks, and such other Person or Persons, not being a Treasurer or Treasurers, to be employed by the said Directors as aforesaid, such Salaries or Recompence, Yearly or otherwise, for his, her, and their Trouble, as to the said Directors, or the Majority of them present at any Meeting (the Number of Directors present not being less than Thirteen) shall seem meet and reasonable, and from Time to Time 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.

Office of  
Vestry Clerk,  
when next  
vacant, to  
merge into  
the Office of  
Clerk to the  
Directors.

XX. And be it further enacted, That when and as soon as the Office of Vestry Clerk in the said Parish shall become vacant, whether by Death or otherwise, such Office shall, with the Consent of the Vestry of the said Parish, merge and sink into the Office of Clerk to the said Directors, and the Clerk for the Time being to the said Directors shall thenceforth execute and perform the Duties of the said Vestry Clerk.

Collectors to  
account.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector or Collectors of the several Rates or Assessments hereby directed to be made, shall at all Times when thereunto required by the said Directors, or any



Nine or more of them respectively, make up and render unto the said Directors at their Meetings, a full, true, and perfect Account in Writing, with all necessary Vouchers for the Confirmation thereof, of all Monies by them received respectively for or on Account of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, and shall produce their respective Rate Books, in order that the said Directors may be satisfied as to the Sum or Sums of Money rated and assessed, received and to be received, and may give such Directions respecting the same as they shall think proper; and the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse for the Time being, or One of them, shall, and he or she is hereby required, Once at least every Month, to produce and lay before the said Directors at some Weekly Meeting, or before some Committee of the said Directors appointed for that Purpose, an Account of all Monies by him or her received and paid in the Course of the preceding Month, or at any Time since such Account shall have been last required and made out, and also a true and distinct Account of the Number of Persons in the said Workhouse, distinguishing their Ages and Sex, and how such Persons respectively are employed, and how much Money has been earned by the Labour of the said Poor in the preceding Month, or since the last preceding Account, and what Quantity of Provisions (distinguishing every Kind) in Weight or Value, and also of Beer, Wine, and Spirits, has been brought and delivered, and by what Tradesman or Tradesmen, into the said Workhouse within the said preceding Month, or other Period of Time; and the said Agent or Agents, Visitor or Visitors, shall, and he and they is and are hereby required, at each and every Weekly Meeting of the said Directors, to produce their respective Books before the said Directors, in order that the same may be inspected and examined by them, and to give an Account upon Oath of all Monies by such Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents respectively received and paid in the Course of the preceding Week; and the several Officers aforesaid shall, and they are hereby required, within Ten Days after they shall respectively quit their Office, to deliver up to the said Directors all Books and Papers in their Hands, necessary to illustrate their Accounts, or which may be demanded or required by the said Directors, or any Committee of them authorized for that Purpose, and to pay over to the said Directors, or to their Treasurer, all and every such Balance of Monies as shall then appear to be and remain in their Hands respectively, by virtue of their respective Offices.

Master or  
Mistress of  
Workhouse to  
account:

Agents to ac-  
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Days after  
quitting their  
respective  
Offices.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any such Collector, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Visitor or Agent, or other Officer, shall refuse or neglect to make and render any such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment of the Balance of all such Monies as shall appear to be and remain in their Hands respectively by virtue of their respective Offices, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, within Ten Days next after being thereunto required by the said Directors by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Collector, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Visitor or Agent, or other Officer, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or her Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or give Satisfaction to the said Directors respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Directors, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for

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that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Collector, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Visitor or Agent, or other Officer so refusing or neglecting shall be or reside, such Justice may, and he is hereby authorized and required, to issue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, for the Person so refusing or neglecting to appear before him, and upon his or her appearing, or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies that shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act, shall remain due from such Person, such Justice may, and he is hereby authorized and required; upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distrels and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Person can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the said Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Collector, Clerk, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Visitor or Agent, or other Officer, shall have refused or neglected to render and give such Account, or to verify the same as aforesaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be in the Custody or Power of such Person, and he or she shall have refused or neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then, and in each and every such Case, such Justice shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or she shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Directors for such Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Directors are hereby empowered to make and receive) and until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Directors.

Officers acting under the Act repealed, to account to the Directors under this Act.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector, Clerk, and Agent, Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and all and every other Person and Persons appointed by virtue of, or acting, or who have acted in Execution of the said recited Act, who shall have in his, her, or their Custody or Power, any Monies collected by virtue of, or any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the said recited Act, shall, when thereunto required by Notice in Writing, signed by any Seven or more of the said Directors, given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, within Ten Days after the Receipt of such Notice, deliver up to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons appointed by them for that Purpose as aforesaid, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, all the Monies received by him, her, or them, by virtue of the said recited Act, and all the Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution thereof, and all the Accounts of the several Monies received or disbursed by him, her, or them, together with the Vouchers relating thereto; and if any such Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person shall

refuse

refuse or wilfully neglect to make and render any such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating thereto, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver up in Manner aforesaid all Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution of the said recited Act, or give Satisfaction to the said Directors in respect of the same, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person so refusing or neglecting shall be or reside, upon Complaint made to him by the said Directors, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, for the Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person so refusing or neglecting to appear before him, and upon his or her appearing, or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, after due Endeavour used for that Purpose, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and if upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible-Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies that shall have been collected or received by virtue of the said recited Act, shall be due from such Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person, such Justice may, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be raised by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector, Clerk, or other Person as aforesaid; and if no Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person, can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling such Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justice, that such Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person, shall have refused or neglected to render and give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the said recited Act, shall be in the Custody or Power of such Collector, Clerk, Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Person, and he, she, or they shall have refused or neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in each and every such Case such Justice shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, City, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or she shall give and make a true and perfect Account, and make Payment as aforesaid, or until he or she shall have compounded with the said Directors for the said Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Directors are hereby empowered to make and receive) and until he or she shall deliver up all such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Directors.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Clerk, Collector, Visitor or Agent, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or any other Officer or Servant employed by the said Directors in putting this Act, or any of the Powers thereof in Execution, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards

Officers taking any Fee or Reward besides the Salary;

or being concerned in Interest in any Bargain or Contract, shall be disqualified to be employed under this Act.

as shall be appointed and allowed to them respectively by the said Directors, for or on Account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or on any Account whatsoever, relative to putting this Act into Execution, or shall anywise be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract, made or to be made by the said Directors for any of the Purposes of this Act, every such Person so offending shall upon Conviction thereof before the said Directors at any of their Meetings, or upon Verdict or Judgment being had against him in such Action as next hereinafter mentioned, be for ever incapable of serving or being employed under this Act in any Office of Profit or Emolument, and shall over and above forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, in which Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed.

Treasurer to pay Money to the Order of Directors.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall, and they are hereby empowered, by an Order or Orders in Writing under the Hands of Three or more of them the said Directors, and countersigned by their Clerk at any publick Meeting, to direct their Treasurer or Treasurers from Time to Time to pay such Sum or Sums of Money out of the several Monies borrowed, raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act, and paid to or received by such Treasurer or Treasurers, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as they the said Directors shall think necessary and expedient for the Purposes of this Act; and upon the Receipt of such Order or Orders, such Treasurer and Treasurers is and are hereby authorized and required to pay from Time to Time the Sum or Sums of Money expressed in such Order or Orders, which Sum or Sums so paid shall be allowed to the said Treasurer and Treasurers in his or their Accounts.

Directors to choose, and Justices to swear Constables.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said Parish, and they are hereby required, upon the *Tuesday* next before *Easter*, or as soon after as conveniently may be in each and every Year, to nominate (in lieu and stead of the Nomination heretofore made in Vestry) a sufficient Number of Parishioners to serve as Constables for the said Parish, and to make or cause to be made a List of such Persons; and such List, when so made, shall be delivered to Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, in Petty Sessions to be by them holden, and out of such List the said Justices shall appoint such Number of Constables as they shall think necessary for the ensuing Year.

Allowing Substitutes.

XXVII. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person so appointed to be a Constable as aforesaid, to appoint a Person, able and willing to undertake the said Office, to be his Substitute to serve in his Room or Stead; but no such Appointment shall take place, save and except such Person shall be approved of by the said Directors, and shall afterwards be sworn by the Justices of the Peace at the next Petty Sessions to be by them holden.

XXVIII. And

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Contract and Contracts, Agreement and Agreements still existing, and entered into and made by virtue and in pursuance of the Directions of the said recited Act, shall be and be deemed to be as good, valid, and effectual as if the said recited Act had not been repealed, and the Observance and Performance thereof may be enforced and compelled by such Ways and Means as the Observance and Performance of any Contract or Agreement made by virtue of this Act may be enforced and compelled.

Old Contracts to be good.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, at any of their Meetings, to contract or agree with any Person or Persons for making Bricks upon any Ground which may be purchased pursuant to this Act, and for providing Materials for making, or erecting and finishing the Whole or any Part of any Workhouse, or any Building or Buildings, or any Fence or Fences, or other Work or Works, hereby authorized or directed to be built, erected, and made, and for providing from Time to Time such Furniture, Goods, Carrels, Provisions, Cloathing, Utensils, and Materials, as may be requisite or necessary for maintaining, cloathing, and employing the Poor to be received into the said Workhouse, and also for any other Article, Matter, or Thing to be provided by virtue of this Act; and all such Contracts and Agreements, when made and entered into by or between the said Directors and any other Person or Persons, shall be reduced into Writing at the Expence of the Parties with whom such Contracts or Agreements shall be made by the said Directors, and signed by the Parties thereto, and shall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the said Directors as upon all other Parties thereto, his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and the said Directors shall and may pay or order Payment to be made of the Monies due upon any such Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, to the Person or Persons entitled to receive the same.

Making Contracts.

Contracts to be reduced into Writing.

XXX. Provided always, That before any such Contract or Contracts shall be entered into, Twenty-one Days Notice at least shall be given in Two or more of the Daily Newspapers, expressing the Purpose of every such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered and presented to the said Directors at a certain Time and Place which Notice to be mentioned: Provided also, that no Contract or Agreement made by the said Directors (except for the Purchase of Ground, or for the Disposal of the present Workhouse and Premises belonging thereto, as herein directed) shall be valid, binding, or effectual, until the same shall be approved and confirmed at their next Meeting to be taken in pursuance of this Act; and every such Contract and Agreement shall be signed by the Chairman presiding at such Meeting; and Copies of all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and such Book and Books shall from Time to Time and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection of all and every Person or Persons who shall pay to the Poor Rates in the said Parish, on Payment of One Shilling to the Clerk or Person in whose Custody the same shall be.

Twenty-one Days Notice to be given of Meetings to make Contracts.

Confirmation of Contracts at a subsequent Meeting.

Contracts to be entered in a Book, for Inspection of Parishioners.

Appointment  
of Auditors  
of Accounts.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That on the Second *Tuesday* in *December* next after the passing of this Act, and on the Second *Tuesday* in *December* in each and every ensuing Year, it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, and they are hereby required, at a publick Meeting, to nominate Twenty-one fit and proper Persons to be presented to the Vestry of the said Parish as herein-after mentioned, in order that the Vestry may elect Seven of such Twenty-one Persons to be Auditors of the Accounts of the said Directors as herein-after mentioned, each and every of which Twenty-one Persons so nominated shall be a substantial resident Householder in the said Parish (but not a Director of the said Poor) and shall be rated and assessed for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, for Premises of which he shall actually be the Occupier, at the Rent or Value of Eighty Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and shall take and subscribe an Oath of the like Purport and Effect to that herein before required to be taken by Directors, and shall not be beneficially interested in any Contract, Office, or Agreement connected with or respecting the Maintenance or Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, or in any Mode whatever of supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Poor, or of the said Directors in the Business of the said Poor; and it shall and may be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and other Parishioners of the said Parish, and they are hereby required to meet on the Second *Wednesday* in *January* next after the passing of this Act, and on the Second *Wednesday* in *January* in every subsequent Year, in some fit and convenient Place (other than the Church or Chapels of the said Parish) then appointed for the holding of Vestries (of which Vestry, and the Purpose thereof the said Churchwardens for the Time being are hereby required to cause Notice to be given in the Church and Chapels of the said Parish on the *Sunday* next preceding such Vestry, which Notice the Clerk officiating in the said Church and Chapels respectively is hereby directed to give and publish immediately after Divine Service, and before the Sermon) and then and there to elect Seven of such Twenty-one Persons whose Names shall be then and there presented to the said Vestry by the Clerk to the said Directors for the Time being, of which Seven so elected any Four shall be a Quorum, to act as Auditors of Accounts of the said Directors; and the said Auditors who shall be first chosen and appointed as aforesaid on the Second *Wednesday* in *January* next after the passing of this Act, shall meet on the last *Wednesday* in the same Month of *January*, between the Hours of Nine and Eleven in the Forenoon, in the Room where the Meetings of the said Directors are usually held, and proceed to audit the Accounts of the said Directors from the Time when they shall have begun to act as Directors under their Trust, up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* next preceding the Meeting of such Auditors, and so on the last *Wednesday* in *January* in every subsequent Year, the Auditors chosen and appointed in the Second *Wednesday* in the same Month of *January* as herein-before directed shall meet as aforesaid in the Place and between the Hours above-mentioned, and proceed to audit the Accounts of the said Directors from the said Thirty-first Day of *December*, up to which such Accounts shall have been before audited and settled unto the Thirty-first Day of *December*, next preceding the Election and Appointment of such Auditors; and the said Auditors, at all and every such Meeting

Meeting and Meetings, shall be at Liberty to adjourn as they shall see Occasion, at which original and adjourned Meetings the said Directors shall, by their Clerk, produce and lay before the said Auditors an Account in Writing, accompanied with proper Vouchers, of all Monies raised by virtue of this Act during the Period on which such Auditors shall be employed, and of all Sums of Money which shall have come into the Hands of the said Directors, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, in virtue thereof during such Period; and also of all Monies paid, laid out, and expended by them during such Period, in or about any of the Purposes of this Act, and in or about the obtaining and carrying the same into Execution, and other Expences directed by this Act to be paid; and in case the said Auditors, so to be elected as aforesaid in any Year, or the major Part of them, shall think there is just Cause to disapprove of any Part or Parts of the Accounts so to be presented as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Auditors, or such major Part of them, if they shall think fit, to appeal to the next General or next Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and the Justices at the said General or Quarter Sessions are hereby empowered to hear and determine any such Appeal or Appeals, in such Manner, and to give such Relief in the Premises, as to them shall seem just: Provided always, that no Appeal against the said Accounts shall be allowed or proceeded in except the same be brought or directed to be brought by the said Auditors, or the major Part of them, at some such publick Meeting as aforesaid, and during such Time as they are engaged in auditing such Accounts: Provided also, that no Person shall be entitled to vote in any Vestry of the said Parish, who shall not for Twelve Calendar Months previous to the holding thereof, have been and still continue to be assessed to the Rates of the said Parish, and who has not paid the said Rates for One Year before the holding of the said Vestry, if the same shall have been regularly demanded.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden of the said Parish, nor any Person in any Manner connected in Business as Partner with any such Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden, shall hold any Contract or Engagement, or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or be beneficially employed, or in any Manner interested or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Articles, Provisions, or Materials for the Use of the Poor, or of the Directors, in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of the said Parish; and in case any Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden shall hold any Contract, or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or shall be in any Manner, beneficially employed or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the Poor, or of the Directors, in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of the said Parish, every such Director, Treasurer, or Churchwarden shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, 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 on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no *Essoign*, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and One Moiety of such Penalty, when recovered, shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said Directors of the Poor, or to their Clerk, towards the Maintenance

No Director, etc. to be concerned in any Employment for the Supply of the Poor.

nance of the said Poor, or in otherwise putting this Act into Execution, and the Person or Persons so convicted shall be absolutely disqualified from acting any longer as a Director or Directors of the said Poor; and no Director interested in any such Contract, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, shall vote in any Question touching or concerning the same.

Estates and Effects in Possession of the Churchwardens, etc. before this Act for the Use of the Poor, vested in the Directors.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Messuages or Tenements, Poorhouses, Workhouses, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Monies, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which, by virtue of the said recited Act the Directors acting in the Execution thereof, and their Successors, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, were entitled unto or possessed of in Trust for the Paritioners of the said Parish, or which were vested in such Directors and their Successors, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, for and towards the Relief, Maintenance, Use, and Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, or for any other Purpose whatsoever in which the said Paritioners are interested, shall, from and immediately after the passing hereof, be vested in, possessed by, paid, delivered, and belong to the Directors acting in the Execution of this Act, and their Successors, as fully, effectually, and beneficially, and in as large and ample Manner and Form, to all intents and Purposes whatsoever, as they the said Directors acting in Execution of the said recited Act, and their Successors, or other Person or Persons, were entitled to or possessed of such Messuages, Tenements, Poorhouses, Workhouses, Edifices, Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, Monies, and Securities for Monies, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, or as the same respectively were vested in such Directors acting in Execution of the said recited Act, and their Successors, or other Person or Persons, subject nevertheless to be used, possessed, applied, and disposed of upon the Trusts in this Act contained, or upon such other Trusts for which the same were held, and not otherwise; and the said Directors 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, with which the 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, except only in such Cases wherein the same are expressly altered or varied by this Act, or are wholly repugnant thereto.

Estates, Money, etc. left to charitable Uses, to be applied by Directors according to the Will of the Donors.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Sum and Sums of Money, and 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 which they may lawfully take by virtue of the Statutes of Mortmain, or by any other Means whatsoever, shall be by them conveyed, assigned, and paid to the said Directors, and shall be applied and disposed of by the said Directors 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.



XXXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Contracts, Bonds, Mortgages, Assignments, Grants, Conveyances, Leases, and other Securities, and all Payments or Orders for the Payment of Monies, made or granted to or by the said Directors, or to or by any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, or any others whomsoever, acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Act, shall be as good, valid, binding, and effectual in Law, as if the said recited Act had not been repealed; and all and every Sum and Sums of Money due and owing to or from the Directors acting by virtue of the said recited Act, shall and may be recovered by and from the Directors acting by virtue of this Act, by such Ways and Means, and in such and the like Manner as any Sum or Sums of Money due and owing to or from the Directors acting by virtue of this Act, can or may be recovered.

Old securities to be good.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, and they are hereby empowered and required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to rent or hire for any Life or Lives, or for any Term or Number of Years, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, from any Person or Persons who shall be able and willing to let the same, or to contract or agree for the absolute Purchase in Fee Simple of any Freehold Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of the absolute Estate of Inheritance in any Copyhold or Customary Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Parish (provided that such Lands so rented, hired, or purchased, do not exceed Five Acres in the Whole) with any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees, whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their *Cestuique* Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or shall be seized in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, for the Purpose of making, erecting, and maintaining, a Workhouse, and other Works and Conveniences thereto, for the Reception and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, and other Buildings to be erected, maintained, and supported by virtue of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and their Successors, to hold such Lands and Premises so purchased, without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

Directors, etc. may contract for Lands and Buildings.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their *Cestuique* Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or shall be seized in their own Right, and all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in such Buildings, Lands, Tenements,

Bodies Politick, etc. empowered to sell.

ments, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof which shall be thought necessary by the said Directors to be purchased for any of the Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Directors for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, to the said Directors for any of the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several and respective *Cestuique* Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowery of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

How to proceed in building a new Workhouse.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall not begin to erect or build, or cause to be begun to be erected or built, a new Workhouse, or any other Building or Buildings for the Reception of the Poor of the said Parish, until a proper Plan or Plans thereof shall have been submitted to and agreed to by the said Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, at some Meeting to be appointed for that Purpose, of which Meeting, and of the Purpose thereof Twenty-one Days Notice at least shall be given in the said Parish Church of *Saint Pancras*, and in the Chapels in which such Notices have been usually given, on a *Sunday* immediately after Divine Service in a Morning, nor until an exact Estimate shall be made of the Expence of erecting and finishing such new Workhouse and other Buildings, according to the Plan or Plans to be agreed to as aforesaid, nor until a proper Agreement or Agreements shall have been entered into by One or more able and experienced Workman or Workmen, with Two sufficient and responsible Sureties on his or their Behalf, for the due Execution and Performance of such Works as shall be contracted for and agreed upon for the Purposes aforesaid: Provided always, that for the more easy obtaining a proper Plan or Plans for such Workhouse and other Buildings, Notice shall be given by Advertisement inserted in *The Morning Herald* and *Morning Advertiser*, if then published, and if not, then in some other Newspaper or Newspapers circulated in the said County of *Middlesex*, specifying the Intention of the said Directors to erect such new Workhouse and other Buildings, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may produce a Plan or Plans for that Purpose, to be offered to the said Directors at a certain

Time

Time and Place in such Notices to be mentioned; and such Notices shall be inserted as aforesaid, at least Twenty-one Days before such Meeting shall be holden.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatick, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other *Cestuique* Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in Strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, 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 there *ex parte* the said Directors or any Three or more of them, 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 and Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, 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 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 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 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.

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XL. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, belonging to any

Application  
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shall exceed  
10 l.

any such Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, which shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and which shall exceed or be equal to 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Lunacy or Infancy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be 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 the said Directors (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.

XLI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where such Money so to be paid as aforesaid, 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid 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.

In case of not  
making out  
Titles;

or if Persons  
cannot be  
found, Pur-  
chase Money  
to be paid into  
the Bank;

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Directors; or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so agreed to be paid as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so agreed to be paid as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*describing them*], subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery: which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered in a

summary way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Publick Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest, of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title to Money to be paid, the Person who shall be in Possession of the Lands, &c. at the Time of such Purchase, shall be deemed entitled thereto, according to such Possession.

XLIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where, by Reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Directors out of the Monies received by virtue of the said recited Act, or to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court of Chancery may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Directors.

On Payment  
of Purchase  
Money, Pre-  
mises to be  
conveyed.

Premises vest-  
ed in the said  
Directors.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the said Directors to the Party or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in Manner herein-before directed, and upon the Conveyance in Manner herein-after directed made of such Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively for whose Use the same shall be paid in, to, or out of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Directors and their Successors for ever, for the Use and Purposes of this Act.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be made to the said Directors and their Successors, shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

Form of Con-  
veyance.

‘ I *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ in Consideration of the  
‘ Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ paid by the Directors of the  
‘ Poor of the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*, acting  
‘ by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-fifth Year of the  
‘ Reign of King *George* the Third, [*here insert the Title of this Act*] do here-  
‘ by grant and release to the said Directors, and their Successors, all [*here*  
‘ *describe the Premises to be conveyed*] and all my Right, Title and Interest,  
‘ to and in the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said Directors,  
‘ and their Successors for ever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
‘ my Hand and Seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
‘ in the Year of our Lord

And every such Sale, Conveyance, and Assurance so made, shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as to and against the Person or Persons making the same, and his, her, or their *Cestuique* Trusts, and all other Persons claiming or to claim by, from, under, or in Trust for him, her, or them respectively, or in Remainder, Reversion, or Expectancy as aforesaid, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowery of such Person and Persons; and all Estates Tail, and all Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming or to claim under them respectively as effectually as Fines and Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the Parties interested, and such Parties had been adult and without Impediment; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors, etc.  
to erect or  
provide ne-  
cessary Build-  
ings.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and may, and they are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after they shall have hired or so purchased any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, to build, make, and erect, or cause to be built, made, and erected, in a plain and durable Manner, One or more House or Houses, with requisite Offices, Out-buildings, and Fences, for the maintaining and employing of the Poor of the said Parish, and also such other Buildings, Works, and Conveniencies, as the said Directors shall find necessary for their Meetings, or for any other Purposes of this Act; and the said Directors shall and they are hereby required to keep the se-  
veral

veral Buildings and other Works to be built, made, erected, or purchased or hired by virtue of this Act, in good and sufficient Repair, and from Time to Time to alter and enlarge the same or any of them, in such Manner as they shall think necessary and convenient; and all the Expences of purchasing such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and of building, making, and erecting such Buildings, Works, and other Conveniences, and of repairing, altering, and enlarging, and keeping the same in Repair, and of hiring any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Purposes of this Act, shall be detrayed out of the Monies to be from Time to Time borrowed, collected, or received by virtue of this Act.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and may, as soon as conveniently may be next after the finishing or fitting up of such Workhouse or other Building or Buildings, provide and furnish the same with all necessary Furniture, Household Goods, and Utensils, and also all such Materials as shall be deemed necessary for the Employment of the Poor to be received into such Building or Buildings, the Costs and Charges of which shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies to be borrowed, collected, or received by virtue of this Act.

Directors,  
etc. to furnish  
the Houses,  
etc. when  
finished.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage or Mortgages, or other Incumbrance or Incumbrances, upon or affecting any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be purchased in pursuance of this Act, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall, on Tender of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, together with Three Calendar Months Interest of the said Principal Money by the said Directors, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, immediately assign such Mortgage or Mortgages, or other Incumbrances to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint in Trust for them, or in case the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, or other Person or Persons entitled to the said Incumbrances shall have Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them from the said Directors, or any Person authorized by them, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal and Interest Money which at the Expiration of the said Three Calendar Months, to be computed from such Notice given, shall be due on such Mortgage or Mortgages, or other Incumbrances, that then at the End of the said Three Calendar Months, on Payment or Tender of the Principal and Interest Money so due, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, or other Person or Persons entitled to the said Incumbrances, shall convey and assign his, her, and their respective Estates and Interest in the said mortgaged Premises to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall nominate and appoint in Trust for them, and if any such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, or other Person or Persons entitled to the said Incumbrances, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall refuse so to do on such Payment or Tender, then all Interest on every such Mortgage and other Incumbrance shall cease and determine.

Power to pay  
off Mortgages,  
etc. on Pro-  
perty pur-  
chased by Di-  
rectors.

L. And be it further enacted, That every Lessee or Tenant for Years or at Will, in Possession of any Lands, Buildings, Bridges, Houses, Tenements, or other Hereditaments which shall be purchased by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, shall, on the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after Notice in Writing, signed by the Clerk to the said  
Directors,

Power for  
Delivery of  
Possession of  
Property  
purchased.

Directors, given to or left for him, her, or them on the Premises, to quit the same, or so soon after as he, she, or they shall be required, deliver up the Possession of such Premises to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to take Possession of the same, and the said Directors shall and they are hereby required to make such Satisfaction and Compensation to every such Tenant or Lessee as aforesaid, in case he or she shall be required to quit before the Expiration of his, her, or their Term in the Premises, as the said Directors shall deem just and reasonable; and in case any Dispute or Difference shall arise touching or concerning the same, such Satisfaction and Compensation shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury in Manner herein directed; and if any such Person or Persons so in Possession as aforesaid, shall refuse to deliver up such Possession, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex*, to deliver Possession of the Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Possession of the said Premises accordingly, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to deliver up Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods.

For settling any Disputes with Lessees or Undertenants, a Jury to be impannelled.

LI. And be it further enacted, That for the settling and adjusting of all Differences and Disputes that may arise between the said Directors and any Lessee or Lessees, or Tenant or Tenants for Years or at Will, in Possession of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of this Act, respecting the Satisfaction and Compensation to be made to such Lessee or Lessees, Tenant or Tenants, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, for his, her, or their Interest in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or the Loss which he, she, or they, or any of them, may sustain by parting with and relinquishing the same, or any Part thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby required to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, who is hereby authorized, directed, and required accordingly to impanel, summon, and return a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve on Juries, not less than Twenty-four nor more than Forty-eight, and out of such Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn by some Person to be by the said Directors appointed in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, are by the Act in that Case made and provided directed to be drawn, which Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned, as aforesaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, at some Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County, or at some Adjournment thereof, as in such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts shall be directed and appointed to attend such Court of General or Quarter Sessions from Day to Day, unto discharged by the said Court and all Parties concerned shall and may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at liberty to challenge the Array; and the said Justices are hereby authorized and empowered by a Precept or Precepts, from Time to Time as Occasion



Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who shall be thought proper and necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses on his, her, or their Oath or Oaths, touching or concerning the Premises, and the said Justices shall have Power to adjourn such Court from Day to Day as Occasion shall require, and to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties to attend until all such Affairs for which they were summoned shall be concluded; and the said Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as also the Oaths of such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer) shall enquire of the Value of the Interest which the said Lessees and Under Tenants, or any of them, have in the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased by the said Directors as aforesaid, and of the Lots which the said Lessees and Under Tenants, or any of them, may sustain by parting with or relinquishing their Rights and Interests therein, and shall ascertain, assess, award, and settle the Amount of the Compensation to be made to them, or any of them, by the said Directors, in respect of the Premises, and the said Justices shall and may give Judgement for the Amount of such Compensation; which Verdict or Verdicts, and the Judgement and Judgements, Determination and Determinations thereupon (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons interested or claiming so to be, or such Lessees or Tenants as aforesaid, at least Fourteen Days before the Time of the Meeting of the said Justices and Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or at his, her, or their last usual Place or Places of Abode) shall be binding and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, against the said Directors, and against all other Person and Persons whomsoever; and the Amount of such Compensation so to be ascertained, assessed, awarded, and settled, shall be paid by the said Directors to the Person or Persons entitled thereto, within Twenty-eight Days next after the same shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged, and in failure of such Payment, the Verdict of the said Jury shall not be binding upon any of the said Parties, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and the said Verdicts, Judgements, and Determinations, and all other Proceedings of the said Justices and Juries so to be made, given, and pronounced as aforesaid, shall be fairly written on Parchment, and signed by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being, of the said County of *Middlesex*; and in case it shall so happen that the Amount of such Compensation so to be ascertained, assessed, awarded, and settled in consequence of such Difference or Dispute, shall not exceed or be equal to the Sum or Sums of Money which the said Directors for the Time being shall have previously offered to pay to the said Lessees or Under Tenants, or any of them, for the Purchase of their or any of their Estate and Interests in such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, then and in every such Case, all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of causing and procuring such Compensation, so to be ascertained, assessed, awarded, and settled as aforesaid, and of so ascertaining, assessing, awarding, and settling the same, shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons who shall decline or refuse to accept such previous Offer or Offers as before mentioned; and the said Directors for the Time being are hereby authorized and empowered to deduct and retain the said Costs, Charges, and Expences out of the Compensation so to be ascertained, assessed, awarded, and settled as aforesaid; but in case the Amount of such Compensation shall exceed the Sum or

Sums of Money which had been previously offered to be paid by or on behalf of the said Directors, then and in such Case all such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be paid and defrayed by the said Directors out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act.

Justices may  
impose Fines  
on Non-  
attendance

LII, And be it further enacted, That the said Justices shall have Power from Time to Time to impose any reasonable Fine not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds on such Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents, respectively making Default in the Premises, and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries and shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury or Juries, or being so sworn shall not give his, her, or their Verdict, and also on any Person or Persons who shall be summoned to give Evidence touching any of the Matters aforesaid, and shall not attend, or attending shall refuse to be sworn or to affirm, or who shall refuse to give his, her, or their Evidence, and on any Person or Persons who shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his, her, or their Duty in the Premises, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and from Time to Time to levy such Fine or Fines by Order of the said Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners thereof; and a Copy of the Order of the said Justices, signed by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the said County of *Middlesex*, as the Case shall require, shall respectively be sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons therein to be appointed, and to every other Person acting or aiding and assisting therein, to make such Distress and Sale; and all such Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Directors for the Time being, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Money to be  
paid to the  
Parties, or left  
with the  
Treasurer.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money which shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged as aforesaid, or in case the Party or Parties entitled thereto, shall refuse to accept the same, or if such Payment cannot be made by reason of the Absence of any such Party or Parties, or for any other Reason, then and in such Case, on leaving such Money in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being of the said Directors, for the Use of the Persons so entitled, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, both at Law and in Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively entitled to the same, and all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as aforesaid, shall thenceforth vest in the said Directors and their Successors for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, who shall be deemed, construed, and taken, both at Law and in Equity, to be in the actual Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and as fully and effectually as if the Person or Persons entitled to the said Premises had actually conveyed the same by any Deed or Instrument whatsoever.

Present Work-  
house to be  
disposed of  
when a new  
one is pro-  
vided.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Directors shall have provided a new and proper Workhouse for the Use of the said Parish, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, and they are hereby required, to let or sell and dispose of the Workhouse now belonging to the said Parish,  
and

and the Grounds and Buildings adjoining thereto, and used and occupied therewith, according to the several Natures or Tenures thereof, for the best Price that can be got for the same, by publick Auction, and apply the Monies arising from such Sale to the Purposes of this Act; provided Twenty-one Days previous Notice be given in Two or more of the publick Newspapers of the Time and Place of such Auction being held: Provided always, that no Lease or Leases, Demise or Demises for any Term or Number of Years of the said Workhouse, and the Grounds and Buildings adjoining thereto, and used and occupied therewith, or any Part or Parts, shall be made or granted by the said Directors for any longer Term or Number of Years than Ninety-nine Years.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the Right and Property of all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things whatsoever, at any Time or Times had, bought, procured, or provided by any Overseer or Overseers, Churchwarden or Churchwardens of the said Parish, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, or had, bought, procured, or provided by virtue of the said recited Act, and all the Right and Property of all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things whatsoever, to be from Time to Time had, bought, procured, or provided for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, or for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall be and the same is and are hereby vested in the Directors of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, and their Successors, for the Purposes of this Act, who are hereby empowered to bring, or cause to be brought, any Action or Actions, or to prefer, or order the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, injure, or carry away all or any such Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Utensils, Materials and Things whatsoever; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment it shall be and be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of "The Directors of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*," without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Directors; and every such Action and Indictment shall be brought or laid in the Name of the Clerk to the said Directors for the Time being, and when so brought or so laid shall be good and valid in Law to all Intents and Purposes.

Furniture,  
etc. provided  
for the Poor,  
vested in Di-  
rectors.

LVI. And whereas it is of great consequence not only to the preserving of the Health of the Poor who may be assembled in the said Workhouse; but to the preventing of the spreading of contagious Disorders, that no infectious or noxious or unwholesome Trade or Business should be carried on near to the said Workhouse; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall keep, use, or employ any House or Place for the Purpose of slaughtering or killing any Horse, Mare, Gelding, Colt, Filly, Ass, Mule, Bull, Ox, Cow, Heifer, Calf, Sheep, Hog, or other Cattle, which shall not be killed for Butchers Meat, or of boiling or preparing Varnish or Oil, or of carrying on any other infectious, noxious, or unwholesome Business, within the Distance of One thousand Yards from the

No common  
Slaughter-  
House to be  
kept within  
One thousand  
Yards of the  
Workhouse.

the Workhouse to be erected by virtue of this Act, every such House and Place kept for such Purpose shall be deemed and taken to be a common and publick Nuisance, and shall and may be removed, taken down, or abated, according to Law with respect to Nuisances; and in case any Person or Persons who, before the passing of this Act, shall have erected, kept, used, or employed any House or Place for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by the removing or taking down of such House, or the Abatement of such Nuisance as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, and they are hereby required, on Application to be made to them at One of their Meetings, by the Party or Parties considering himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved as aforesaid, to make such Compensation to such Party or Parties, for the Damage by him, her, or them sustained, as above mentioned, as to the said Directors shall seem reasonable; and in case such Party or Parties, and the said Directors, cannot agree as to the Amount of any such Compensation, then and in every such Case such Compensation shall be ascertained and settled by a Jury, to proceed in like Manner as hereinbefore directed with regard to making Satisfaction and Compensation to Tenants for Years of any Ground or Buildings required for the Purposes of this Act; and for the Purpose of convening such Jury, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors to adopt the same Form, and to use the same Powers and Authorities, as they are herein-before in that respect authorized and empowered to adopt and use; and the Monies requisite for such Satisfaction and Compensation shall be paid out of the Monies to be raised, levied, and collected, in Execution of this Act, or which shall come to the Hands of the said Directors or their Treasurer by virtue thereof.

Directors to be  
Overseers of  
the Poor.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Second *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, the said Directors and their Successors shall be and they are hereby declared to be invested with all and every the Powers and Authorities with which Overseers of the Poor, by the Laws made or to be made in all or any Cases touching or concerning the Relief or Management or Employment of the Poor, or the Application of any Rates made for their Use or Maintenance, are or shall be invested (save and except as herein-after mentioned and otherwise provided), and the said Directors for the Time being are hereby declared competent to do and perform all and every Act or Acts which Overseers of the Poor are by Law enabled to do and perform, except as aforesaid, and they shall and may institute or defend any Appeal under any Orders of Removal, and issue or receive any Notices respecting the same, in the same Manner as Overseers of the Poor are by any Laws in Force or Effect empowered or required to do, and they shall and may take any Securities or Indemnifications in Trust for the Parishioners of the said Parish which they shall deem necessary or prudent to be taken in any Case or Cases whatsoever; any Thing herein-before contained, or in any Law or Statute, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That on *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act, the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Pancras* last appointed shall cease to be Overseers, and that within Fourteen Days next after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for

Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* (One of whom shall be of the *Quorum*) dwelling in or near the said Parish, or in the Division where the said Parish lies, and they are hereby required, to nominate and appoint Two other Persons, being substantial Householders in the said Parish, whom they shall think fitly qualified, to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Remainder of the present Year One thousand eight hundred and five, and until Two other Overseers shall be nominated and appointed in the Manner and at the Time by Law directed to succeed them; and in Easter Week, or within one Month after Easter, in each and every Year, Two Persons, being substantial Householders in the said Parish, shall be nominated and appointed in the Manner by Law directed to be Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish: Provided always nevertheless, that when and so soon as a Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents, shall have been nominated and appointed by the said Directors, as herein before mentioned, all Notices and Application directed by any Act or Acts of Parliament to be given or made to the Overseers of the Poor with respect to the Care and Management or Removal of the Poor, shall be given and made to such Visitor or Agent; but in case any Orders of Removal or Notices shall happen by Mistake to be given or sent to any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, the same shall be as valid and effectual as if given to such Visitor or Agent, and such Churchwarden or Overseer shall, and he is hereby required forthwith to deliver the same to such Visitor or Agent, or shall forfeit Forty Shillings for his Neglect; and when such Visitor or Visitors, Agent or Agents, shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, neither the Churchwardens or Overseers of the said Parish shall interfere or intermeddle in or with the Care or Management of the Poor of the said Parish in any Case, other than under the Orders of the said Directors at their public Meeting or Meetings respectively.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and may, and are hereby authorized and empowered to keep, maintain, and employ, or cause to be kept, maintained, and employed in any Works, Trades, or Manufactures, all and every the Poor in any Workhouse, or other House or Tenement made use of for the Purposes of this Act, and shall and may provide a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials for the Employment of the said Poor, and for that Purpose may set up, use, and occupy any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation in such House or Houses, and may sell, vend, and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize as shall be manufactured or made by such Poor in such House or Houses, any Law, Statute, or Usage thereof to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and all Monies arising from any Work or Labour done by the Poor in any such House or Houses, shall go in aid of the Poor's Rate and of other Monies raised for carrying into Execution this Act.

Directors to provide a convenient Stock of Materials for employing the Poor.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, to take, accept, and receive Security from any Person or Persons for indemnifying such Person or Persons against any Claim or Demand to be made by the said Parish for the Maintenance of any Bastard Child or Children respectively.

May contract for Money as Indemnification from Bastard Children.

Directors may sue on Bonds given to former Officers, and may take Bonds in future in their own Names.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds and Securities which have already been given to any Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers, or other Officer or Officers of the said Parish, for indemnifying such Parish from any Charge that may arise from any Bastard Child or Children, shall from and after the passing of this Act be vested in the said Directors, who shall and may and they are hereby authorized to sue on such Bonds and Securities, for the Purpose of recovering the Penalties thereon, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being; and all Bonds and Securities to be given hereafter for the same or like Purposes shall be made to the said Directors only; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors may grant Certificates to Persons willing to remove.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Nine or more of the said Directors, at any of their Meetings under this Act, to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Person whose legal Settlement shall be in the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, and who shall be willing to remove, or shall have removed out of the said Parish; and all such Certificates under the Hands of Three of the said Directors, and attested by their Clerk for the Time being, and signed by Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, in like Manner as Certificates by Law are now directed to be, shall be good and valid, to all Intents and Purposes, and no other Certificates for the Removal of any Person or Persons to his, her, or their legal Settlement or Settlements whatsoever to be granted within the said Parish, shall be valid or of any Effect; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Paupers or Vagabonds to be removed by Directors

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any poor Person or Persons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants shall be ordered to be removed from the said Parish of *Saint Pancras* to the Parish or Place of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors (if they shall 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 a Beadle or some Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Directors; or any Five or more of them, for that Purpose by Writing under their Hands, and every Overseer or other proper Officer of the Parish or Place to which such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered to be removed as aforesaid, is hereby required to receive every such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he and they would have been bound to do if such poor Person or 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 *Saint Pancras*; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors may cause Paupers sent back as Vagrants to be committed to the House of Correction.

LXIV. and be it further enacted, That in case any poor Person or Persons, legally settled in the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, shall be found wandering as a Vagrant or Vagrants in any other Parish or Place, and shall be palled from thence as a Vagrant or Vagrants into the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors (if they shall think fit) to cause such Vagrant or Vagrants to be carried before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, who shall and may, and is hereby required, upon the Production by any One or more

more of the said Directors, or by their Visitor or Agent, or by any other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Directors, of the original Order by which such poor Person or Persons has or have been passed as a Vagrant or Vagrants into the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, to commit such Vagrant or Vagrants to the House of Correction in and for the said County; there to be kept as idle and disorderly, to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month; and in case such Person or Persons having been so punished and discharged, shall again commit the said Offence, and be again passed in like Manner, it shall and may be lawful for any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County where whom such Person or Persons so offending again shall be brought, the original Order by which he, she, or they is or are again passed being produced as aforesaid, to deal with such Person or Persons in such Manner as by Law is required and directed in such Case.

LXV. And be it further enacted, 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 Directors, or of such Visitor or Agent for the Poor so nominated or appointed by the said Directors as aforesaid, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by any Churchwarden or Overseer of the said Parish.

Justices to proceed on Complaint of Directors or their Agent.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That on any Summons issued by One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace (which Summons shall be and be deemed and taken to be duly obeyed if attended by One or more of the said Directors, or by their Visitor or Agent, duly appointed for that Purpose as herein-before mentioned, in like Manner as if the same had been attended by Churchwardens or Overseers of the said Poor) to shew Cause why any Person or Persons should not be relieved or admitted into the Workhouse of the said Parish, if on shewing such Cause it shall appear that the said Workhouse is then as full of poor Persons as is consistent with Health, or that Sickness then prevails in it, or that the poor Person claiming Relief only labours under some temporary Disorder or Disability, and is neither Lunatic, nor so crippled or so generally infirm as to be incapable in any Degree of earning his or her own Subsistence, then and in any such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, at their Discretion, to relieve such poor Person at his or their own Habitation by a Weekly Allowance in Money, not exceeding Five Shillings, and by providing proper Medicines, or Medical Advice and Assistance, as the Case may require, to such poor Person, as long as the same shall be necessary; and as soon as it shall be testified under the Handwriting of the Medical Person so attending, that such poor Person is enabled to maintain him or herself, which Certificate shall be produced and laid before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, he or they is and are hereby empowered and required to order such Allowance thenceforth to cease and be discontinued; and if such poor Person shall have been received into the Workhouse of the said Parish, it shall be lawful for the said Directors at their Discretion, to discharge him or her from thence; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Discretion given to Directors in certain Case to relieve the Poor at Home, and when Relief is to cease.

LXVII. And

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

LXVII. And whereas many Persons maintained in Parish Workhouses refuse to work, or are guilty of profane Cursing and Swearing, or Drunkenness, or of embezzling or 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 Commitments have not been found to answer the Purposes thereby intended; be it therefore further enacted, That if any poor Person maintained in any Workhouse belonging to the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, shall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials or Things provided in or for the said Workhouse, or be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or of Drunkenness, or of any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, or shall 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 and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished in such Workhouse, either by Confinement, not exceeding Forty-eight Hours, or by Distinction of Diet or Dress; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Encouragement to the industrious Poor.

LXVIII. And, to the End that all the Poor in the said Workhouse may be encouraged to apply themselves with Diligence to the Labour or Tasks in which they may be employed; be it further enacted, That, out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by the 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 Directors shall appear reasonable.

Penalty on buying Cloaths furnished for the Poor.

LXIX. 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 Workhouse, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the same, or to be wrought up, manufactured, and used by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor of the said Workhouse, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Twenty 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 *Middlesex* (which Oath and Oaths such Justice and Justices are hereby empowered to administer), and one Moiety of such Penalty when levied or recovered shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety thereof to be paid to the said Directors for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

No Spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the said Workhouse of the said Parish, unless with the Permission of the said Directors, or by the Special Order of the Apothecary or other Medical Person appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be convicted of such Offence before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*,



shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children who shall at any Time be maintained by the said Directors shall be and remain under their Care and Government until they shall arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years, unless previously apprenticed or otherwise disposed of as herein-after mentioned, and after attaining that Age, or sooner, if the said Directors shall think fit, the said Directors may and they are hereby empowered, by Writing under their Hands, to bind and put forth, with the Consent of Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, any such Children as Apprentice to any reputable Person, where they shall see it convenient, to be taught any Art, Trade, Mystery, or Occupation, or in any Handicraft Business or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, or in Farming and Husbandry, as the said Directors shall think most suited to the Strength and Capacity of such Child or Children, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years, or until such Child (being a Male) shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, or (being a Female) 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 or Mistress and Apprentice, and shall in all Respects be in Force and Effect, according to the Laws in Force concerning the apprenticing of poor Children whose Parents are not able to provide for them; and the said Directors shall, and they are hereby required to provide necessary Cloathing for every such Apprentice upon his or her being bound as aforesaid.

Children to be  
apprenticed.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors 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 Workhouse, for One whole Year at the least, for the Benefit of such Child or Children, and also before such Age to hire out any such poor Child or Children, and also any other of the Poor within the said Workhouse, to work and labour in the Time of Hay and Corn Harvest, or at any other Time, for the Benefit of the Poor of the said Parish, for such Sum or Sums of Money, and for such Time or Term as the said Directors, and the Person or Persons hiring such Poor, shall agree and determine; and the several poor Persons so hired out shall do and perform the Work and Labour stipulated and agreed to be done, to the best of their respective Powers and Abilities, and after such Work shall be completed and finished, shall, without Delay, return to the said Workhouse with their respective Working Implements (if any) and the Apparel with which he, she, or they went out to work (Allowance being made for reasonable wear) or in Default thereof shall and may be apprehended by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and conveyed back to the said Workhouse.

To be dis-  
charged or  
hired out.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment now ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected by and under the Authority of the said recited Act, shall and may be levied, assessed, and collected by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations as any Rate or Assessment ordered and directed

Old Rates to  
be deemed  
good.

to be levied, assessed, and collected by virtue of this Act, can or may be raised, levied, and collected.

Rates to be made.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Pancras* for the Time being, or any Nine or more of them, and they are hereby required from Time to Time and at all Times after the passing of this Act, as often as Occasion shall require, to meet at such Time and Place as to them shall seem proper for the Purpose of making such Rate or Rates as herein-after mentioned, Notice of such Meeting and the Purpose thereof having been first given on the *Sunday* immediately preceeding such Meeting, in the Parish Church of *Saint Pancras*, immediately after Morning Service (which Notice the Clerk officiating in the said Parish Church is hereby required to read or give) and at such Meeting or Meetings to make One or more such General Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, as by the several Laws in force and effect Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor now are or shall or may or could or might be enabled or empowered to make, as they the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, shall judge or determine to be necessary in and towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, and other the several Purposes that are as well in this Act as also in the several Laws in force and Effect touching and concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywise relating thereto, particularly mentioned, and for paying all such Sums of Money as by any Law in Force and Effect are directed to be paid out of any Rate or Rates made or to be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, so that all such Rates or Assessments so to be made, when signed by the said Directors, or any Nine or more of them, and allowed and confirmed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*, and Notice thereof given on the *Sunday* next after the same shall have been so allowed and confirmed in the Parish Church of *Saint Pancras* aforesaid after Morning Prayers, shall and may be collected and received by any Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed to collect and receive the same by the said Directors; and all and every such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments so made, allowed, and confirmed, and Notice thereof given as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid, and effectual as if the same had been ascertained and made by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall be made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish other than is or are by this Act directed; and all Monies arising from such Rates or Assessments, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates or Assessments, shall be applied and disposed of towards the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish and other the several Purposes of this Act, and other the Purposes mentioned and described in the several Laws in force and Effect touching or concerning the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, or in anywise relating thereto, and for paying all such Sums of Money as by any Law in Force and Effect are directed to be paid out of any Rate or Rates made or to be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor: Provided always, that in case any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any such Rate or Assessment so to be made as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall and may appeal therefrom in the Manner herein directed.

LXXV. And

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors for the Time being, or any Nine or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required Once in every Year, to make at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose (of which Meeting and of the Purpose thereof Notice shall be given on the *Sunday* immediately preceding the same, in the Parish Church of *Saint Pancras* aforesaid; immediately after Divine Service, which Notice the Clerk officiating in the said Parish Church is hereby required to read or give) One other Rate or Assessment, not exceeding Four-pence in the Pound on the Annual Rent or Value of all Buildings or Premises, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments rateable to the Poor under this Act, such Annual Rent or Value to be from Time to Time ascertained by or according to the respective Rents, or Annual Rent or Values at which such Buildings, Premises, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be rated or assessed to the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, in addition to such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments for the Relief of the Poor, which additional Rate or Assessment shall be called *The Sinking Fund Rate*; and such Rate or Assessment shall first be made after the Expiration of Three Calendar Months from and after the passing of this Act, and shall be raised, levied, collected and paid by the Collector or Collectors thereof to the Treasurer or Treasurers appointed by the said Directors, and shall be appropriated in paying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of purchasing the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, and of erecting and building the said Workhouse and the other Buildings and Works necessary, and in furnishing, finishing, and completing the same, and in paying the Annuities and Interest of the Money borrowed by virtue of this Act; and the Overplus of such Rate or Assessment shall from Time to Time be applied in Manner by this Act directed in discharge of the principal Monies borrowed by virtue of this Act, at any Rate or Interest not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per annum*.

An additional Rate to be made as Security for Monies borrowed.

LXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to enable the said Directors to reduce the said Rate, called *The Sinking Fund Rate*, below the Sum of Four-pence in the Pound, whilst any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and which shall have been borrowed under or on the Credit of the said Rate called *The Sinking Fund Rate*, shall be due and owing, without the Consent of the Creditor or Creditors entitled to Two-thirds of the Money so due and owing.

Rates not to be reduced without the Consent of Creditors.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Directors as Collector or Collectors of the said Rates or Assessments, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, to receive, levy, and collect the same, and the several Sums of Money arising from such Rates or Assessments, together with all Arrears due upon former Rates or Assessments allowed as aforesaid, shall and may be received, levied, and collected Quarterly, or otherwise; and for the better enabling such Collector or Collectors so to receive, levy, and collect all such Rates and Assessments, or any of them, 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 in the Manner herein directed;

Collectors empowered to levy Rates.

directed, against any Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, in the same Manner, and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as Overseers of the Poor by any Law or Laws in Force and Effect can or may execute the same.

How Rates  
are to be le-  
vied on Re-  
fusal.

LXXVIII. And; for the better and more effectual raising and levying the several Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be made; be it further enacted, That in case any Landlord or Occupier, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, of any Land, Ground, Dwelling-house, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish herein-before made liable to pay any Rate or Assessment made, laid, and assessed by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required to summon by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, all and every Person or Persons who shall have refused or neglected as aforesaid (upon Oath being made before him or them by the Collector or Collectors appointed by the said Directors as aforesaid for the Time being, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last Place of Abode of all and every Person or Persons then intended to be summoned, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons having refused or neglected to pay the said Rate or Rates) to appear before such Justice or Justices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector and Collectors appointed or to be appointed by the said Directors, or for any of the Constables, Headboroughs, or Beadles of the said Parish, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments mentioned in such Summons shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons; or if he, she, or they shall attend and shall not shew good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices that he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case all and every Person and Persons who shall have been so summoned, shall pay the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justice or Justices who shall have issued such Summons or Summonses as aforesaid, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Party who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, authorizing or directing the said Collector or Collectors, or any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish,

Persons re-  
fusing to at-  
tend when  
summoned.

to collect or levy all and every such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and the Costs and Charges of the Summons (if the same shall not have been before paid) and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of such Warrant, and of executing the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish, or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any such Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with the reasonable Charges of the said Summons (if such Summons shall not have been before paid for) and Warrant, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Collector or Collectors, Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, Beadle or Beadles, shall cause the said Goods to be appraised by One or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and to be sold, or such Part or Parts thereof, as shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences aforesaid, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for Non-Payment of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Words, or to the Effect following :

Middlesex, } To the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Collectors of the  
to wit. } Poor Rates in the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of  
*Middlesex*, and to all Constables and other Peace Officers for  
the same Parish ;

Form of  
Warrant of  
Distress for  
Non payment  
of Rates, &c.

‘ WHEREAS the undermentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants  
‘ Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands,  
‘ Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults,  
‘ or other Buildings, Tenements or Hereditaments, or Part of some  
‘ Building or Tenement within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, were  
‘ and are truly rated and assessed, or liable to the Rate and Rates duly  
‘ made for the Purpose of an Act, made in the Forty-fifth Year of the  
‘ Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*set forth the Title of the*  
‘ *Act*] : And whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay  
‘ the several Sums of Money at and against their Names hereunder  
‘ 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  
‘ are still remaining due in Arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath  
‘ to \_\_\_\_\_ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the said  
‘ County; and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear  
‘ before \_\_\_\_\_ to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to  
‘ \_\_\_\_\_ the said Justice upon Oath, and  
‘ nor either of them having shewn any sufficient Cause why such Sum or  
‘ Sums of Money should not be paid : These are therefore, in His Ma-  
‘ jesty’s Name, to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to  
‘ levy the said several Sums due from the said Persons, and hereunder  
‘ joined to or set against their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale  
‘ of their respective Goods and Chattels (such Goods and Chattels being  
‘ [Loc. & Per.] \_\_\_\_\_ kept

kept for 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 and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for the said County, 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

					Sums Due.		
					£.	s.	d.
A. B.	-	-	-	-			
C. D.	-	-	-	-			
E. F.	The Landlord for divided			-			
G. H.	-	-	-	-			

For levying Rates from Persons quitting or removing out of the Limits.

LXXX. 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, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the said Parish, be it therefore further enacted, That when any Person or Persons who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit or be about to quit his or their Lands, Grounds, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, before he, she, or they, shall have paid such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same when due and demanded by the Collector or Collectors authorized and appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collector or Collectors, or any One of them (Oath being made by him or them that he or they hath or have Cause to suspect that such Person or Persons is or are removing, or hath or have removed his or their Goods and Chattels) by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant) and in case such Person or Persons shall have removed, such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty, to which such Person or Persons shall have removed (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 to pay the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) after having deducted the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences, attending such Distress and Sale, upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively.

LXXXI. And

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That in order to avoid the Loss which frequently happens by Tenants or Occupiers of Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, quitting and removing from the same before the Quarter-day on which the Rates or Assessments charged by virtue of this Act on the said Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall become due and payable, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforesaid, to demand and receive, Twenty-one Days before every such Quarter Day, or at any other subsequent Time, the respective Rates and Assessments which would be due and payable on such Quarter Day; and in case of Non-payment thereof, to enforce the Payment of such Rates and Assessments in the same Manner, and with the same Powers, as in the case of the Non-payment of such Rates and Assessments upon or after the Quarter Day on which the same would have become due and payable.

Rates payable  
Twenty-one  
Days before  
Quarter Day.

LXXXII. And whereas divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish, are let at small Rents, or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings, or separate Apartments, or let ready furnished, and the Collection of the Poor Rates from such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and has frequently been evaded, so that much Loss has on that Account been sustained by the said Parish; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where the Yearly Rent or Value of any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall not exceed Fifteen Pounds, or where the Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, and the Rents thereof shall become payable and be collected at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them (if they shall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the said Parish, for Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made by virtue of this Act, at such a reduced Yearly Rental as the said Directors shall think reasonable, so that such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not rated at less than Two-thirds, nor more than Four-fifths of the Rack Rent at which the same shall then be let; or of the Annual Value of the said Premises respectively, and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as shall not exceed the Yearly Rent of Fifteen Pounds, or as shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, and from whence the Rents shall become due and be collected at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, is and are hereby enabled to enter into such Composition with the said Directors, and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall refuse or object to enter into such Composition, such Landlord and Landlords, Owner and Owners, shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated to, and from Time to Time shall pay, or cause to be paid, the several Rates or Assessments charged upon their respective Premises, by virtue of this Act, unto the Collector or Collectors for the Time being, who is and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and collect the same, and upon Non-payment thereof, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of the respective Premises aforesaid, wheresoever they shall be found, or of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same respectively, in like Manner as any

For better  
Recovery of  
Rates on  
Houses let at  
small Rents,  
or to Weekly  
Lodgers, or  
in separate  
Apartments,  
or furnished  
Lodgings.

any Rate or Assessment may be raised, levied, and collected, by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that no such Landlord or Owner shall be charged with or liable to pay for any increased Rent reserved or made payable to him for or on account of such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the several Rates and Assessments heretofore chargeable upon the Occupier; and where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall be let out in Lodgings, or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all such Premises, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and shall be rated to and pay the Rates or Assessments in respect of all such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish.

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

LXXXIII. Provided always, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates and Assessments of which the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is or are hereby made subject or liable to pay and discharge as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof which accrued and became due upon the said Premises, during the Time of their Occupancy only: Provided also, that each and every such Occupier or Occupiers, who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment 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 Owners thereof (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord or 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: Provided also, that no such Tenant or Occupier, by Payment of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, in Manner aforesaid, and which have been so compounded for as aforesaid by the Landlord or Owner thereof, shall or may be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Parish, but that such 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 thereof, notwithstanding.

Landlords to pay for Ambassadors Houses.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Rate or Assessment which shall be made or imposed by virtue of this Act, for or in respect of any House or Tenement, Coach-house, Stable, or Hereditament, which any Ambassador or Resident Agent, or other publick Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, now doth or hereafter shall inhabit or occupy, shall be paid by the Landlord or Owner of every such House or Tenement, Coach House, Stable, or Hereditament, who shall be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof, and the same shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as any Rates imposed by this Act upon the Owners or Occupiers of any Premises within the said Parish.

Persons removing and others succeeding them,

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall remove out of, or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, before the Rate or



or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, charged thereon respectively by virtue of this Act shall be paid and discharged, or if any Person or Persons shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, out of or from which any Person or Persons shall have so removed before such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall have been paid and discharged, then and in every such Case the Person or Persons so removing out of, or from, or quitting the Possession of, and the Person or Persons entering into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall be respectively subject and liable to the Payment of all such Rates or Assessments, in Proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons respectively possessed or occupied the same respectively, in the same Manner as if the Person or Persons so removing or quitting as aforesaid, had remained in the Possession and Occupation of such House, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, or the Person or Persons so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated and assessed in such Rates or Assessments, which Proportion shall, in case of Dispute, be settled by any Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, whose Determination shall be final.

to pay due  
Proportions,  
to be settled  
by Justices.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall appear to the said Directors, at any Meeting to be convened by express Notice for the Purpose of taking the same into Consideration, that it will not be practicable to proceed in the Erection of a Workhouse, and in fulfilling the other Purposes of this Act with proper Dispatch, without raising some Sum or Sums of Money by Loan, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Thirteen or more of the said Directors, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, as they shall judge necessary, for the Purposes of paying the Costs, Charges, and Expences, of purchasing the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act, and of erecting and building the said Workhouse, and the other Buildings and Works necessary, and of furnishing, finishing, and completing the same, upon the Credit of the said Rate or Assessment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," to be made, levied, and collected, by virtue of this Act, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to assign all or any Part of the said Rate or Assessment to such Person or Persons as shall lend or advance any Money thereon, or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Principal Money to be advanced, with legal Interest for the same; and the Charges and Expences of such Assignment thereof (to be made as hereafter mentioned) shall be from Time to Time defrayed by the said Directors out of the Monies so borrowed; and every such Assignment shall be in the Words, or to the Effect following:

Power to bor-  
row Money.

WE of the Directors appointed by or in  
pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the Forty-fifth Year  
of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here set forth the*  
*Title of this Act*] in consideration of the Sum of  
advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit and for  
the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant and assign unto the said  
*A. B.* [*or, to his Trustee or Trustees, as the Case may require*] his  
Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rate  
[*Loc. & Per.*] *a B* or

' or Assessment called "The Sinking Fund Rate," to be raised, levied,  
 ' and collected by virtue of the said Act, as the said Sum of  
 ' doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at  
 ' any Time be borrowed or become due and owing, or be charged upon  
 ' the Credit of the said Rate or Assessment, to be had and holden from  
 ' this Day of until the said Sum of  
 ' with Interest at *per Centum per Annum* for the  
 ' same, shall be repaid and satisfied. In Witness whereof we the said  
 ' Directors have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the  
 ' Day of in the Year

And all such Assignments shall be numbered, commencing with N<sup>o</sup> 1,  
 and so proceeding in an arithmetical Progression ascending, whereof the  
 common Excess or Difference shall always be One; and every such Security  
 shall be good, valid, and effectual, and shall entitle the Person or Persons  
 to whom the same shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Admini-  
 strators, and Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profit and  
 Advantage thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this  
 Act.

Power for  
 Directors to  
 raise Money  
 by Annuities.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Directors shall  
 not be able, by private Negotiation, to obtain the Sum or Sums of Money  
 so as aforesaid to be required, at any Rate of Interest not exceeding Five  
 Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and if after One Calendar Month's Notice  
 to be given for that Purpose in Two Daily *London* Newspapers, no suf-  
 ficient Tender or Tenders shall be made for supplying the said Directors  
 with such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be expressed in such Notice or  
 Advertisement at such Rate of Interest as aforesaid; and in case, for the  
 Reasons aforesaid, the said Directors at one of their Meetings, to be con-  
 vened by Notice for that Purpose, shall think it advisable to raise all or  
 any Part of the Money to be borrowed under this Act, by granting An-  
 nuities for Lives instead of Assignments as aforesaid, it shall and may be  
 lawful to and for any Thirteen or more of the said Directors, and they are  
 hereby authorized and empowered by Writing under their Hands and  
 Seals, to grant an Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who  
 shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer or  
 Treasurers to the said Directors, any Sum or Sums of Money for the ab-  
 solute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during  
 the natural Life of every such Contributor, or the natural Life of such  
 Persons as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor, at  
 the Time of Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, so  
 that no such Annuity do exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per*  
*Annum* upon a single Life, except in such Cases where the Person for  
 whose Life any such Annuity shall be granted shall be of the Age of Sixty-  
 three Years or upwards; and the Expence of every such Grant shall be  
 paid by the said Directors out of the Monies so contributed; and the  
 Grant of every such Annuity shall be in the Words or to the Effect  
 following:

' WE of the Directors appointed by or in pursuance  
 ' of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign  
 ' of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*] in  
 ' consideration of the Sum of paid by *A. B.* to  
 ' *C. D.*

C. D. the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby  
 grant unto the said A. B. an Annuity or Yearly Sum of  
 to be paid out of the Rate or Assessment called "The  
 Sinking Fund Rate," to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of the  
 said Act, which Annuity or Yearly Sum of  
 shall be paid to the said A. B. or his Assigns during the Term of his  
 natural Life [or, as the Case may be, to the said A. B. his Executors,  
 Administrators, or Assigns, during the natural Life of C. D.] upon the  
 Day of in every Year during the natural  
 Life of him the said at the  
 the first Payment thereof to be made upon the  
 Day of next ensuing the Date hereof. In Witness  
 whereof we the said Directors have hereunto set our Hands and Seals,  
 the Day of in the Year

And every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law,  
 without any Enrolment or Registry of the Memorial thereof, in the High  
 Court of Chancery or elsewhere, except as hereinafter mentioned, any  
 Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and  
 every Annuity so to be granted as aforesaid shall be and is hereby charged  
 upon and shall be payable and paid by the Treasurer to the said Directors  
 out of the said Rate or Assessment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," ac-  
 cording to the Grant of such Annuity.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to  
 and for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be  
 borrowed upon legal Interest as aforesaid, or to be raised by the granting of  
 Annuities as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or  
 Assigns, as the Case may be, at any Time, by Writing under their Hands  
 and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whom-  
 soever; and every such Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect  
 following:

Power of  
 transferring  
 Assignments  
 and Annuities  
 in a prescribed  
 Form.

I A. B. being entitled to the Sum of  
 [or, an Annuity of secured to C. D. and his Assigns,  
 or his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as the Case may be] by  
 virtue of an Assignment [or, Grant of an Annuity] bearing Date the  
 Day of under the Hands and Seals of  
 of the Directors acting in the Execution of an Act of  
 Parliament made in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of King George  
 the Third, intituled, [set forth the Title of this Act] upon the Credit of  
 the Rate or Assessment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," granted or  
 payable by the said Act, do hereby transfer all my Right and Title in  
 and to the same Sum [or, Annuity] and all Interest and other Money  
 now due and arising thereon, unto E. F. his Executors, Administrators,  
 and Assigns. Dated the Day of

And a Copy of every Security or Assignment, together with the Number  
 or Numbers thereof, and of every Grant of Annuity which shall be made  
 in pursuance of this Act, and an Extract or Memorial of every Transfer  
 thereof respectively, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose  
 by the Clerk to the said Directors, which Extract or Memorial shall spe-  
 cify and contain the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money  
 thereby transferred, to which Book any Person interested shall at all sea-  
 sonable

sonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward, and for the entering of every such Transfer the said Clerk shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made the Sum of five Shillings and no more; and every such Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom the Transfer shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Registry or Enrolment whatsoever.

Provision for  
the Payment  
of Creditors  
by Ballot.

LXXXIX. And, in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Persons who shall have advanced and lent Money upon the Credit of the Rate or Assessment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate;" be it further enacted, That the said Directors (if there shall be more Creditors than One) shall cause the Numbers of all Assignments or Securities granted and then in force for securing the Principal Monies lent and advanced upon the Credit of the said Rate or Assessment, of which Part shall be then intended to be paid off, to be written upon distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers shall be rolled up in the same Form as near as may be, and be put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the said Assignments or Securities shall be drawn separately out of the said Box or Wheel by the Clerk to the said Directors, and after every such Ballot the said Directors shall cause Notice signed by their Clerk to be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off pursuant to such Ballot; and where there is only One Creditor, to give Three Calendar Months Notice to such Creditor of the Intention of the said Directors to pay him or her as aforesaid; and every such Notice shall express the Sum to be paid off, together with the Interest due thereon, and that the same shall be paid on a Day and at a Place to be specified in such Notice, such Day not being sooner than Three Calendar Months after the Day of giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid, and the Interest of the Principal Money to be so paid off, shall, from and after the Day to be so specified, cease and be no longer paid or payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice and not paid, but the Principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest thereof to the Day to be so specified, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand; but nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, so as to require the said Directors to pay off and discharge any Monies lent on the Credit of the said Rate, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," by way of Annuity, until all other the Creditors on the said Rate shall be paid off and discharged, and the several Parties so lending Money by way of Annuity shall agree to accept the Sum or Sums of Money offered by the said Directors for the Repurchase of such his, her, or their Annuity or Annuities.

Power to bor-  
row Money at  
a lower Inter-  
est to dis-  
charge Secu-  
rities at a  
higher Rate.

XC. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case the said Directors can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Assignments or Securities which shall be then in force shall bear, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors from Time to Time to charge the said Rate or Assessment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," in Manner aforesaid, with such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, and the Interest thereof at  
such

such lower Rate as aforesaid, and to pay off and discharge the Assignments or Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, according to the Directions and Regulations herein prescribed for paying off Assignments or Securities.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That all the Money which may be borrowed, advanced, or lent as aforesaid on the Credit of the said Rate or Assignment, called "The Sinking Fund Rate," shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, and the same shall be applied and disposed of in paying and defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of purchasing the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, and in building and erecting the said Workhouse and other Buildings and Works necessary, and in furnishing, finishing, and completing the same, and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

Application  
of Money  
borrowed.

XCII. And whereas there is not in the said Parish of *Saint Pancras* any sufficient Authority by Law for any Person or Persons to examine Weights and Measures, by reason whereof great Detriment may arise to the Inhabitants thereof, and more especially to the poorer Part of them; be it therefore enacted, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the Poor of the said Parish, or any Nine or more of them, and they are hereby required at any Meeting to be holden on or before the First Day of *April* in each and every Year, to make a List in Writing of a sufficient Number of Householders residing within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, whom they the said Directors shall think fitly qualified for serving the Office of Inspectors of Balances, Weights, and Measures, within the said Parish, and such Directors shall order their Clerk to issue Summonses in Writing under his Hand, or in Print, and signed by the said Clerk, requiring such Householders to be and appear before the said Directors at the Time and Place in such-Summons to be mentioned; and such Directors, or any Nine or more of them, shall and may nominate and appoint so many of such Persons as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Number of Twenty in the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, and the several Persons so nominated and appointed shall be and be called Inspectors of Balances, Weights, and Measures within the said Parish, and shall take an Oath to the following Effect, which Oath the Chairman at the Meeting of the said Directors for the Time being, or any Justice of the Peace for the said County then present, is hereby empowered to administer:

Director  
may appoint  
Inspectors of  
Weights and  
Measures.

"I *A. B.* do swear, That during the Time of my Continuance in the Office whereunto I am now appointed, I will diligently from Time to Time inspect the Balances, Weights, and Measures in the several Houses, Shops, Brewhouses, and Warehouses in the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and that I will not present any Person or Thing through Hatred or Malice, nor leave the same unpresented through Love, Favour, Affection, Reward, or Hope thereof.

"So help me GOD."

XCIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Person so summoned as aforesaid to take upon him the said Office of Inspector of Balances, Weights, and Measures, shall neglect or refuse to appear according to the Direction of such Summonses, or appearing shall

Penalty on  
Persons re-  
fusing to  
serve as In-  
spectors.

[*See Per.*]

21 C

refuse

refuse to take upon him the said Office (being thereunto appointed) every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, and such Penalty shall be levied and recovered by such Ways and Means as any other Penalty may be recovered by virtue of this Act, and such Penalty, when recovered, shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

Duty of  
Inspectors.

XCIV. And, in order to enable the said Inspectors effectually to prevent the dealing by or with unlawful Balances, Weights, or Measures within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*; be it further enacted, That the said Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered and strictly required Once in every Month at least, at reasonable Times in the Day, to enter into all and every Shop, House, Brewhouse, Warehouse, Inn, or Victualling House, within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, or into any other House, or Houses, belonging to any Person or Persons that deal by Weight or Measure, as well of Milk as other Measures; and if the said Inspectors shall find any Balance, Weight, or Measure to be defective, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inspectors, and they are hereby directed and required to break and destroy the same, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof, or such Person or Persons in whose Custody or Possession the same shall be found, any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for the First Offence, and any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the Second Offence, and any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for the Third and every other Offence; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, and they are hereby required within One Calendar Month next after such Person or Persons is, are, or shall be convicted of such Second and every subsequent Offence, to cause his, her, or their Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode, and Addition or Additions, together with the Nature of his, her, or their Offence, to be inserted in any Newspaper or Newspapers printed and circulated in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer and Printers, or any other Person or Persons concerned therein, are hereby authorized to print the same, when he, she, or they is or are required so to do by or by Order of the said Directors, and he, she, and they is and are hereby indemnified from any Prosecution or Prosecutions for inserting or causing the same to be inserted in such Newspaper or Newspapers, by and from any Person or Persons whomsoever; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Inspectors  
not to serve  
Twice in  
Seven Years,  
or after Sixty  
Years of Age.

XCIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person who shall be nominated and appointed and shall serve the said Office of an Inspector within the said Parish, or shall have paid the said Fine for refusing or neglecting to serve the same, shall be again summoned or appointed to serve the said Office in less than Seven Years after the End of such former Service, or after Payment of the said Fine; and no Person within the said Parish shall be liable to serve the said Office who is of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Standards of  
Weights, &c.  
to be kept at  
the Work-  
house.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept at the Workhouse in the said Parish a common Balance and common Weights and Measures, sealed according to the Standard of the Exchequer.

Exchequer, not to be removed from the said Workhouse, and a Duplicate or Duplicates thereof to be used by the said Inspectors in the Execution of their Duty, which said Balances, Weights, and Measures shall be paid for out of any of the Monies in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Directors, and it shall be the Duty of the Master of the said Workhouse to attend there on every *Thursday* or oftener in every Week, if he shall be thereunto required by the said Directors, for the special Purpose of sizing, sealing, marking, or stamping all Balances, Weights, and Measures that may be brought by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the said Parish, according to the Directions of this Act; and every such Master of the said Workhouse for the Time being is hereby required on Application to him made, to size and seal, and also to mark or stamp all Balances, Weights, and Measures which shall be brought to him for that Purpose, and which shall be agreeable to the Standard of the Exchequer aforesaid, and the said Master of the Workhouse shall demand and receive for each Balance, Weight, and Measure, so by him sealed and marked as aforesaid, for his Pains and Trouble therein, the Fees following, and no more; (that is to say),

For every Bushel the Sum of Four Pence :

For every Half Bushel the Sum of Two Pence :

For every Peck, Half Peck, and Quarter Peck, the Sum of One Penny :

For every Sack the Sum of Two Pence :

For every Ale, Beer, and Milk Measure, the Sum of One Farthing :

For every Hundred Weight the Sum of Four Pence :

For every Half Hundred Weight the Sum of Two Pence :

For every Weight, from Half a Hundred to One Pound, the Sum of One Halfpenny :

For every Weight, under One Pound, and every Balance, the Sum of One Farthing :

Fees for  
marking, &c.

And all Balances, Weights, and Measures belonging to Persons dealing by Weight or Measure within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, not marked or stamped in Manner before directed, shall be deemed unlawful, and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to destroy all such unlawful Balances, Weights, and Measures, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof, or the Person in whose Custody or Possession the same shall be found, in such Sum or Sums of Money as they in their Discretion shall think proper, not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings for every Offence.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, at reasonable Times in the Day to enter into any House, Shop, Stall, Bakehouse, Warehouse or Outhouse, or other Place of or belonging to any Baker or Seller of Bread within the said Parish, and to search, view, weigh, examine, and try all Bread which shall be there found, and also to view, weigh, and try all or any Bread made for Sale, which at any Time shall be offered or exposed to or for Sale, or found in the Custody of any Person or Persons whatsoever for Sale, in anywise howsoever within the said Parish; and if any Loaf or Loaves of Bread of any Denomination shall on any such Search, View, Weighing, Trial, or Examination there-

Inspectors  
may weigh  
Bread.

of

of by such Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, be found to be deficient in the due Weight the same ought to be, or not to be marked according to the Rules, Clauses, Directions, Provisions, and Intent of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now is, or are, or shall hereafter be made and in force for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Assize thereof, or to be deficient in the due baking or working thereof, or to be wanting in the Goodness of the Materials wherewith or wherewith any such Loaf shall have been made, or to have been made with any Mixture of Meal or Flour of any other Sort of Grain than of the Grain the same shall import to be made with, or to be made with any larger or other Proportion of any other or different Sort or Sorts of Grain, or the Meal or Flour thereof, than what ought to be put therein, or to be made with any Mixture or Ingredient contrary to or not allowed by the Rules, Clauses, Directions, Provisions, and Intent of such Act or Acts, or to be made with any Thing as for and in lieu of Flour, which shall not really be the genuine Flour the same shall import to be, or ought to be, or that any such Bread shall be made with any Leaven not allowed by such Act or Acts, then and in every or any of the said Cases, such Inspectors, or any Four or more of them, are hereby empowered and required by the Authority of this Act to seize every such Loaf, and to carry and convey, or cause to be carried and conveyed, the same before some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*; and every such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to proceed to make Inquiries touching the Matters complained of, and shall acquit or convict the Party or Parties accused according to the Direction of such Act or Acts, and shall upon Conviction adjudge and order to be levied upon such Offender or Offenders for every such Offence, such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by such Ways and Means, and the same to be applied in such Manner as the same are or shall be by such Acts or Act directed to be levied and applied.

Application  
of Money.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Master of the Workhouse for the Time being, after all necessary Charges and Expences attending the sizing, sealing, marking, and stamping such Balances, Weights, and Measures as aforesaid shall have first been deducted, shall, and he is hereby required and directed Half Yearly, within One Calendar Month next after the Expiration of every Half Year, to pay or cause to be paid to the said Directors One Moiety of the clear Money arising from or on Account of such sizing, sealing, marking, or stamping as aforesaid, to be applied to the Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish.

Inspectors  
may be fined.

XCIX. And to the Intent that the good Purposes intended by this Act may not be defeated, be it further enacted, That if any Inspector shall in any Manner neglect or refuse to execute the Duty of his Office, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, upon Complaint to them made of any such Neglect or Refusal, to fine such Inspector for every such Offence or Neglect in any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, to be applied for and towards the Maintenance of the said Poor.

Provision for  
the bringing

C. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and that all  
Acts



Actions or Suits that may be necessary or expedient to be brought for the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum of Money due or payable by virtue of this Act, or for or in respect of any other Matter or Thing relating to this Act, may be brought in the Name of the said Clerk, and that no Action or Suit which may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against the said Directors, or any of them, by virtue or on Account of this Act; in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk, or by any Act or Default of such Clerk done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the said Directors, but the Clerk to the said Directors for the Time being shall be always deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action or Suit as the Case may be, except in such Action or Actions as shall be prosecuted between the said Directors and their Clerk for the Time being, in which Action or Suit any one of the said Directors shall or may be Plaintiff or Defendant, as the Case may be: Provided always, that every such Clerk or Director in whose Name any 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 arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as such Clerk or Director shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein, and shall not be personally answerable or liable for the Payment of the same, or any Part of them, unless such Action or Suit shall arise in consequence of his own wilful Neglect or Default, or have been brought or commenced or be defended without the Order or Direction of the said Directors.

and defending  
Actions in the  
Name of the  
Clerk.

CI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest any of the Directors, or any Treasurer, Secretary, Clerk, Visitor, Agent, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Assessor, Collector, Receiver, Surveyor, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or other Officer or Officers, Workmen, Person or Persons whomsoever, who is, are, or shall be employed by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of his or their Duty, or of any of the Matters or Things to be done in virtue or in pursuance thereof, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on  
Persons inter-  
rupting or  
assaulting  
Workmen.

CII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed and incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method hath been directed by this Act) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to issue, upon Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer) and the Overplus of the Money (if any) arising by such Distress and Sale, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, shall, if not herein directed to be otherwise applied, be paid to the Treasurer to the said Directors, and be applied by them for such of the Purposes of this Act as the said Directors shall think fit; and in case sufficient Goods and Chattels cannot be found, or such Penalties or Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and

The Mode of  
Recovery and  
Application  
of Penalties  
and Forfeitures.

he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of and for the said County, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid or satisfied.

Form of Conviction of Offenders.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or any Matter in pursuance thereof, the Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

‘ *Middlesex* } BE it remembered, That on this  
 ‘ to wit. } Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of Our Lord  
 ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ *A. B.* is duly convicted before  
 ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace  
 ‘ for the said County of *Middlesex*, of having [*here state the Offence against*  
 ‘ *the Act, as the Case may be*] contrary to Form of the Statute in that  
 ‘ Case made and provided; and I [*or, we, as the Case may be*] do  
 ‘ declare and adjudge that the said *A. B.* hath forfeited for his [*or, her,*  
 ‘ *as the Case may be*] said Offence the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ Given under my Hand [*or, our Hands, as the Case may be*] the Day  
 ‘ and Year first above written.’

Power for Inhabitants to be Witnesses.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes, and Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, no Inhabitant of the Parish aforesaid shall be deemed an incompetent Witness on account of his or her being charged with and liable to pay any Rate or Assessment to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act.

Appeal.

CV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made by virtue of this Act, or by any Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, Judgment, or Determination of the said Directors, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the said Directors, such Person or Persons may appeal to the said Directors at any Meeting to be holden within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any Matter or Thing done or committed by or by Order of the said Directors, and such Directors, or any Nine 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 any such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of the said Directors, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by reason of any Judgement, Order, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Directors, or after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at least in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk to the said Directors,  
and

and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, 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 Sessions; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice given as aforesaid, and of 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 said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Bye Law, Rule, Order, Regulation, Judgement, or Determination and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall think reasonable, and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

CVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That on appeal from the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, to be made for the Purposes of this Act, the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions shall and may amend the same in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief, without quashing or altering such Rates or Assessments with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon appeal from the whole Rate or Assessment, it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Case the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein directed.

Justices may remove on appeal against Rates without quashing the whole Assessment.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Judgement, Conviction, or other Proceeding, touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or touching or concerning any Offence against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for 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*; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be quashed or removed by *Certiorari*.

CVIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself 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 in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage in an Action upon the Case: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Clerk to the said Directors, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action, nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action,

Distresses not unlawful for want of Form merely.

Plaintiff not to recover without Notice, or after Tender of Amends.

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if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they, shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Judgement, shall be had, made, and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation  
of Actions.

General Issue.

CIX: Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done, or to be done, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cause of such Action shall have arisen, and every such Action shall be brought and laid in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit shall and may plead at his, her, or their Election specially, or the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance or by the Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of such Action or Suit, it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or be brought or laid in any other County than as aforesaid, then and in every of the said Cases the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in all Cases where a Verdict shall be found for any Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein shall discontinue the same after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared thereto, or shall be nonsuited, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have such and the like Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for recovering Costs of Suit in any other Cases by Law.

Expences of  
the Act how  
to be paid.

CX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences, incident to or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Rates or Assessments raised, levied, or collected, by virtue of the said recited Act, made in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or to be raised, levied, and collected, by virtue of this Act, or out of the first Monies that shall come into the Hands of the said Directors, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, by virtue of this Act.

Publick Act.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.