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## Cap. 44.

An Act for the more effectual Relief and Employment of the Poor in the Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, Marsham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, in the County of *Norfolk*.

[23d May 1806.]

WHEREAS in the Year One thousand Eight hundred and One, the Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, and Marsham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, were, by virtue of the Provisions of an Act, passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the poor," united, and did erect and build, at a very considerable Expence, a large and convenient House for the Reception and Accommodation of the Poor of the said Parishes; which has been found very beneficial as well to the Inhabitants of the said Parishes, as to the Poor thereof: And whereas it has been found that the said House, so built as aforesaid, is of much greater Magnitude than is necessary for the Reception and Employment of such Poor, and that the said House, with the Buildings thereto belonging, would be amply sufficient for the Relief, Reception, Accommodation, and Employment of all the Poor of the several Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, Marsham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, in the said County of *Norfolk*: And whereas the uniting of all such Parishes, and the appropriating such House and Buildings to the general Reception of the Poor within the same, and the granting proper Powers for the Government, Regulation, and Employment of the Poor thereof, and for the Payment of Rates and other Expences necessary for those Purposes, would tend not only to the Benefit and Advantage of the Inhabitants of the said several Parishes

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at large, but also to the more effectual and immediate Relief and Comfort of the Poor themselves: But as those Purposes cannot be effectually carried into Execution without the Authority of Parliament; 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 passing of this Act, the Visitors and Guardians for the Time being of the said several Parishes, to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate in Law, and shall be called by the Name of "*The Visitors and Guardians of the Poor for the United Parishes of Buxton, Hevingham, Marsham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead, in the County of Norfolk,*" and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, and are hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold, by Purchase or Lease, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of Inheritance, or for Lives or Years, or Years determinable on any Life or Lives, not exceeding in any City or Town Two Acres, and in the open Country not exceeding Twenty Acres of Statute Measure for the Scite of a House or Houses, and for Lands to be occupied for the Purposes of this Act, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Corporation is also hereby authorized and enabled to accept, take, and hold all voluntary Grants and Donations of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of Inheritance, or for Lives or Years, or for Years determinable on Lives, or of Personal Property, which shall be made to them for the Use and Benefit of the Poor within such respective Parishes.

First Meeting  
of the Owners  
and Occupiers  
of  
Lands in  
each of the  
Parishes.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in each and every of the said Parishes, qualified as hereinafter mentioned, shall meet in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of their respective Parishes on the Wednesday Three Weeks next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and shall proceed to put this Act in Execution according to the Directions hereinafter contained.

Proceedings  
at such Meet-  
ings.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Owners and Occupiers of the said several and respective Parishes aforesaid, qualified as hereinafter mentioned, at such their first several Meetings in their respective Parishes, on the Wednesday Three Weeks next after the passing of this Act, to be holden in pursuance of this Act, shall, by the Majority of Votes of such of them as shall be then assembled, appoint some one of the Owners or Occupiers in each of such respective Parishes to be a Chairman of the Meeting within such Parish; and the respective Persons so elected Chairmen shall respectively, at each respective Meeting, cause the Owners or Occupiers so assembled, qualified as hereinafter mentioned, to proceed to the Execution of this Act, and by Majority of Votes to nominate and recommend to any Two or more of the Justices acting for the hundred of *South Erpingham* in the said County of *Norfolk*, in the Form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed (marked N° I.) Three able and discreet Persons qualified for Guardians of the Poor for their Parish; Provided nevertheless, that if at the Time of holding any

any such Meeting as aforesaid, there shall not happen to be Three proper Persons qualified for the Office of Guardian, it shall be lawful for the major Part of the said Owners or Occupiers so assembled to nominate and recommend as many Persons as there may happen to be so qualified within their Parish, and the said Justices shall appoint, as after mentioned, one of the Persons so recommended as last mentioned: Provided always, that in case of an Equality of Votes on any Question at any such Meeting, the Chairman shall have the decisive or casting Vote, although such Chairman shall have given one Vote before: Provided also, that in case no Nomination of such Persons for Guardians shall be made at any such Meeting, then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the next Day, and shall be holden at the same Place between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and so *toties quoties*, until such Nomination of Guardians shall be made; but no such Meeting shall be holden on a Sunday, Good Friday, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated, but then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the following Day.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting or voting at any Meeting or Meetings of the Parishioners of the said respective Parishes to be holden for the Purposes of this Act, unless he or she shall be the Owner or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be assessed to the Pools Rate within such Parish after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Annum* at the least, nor shall any such Person vote as Occupier, unless he or she shall be assessed and pay to such Pools Rates.

Qualification  
of Voters.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham*, and they are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after such Nomination and Recommendation shall have been made as aforesaid, upon Application to them by One or more of the Persons who shall have been present at such Meetings respectively as aforesaid, and upon the Production of such Nomination and Recommendation in Writing, signed by the Chairman of such Meetings respectively, to appoint one of the Persons so recommended to be Guardian of the Poor for the Parish making the Nomination and so recommending, in the Form contained in the said Schedule (marked N<sup>o</sup>. 2.) or to that or the like Effect.

Justices to ap-  
point a Guar-  
dian for each  
Parish.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Three Guardians so nominated and appointed, or the Person or Persons to be nominated and appointed in the room or stead of any or either of them, shall continue in Office until Easter Monday in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seven, and on such Day Three of the said Guardians shall go out of Office, and cease to be Guardians; and in order to determine who of the said Guardians shall go out of Office and cease to be Guardians, the said Guardians shall and they are hereby required, Fourteen Days at the least previous to Easter Monday aforesaid, to write upon Nine distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, the Name of one of each of the said Guardians, 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 Three of such Papers shall then be drawn

Subsequent  
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ment of  
Guardians by  
the Parish, in  
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those going  
out of Office  
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out of such Box or Wheel by any one of the said Three Guardians; and the Three Guardians, whose Names shall be upon such Papers respectively so drawn shall go out of Office, and cease to be Guardians on the Easter Monday following, and within Three Days after such Names shall have been so drawn out, the said Guardians shall, and they are hereby required, to give Notice thereof to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of such of the said Parishes whose Guardians shall have been so ballotted to go out of the Guardianship; and such Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall, and they are hereby required to call and hold a public Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within their respective Parishes, on the said Easter Monday, for the Purpose of nominating and recommending other Guardians for such respective Parishes, and the said respective Churchwardens or Overseers shall and they are hereby required to give Notice of such Meetings respectively by Writing, signed by them respectively, and affixed on the principal Doors of the Churches of their respective Parishes, at least Eight Days preceeding such Easter Monday; and every such Meeting shall be holden in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of such respective Parishes, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon; and such Owners and Occupiers, qualified as herein directed, at such respective Meetings shall proceed in the Nomination and recommending of proper and fit Persons to be Guardians for their respective Parishes, and the Three Persons who shall be appointed in the Manner by this Act directed as Guardians for such respective Parishes, shall continue in Office for the Space of Three Years (except in case of Death or Refusal to act) and no longer; and on the Easter Monday in the next succeeding Year, Three of the Six Guardians first nominated and appointed Guardians by virtue of this Act, or the Person or Persons nominated and appointed in the room or stead of such Six Guardians, or any of them, shall go out of Office and cease to be Guardians, and the said Guardians shall and they are hereby required, Fourteen Days at the least previous to Easter Monday aforesaid, to write upon Six distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, the Name of One of each of such Six Guardians, 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 Three of such Papers shall then be drawn out of such Box or Wheel by any one of the said Guardians; and the Three Guardians whose Names shall be upon such Papers respectively so drawn shall go out of Office, and cease to be Guardians on the Easter Monday following; and within Three Days after such Names shall have been so drawn out, the said Guardians shall and they are hereby required to give Notice to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of such of the said Parishes whose Guardians shall have been so ballotted to go out of the Guardianship, and such Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall, and they are hereby required, to call and hold a public Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within their respective Parishes, on the said Easter Monday, for the Purpose of nominating and recommending other Guardians for such respective Parishes; and the said respective Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall, and they are hereby required, to give Notice of such Meetings respectively, by Writing signed by them respectively, and affixed on the principal Doors of the Churches of their respective Parishes, at least Eight Days pre-

preceding such Easter Monday, and every such Meeting shall be holden in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of such respective Parishes, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon: and such Owners and Occupiers, qualified as herein directed, at such respective Meetings shall proceed in the Nomination and recommending of proper and fit Persons to be Guardians for their respective Parishes, and the Three Persons who shall be appointed in Manner by this Act directed as Guardians for such respective Parishes, shall continue in Office for the Space of Three Years (except in case of Death or Refusal to act) and no longer; and on the Easter Monday in the next succeeding Year the Three remaining Guardians first nominated and appointed Guardians by virtue of this Act, or the Person or Persons nominated or appointed Guardians in the room or stead of such Three Guardians, or any of them, shall go out of Office and cease to be Guardians; and the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Three Parishes, whose Guardians shall then go out of Office, shall and they are hereby required to call and hold a public Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within their respective Parishes, on the said Easter Monday, for the Purpose of nominating and recommending other Guardians for such respective Parishes; and the said respective Churchwardens or Overseers shall and they are hereby required to give Notice of such Meetings respectively, by Writing, signed by them respectively, and affixed on the principal Doors of the Churches of their respective Parishes, at least Eight Days preceding such Easter Monday, and every such Meeting shall be holden in the Vestry Room or Parish Church of such respective Parishes, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and such Owners and Occupiers, qualified as herein directed, at such respective Meetings shall proceed in the Nomination and recommending of proper and fit Persons to be Guardians for their respective Parishes; and the Three Persons who shall be appointed in Manner by this Act directed, as Guardians for such respective Parishes, shall continue in Office for the Space of Three Years (except in case of Death or Refusal to act) and no longer; and on the Easter Monday in every succeeding Year, the Three Guardians who shall have been longest in Office, or the Person or Persons nominated and appointed in his or their stead, shall cease to be Guardians.

VII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of making such Nomination and Appointment of Guardians on Easter Monday in each and every Year, the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, qualified as herein directed, of the several and respective Parishes whose Guardians shall have so gone out of Office, shall, at their several Meetings to be holden on Easter Monday, in pursuance of this Act, by the Majority of Votes of such of them as shall be then assembled, appoint some one of the Owners or Occupiers in each of such respective Parishes to be Chairman of the Meeting in such Parish; and the respective Persons so elected Chairmen shall at each respective Meeting cause the Owners or Occupiers so assembled, qualified as herein mentioned, to proceed to the Execution of this Act, and by Majority of Votes to nominate and recommend to any Two or more of the Justices acting for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham* in the Form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed (marked

Appoint-  
ment of  
Guardians  
in other  
Cases.

N<sup>o</sup> 1.) Three able and discreet Persons qualified for Guardians for the Poor of their Parish: Provided nevertheless, that if at the Time of holding any such Meeting as aforesaid, there shall not happen to be Three proper Persons qualified for the Office of Guardian, it shall be lawful for the major Part of the said Owners or Occupiers so assembled to nominate and recommend as many Persons as there may happen to be so qualified within their Parish; and the said Justices shall appoint in Manner by this Act directed for the Appointment of Guardians by the said Justices, One of the Persons so recommended as last mentioned: Provided always, that in case of an equality of Votes on any Question at any such Meeting, the Chairman shall have the decisive or casting Vote, although such Chairman shall have given One Vote before: Provided also, that in case no Nomination of such Persons for Guardians shall be made at any such Meeting, then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the next Day, and shall be holden at the same Place, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and so *toties quoties*, until such Nomination of Guardians shall be made; but no such Meeting shall be holden on a Sunday, Good Friday, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated, but then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the following Day.

In case  
Guardians  
die, &c.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That when any Guardian or Guardians shall, before the Expiration of the Time for which he shall by virtue of this Act have been appointed a Guardian or Guardians, die, or refuse or neglect to act as such Guardian or Guardians, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Owners and Occupiers of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments (qualified in Manner herein directed) of the Parish for which such Person so dying, refusing, or neglecting to act, shall have been appointed Guardian at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, to be called by Notice in Writing, to be signed by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of such Parish, and to be affixed on the Door of the Church of such Parish, Eight Days at least before such Meeting shall be holden, to nominate and recommend to Two or more Justices for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, other Persons as Guardians for such Parish; and it shall be lawful for such Justices to appoint a Guardian out of such Persons for such Parish, in such and the like Manner as if such Guardian or Guardians had duly gone out of Office at the Expiration of the Time limited for his Office or Offices; and every Guardian so nominated and appointed shall have and enjoy the same Powers and Authorities, and shall be subject and liable to the like Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, as the Guardian in whose room or stead he shall be so nominated and appointed had or enjoyed, or was subject or liable to, and shall continue and remain in such Office for such Time as the Guardian in whose room or stead he shall be so nominated or appointed would have continued or remained therein.

Penalty on  
Persons not  
accepting the  
Office of  
Guardian, or

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed a Guardian by virtue of this Act, and being duly qualified as aforesaid, shall, for the Space of Three Days after Notice of such his Appointment by such Two Justices shall have been given to him, or left at his

his last or usual Place of Abode, signed by any Three or more of the Parishioners of the Parish for which he shall be so appointed a Guardian, of such his Appointment, wilfully or designedly refuse or neglect to attend pursuant to such Notice, and then and there accept and take upon him such Office, or in case of accepting the same shall wilfully refuse or neglect to act therein from Time to Time, for and during the Term for which he shall be appointed to serve as before mentioned, and as the Duty of his Office shall require, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance shall be allowed; and One Moiety of every such Penalty shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish for which such Person so offending shall have been appointed a Guardian.

not doing the Duties of it.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person appointed a Guardian by virtue of this Act, who shall have served such Office for and during such Time as he shall have been appointed to serve such Office, or shall have duly paid the said Penalty of Twenty Pounds for having refused or neglected to attend and take upon him, or to execute such Office, shall be again subject or liable to serve the said Office of Guardian within the Space of Three Years next after the Expiration of such former Service, or after Payment of such Penalty, without his own free Will and Consent, nor shall any Person of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards be liable or compellable to take upon him the Office of Guardian under this Act; but nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, so as to prevent any Person or Persons who shall have been appointed and have acted as a Guardian or Guardians during the Time aforesaid, from being immediately again appointed to that Office, if he or they shall be willing, and consent again to take upon himself or themselves the said Office.

No Person to be again appointed Guardian within Three Years without his Consent.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if at any Meeting of the Parishioners of the said respective Parishes, any Person shall give any Vote or Votes touching or relating to any Matter or Thing to be done and executed in pursuance of this Act, not being qualified in Manner by this Act directed, then and in every such Case every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance shall be allowed; and every such Person so sued or prosecuted shall prove that he or she is so qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof on the Part of the Prosecutor than that such Person has voted as an Owner or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, at some Meeting of the Parishioners of the said respective Parishes, holden in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that all Votes, Acts, and Proceedings of all and every Person and Persons voting or acting as a Parishioner or Parishioners in the Execution of this Act, although not duly qualified as aforesaid, previous to his, her, or their being convicted of such Offence

Penalty on Parishioners acting without being qualified.

Votes of Parishioners before Conviction, good.

Offence or Offences, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as good, valid, and effectual, as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Duty and Powers of the Guardians.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, appointed by virtue of this Act, shall be and they are hereby empowered to execute the several Powers and Authorities given to Guardians by this Act, for and during such Time as they shall respectively continue to act as Guardians by virtue hereof; and every such Guardian shall attend the Monthly Meetings hereby directed to be holden, and execute the several Powers and Authorities given to Guardians by this Act, and shall have, and is and are hereby invested with all the Powers and Authorities given to the Overseers of the Poor by any Act or Acts of Parliament, and shall, to all Intents and Purposes, except with regard to the making and collecting of Rates, be an Overseer of the Poor for the Parish for which he shall be so appointed Guardian, and shall be liable to such Forfeitures and Penalties for Neglect of Duty, as Overseers of the Poor are made liable to by this or any other Act of Parliament; and all Notices or Applications directed by this Act, or any other Act 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 the Guardian of the Poor for the Parish for which any such Guardian shall be appointed under the Authority of this Act; but in case any Orders of Removal, or Notices, shall happen by Mistake to be given or sent to the Churchwarden or Overseer, the same shall be as valid and effectual as if given to the Guardian, and such Churchwarden or Overseer shall and is hereby required forthwith to deliver the same to the Guardian of the Parish for which he or she is Churchwarden or Overseer, or shall forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings for his or her Neglect or Refusal; and in all Cases where such Guardian of the Poor shall be appointed as aforesaid, neither the Churchwardens nor Overseers of the Poor of such Parish shall interfere or intermeddle in the Care and Management of the Poor, but shall continue to have and be invested with the same Powers of making and collecting Poores Rates as they have at present, and shall be subject to the like Penalties for Neglect or Misbehaviour in making and collecting such Rates, as they were at the Time of passing this Act.

Churchwarden or Overseer to receive the Poores Rates.

How to be applied.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Appointment of such Guardians as aforesaid, one or more of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of every of the said Parishes, shall receive the Money to be collected by virtue of such Poores Rates, and to apply the same in Manner following (that is to say); such Churchwardens or Overseers shall pay from Time to Time, to the Treasurer of the said United Parishes, their due Proportion and Quota of the several Expences attending the Poor House and Poor therein, under the Authority and according to the Directions of this Act, and take his Receipt or Receipts for such Money, or, if it shall be found more convenient, shall permit such Treasurer from Time to Time to draw Drafts upon him or them for such Money, in the Form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed (marked N° 3.) and pay the same when such Drafts become due, specifying in every such Receipt and Draft the general



neral Purposes for which such Money is to be applied, and shall also pay from Time to Time, under the Direction of the Guardian of the particular Parish, all such weekly or other Sums or Payments as shall be considered by the Visitor belonging to the Division and Guardian for such Parish to be necessary and proper, for the relief of any poor Person who shall not be resident within the said House; all which Payments so to be respectively made, shall be allowed to the said Churchwarden or Overseer in his Accounts with the Parish wherein such Money shall be raised, and the Accounts, as well of the said Churchwarden or Overseer, as of the said Guardian, shall be examined at every Monthly Meeting, and shall be examined and passed Quarterly by such of the Visitors, to be appointed as hereafter contained, who shall have the Superintendance of such respective Parish, after the said Accounts shall have been verified upon Oath before a Justice of the Peace.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said respective Guardians, present at a Monthly Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, to make an order on the Churchwardens or Overseers, or Collectors of the Pours Rates, some or one of them, for their respective Parishes, with the Approbation of the Visitor for the Division in which such Parishes respectively shall be situate, such Order being signed by such Visitor for so much Money as shall be necessary for the Purposes of this Act; and if the Churchwardens or Overseers, or the Person or Persons to whom the Order shall be directed, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same to the Treasurer or Guardian to whom the same is made payable, within Seven Days after Demand made thereof, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, upon due Proof made of such Default, to issue his Warrant for levying the Sum expressed in such Order, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Churchwardens or Overseers, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, in such and the like Manner as the Sums proportioned to be paid for or in respect of the said respective Parishes, can or may be levied upon the said Guardians respectively, by virtue of this Act.

Guardians at Monthly Meetings, with the Approbation of the Visitor, may make an Order for such Money as may be wanted for the Purposes of this Act.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Visitors, to be appointed in Manner herein-mentioned, or the major Part of them, to appoint a fit and proper Person to be Governor of the said Poor House, with such reasonable Salary or Allowance as they shall think proper, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked No 4.) or to that or the like Effect, who shall have the Care, Management, and Employment of the poor Persons to be sent to such Poor House, and shall be allowed such Salary or Wages for his Trouble, as shall be specified in such Appointment; and it shall and may be lawful for the Visitors of such Poor House, with the Consent of the Guardians, or the major Part of them, or for Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, whenever it shall happen that two of the said Visitors shall be Guardians, to remove the Governor of such Poor House, upon Complaint and sufficient Proof of Misbehaviour or Incapacity in the Execution of his Office.

Visitors to appoint a Governor of the Poor House.

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Directions  
for the first  
Appoint-  
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sitors for  
Hevingham,  
Marsham,  
and Stratton  
Strawles.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians of the Poor of the said several Parishes of *Hevingham, Marsham, and Stratton Strawles* shall meet as soon as conveniently may be after they shall have been appointed Guardians as aforesaid, and shall nominate and recommend, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three proper Persons fit to be put in nomination for the Office of Visitor of the said Poor House for the said Parishes last mentioned; and One or more of such Guardians shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after such meeting, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* aforesaid, and produce to them the said Nomination; and the said Two Justices shall then, or within Three Days afterwards, appoint One of such Persons so recommended to be a Visitor, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 6.) or to that or the like effect; and the said Visitor so appointed shall superintend the putting this Act into Execution for the said Parishes of *Hevingham, Marsham, and Stratton Strawles*.

Visitors for  
Buxton,  
Brampton,  
and Oxnead.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians of the Poor of the said Parishes of *Buxton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, shall meet as soon as conveniently may be after they shall have been appointed as aforesaid, and shall nominate and recommend, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three proper Persons, fit to be put in Nomination for the Office of Visitor of the said Poor House for the said Parishes last mentioned, and One or more of such Guardians shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Meeting, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* aforesaid, and produce to them the said Nomination, and the said Two Justices shall then, or within Three Days after, appoint One of such Persons so recommended to be a Visitor, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 6.) or to that or the like Effect; and the said Visitor so appointed shall superintend the putting this Act into Execution for the Parishes of *Buxton, Brampton, and Oxnead*.

Visitors for  
Swanton  
Abbott,  
Burgh next  
Aylsham, and  
Skeyton.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians for the Poor of the said Parishes of *Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, and Skeyton*, shall meet as soon as conveniently may be after they shall have been appointed as aforesaid, and shall nominate and recommend, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three proper Persons, fit to be put in Nomination for the Office of Visitor of the said Poor House for the said Parishes last mentioned, and One or more of such Guardians shall as soon as conveniently may be after such Meeting, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* aforesaid, and produce to them the said Nomination; and the said Two Justices shall then, or within Three Days after, appoint one of such Persons so recommended to be a Visitor, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 6.) or to that or the like Effect; and the said Visitor so appointed as last mentioned, shall superintend the putting this Act into execution for the said Parishes of *Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, and Skeyton*.

XIX. Provided

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if at any Time or Times the Person appointed by the said Justices for any or either of the said Three respective Divisions of the said Parishes, to execute the Office of Visitor as hereinbefore or as hereinafter mentioned, shall refuse to accept such Office, then and in every such Case the said Two Justices shall appoint one other of the Persons named in the respective Nominations aforesaid; and if such Person shall refuse to accept the said Office, then and in every such Case the said Two Justices shall appoint the third Person named therein, and if such Person shall also refuse to accept the said Office, then and in every such Case the several Guardians acting for the Division where such Refusal shall happen, shall, and they are hereby required, to serve that Office monthly by Rotation, subject to the Controul of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*; and every such Visitor as aforesaid (not being a Guardian) is hereby authorized to nominate some discreet and proper Person to be his Deputy or Assistant, if he shall so think fit, and such Nomination shall be in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 7.) and every such Deputy or Assistant shall, in the Absence of such Visitor, and under his Direction, act as Inspector of the several Matters so committed to the Care of the Visitor, and shall make his Report thereof from Time to Time to him for his better Information, and render him all the Assistance in his Power; and all such Visitors so to be appointed shall generally superintend the said House, and they or the major Part of them, shall settle and adjust the Accounts between the said Guardians of the Poor, and the Treasurer of such House, if any Question or Dispute shall arise respecting the same, and also shall severally settle and adjust all Doubts and Questions which may arise concerning the Persons in their respective Districts or Divisions, who ought to be sent to such House, according to the Intention of this Act; and the said Visitors shall by every prudent Means in their Power attend to the general Conduct and Management of the said House, and enforce and promote the Rules, Orders, Regulations, Directions, and Provisions established, enacted, and formed by and under this Act for the better Accommodation and Relief of the Poor, and the preventing all unnecessary Expences and Burthens on the said Parishes; and the said Governor and Guardians, and the Treasurer, to be appointed as herein mentioned, and every of them, are hereby required to observe and obey the Directions which they shall from Time to Time receive from the said Visitors so to be appointed, touching the several Matters aforesaid; and where any Act shall be required to be done by a Justice of the Peace, such Visitors or Visitor, if not a Justice, or their or his Deputy or Assistant, shall apply to some neighbouring Magistrate to do the same; and every Person to be nominated or appointed Visitor or Deputy Visitor as aforesaid, as an Inducement to his undertaking and executing that Office, shall be freed and discharged from serving the Office of Constable, and all Parochial Offices, and also from serving upon Juries at the Assizes or Quarter Sessions, so long as he shall continue in that Office; and a Certificate under the Hand of a Justice of the Peace acting for the Limits wherein he executes such Office, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 8.) shall be admitted as Evidence of his serving that Office.

If Visitors refuse to act, how others shall be appointed, &c.

Visitor may appoint a Deputy.

Governor &c. to obey the Visitor.

XX. And be it further enacted, That Fourteen Days at least previous to the perpe-

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ous to the Easter Monday One thousand Eight hundred and Seven, the said Visitors shall, by Ballot among themselves, fix and determine upon one of them who shall go out of the Visitorship on such Easter Monday, and the Guardians acting for the Division to which such Visitor shall belong, or the major Part of them, shall on such Easter Monday proceed either to elect or continue in the Office of Visitor such Person who shall have been so ballotted to go out of the Visitorship, or shall proceed to nominate and recommend, in the Form mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three other fit and proper Persons, to serve the Office of Visitor for such Division, and One or more of the Guardians for that Division shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Nomination, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham*, and produce to them the said Nomination, and the said Two Justices shall and they are hereby required to appoint one of the Three Persons so nominated and recommended to serve the Office of Visitor with the Two other Visitors before appointed, and Fourteen Days at least previous to the Easter Monday then next following, the Two Persons who on such Easter Monday will have served the Office of Visitors in the Two preceding Years, shall, by Ballot between themselves, determine which of such Two Persons shall go out of the Visitorship upon such Easter Monday, and the Guardians acting for the Division to which such Visitor so ballotted to go out of Office shall belong, or the major Part of them, shall on the Easter Monday proceed either to elect or continue in the Office of Visitor such Person who shall have been so ballotted to go out of the Visitorship, or shall proceed to nominate and recommend, in the Form mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three other fit and proper Persons to serve the Office of Visitor for such Division, and one or more of the Guardians for that Division shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Nomination, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham*, and produce to them the said Nomination, and the said Two Justices shall and they are hereby required to appoint one of the Persons so nominated and recommended, to serve the Office of Visitor with the Two other Visitors before appointed; and upon the Easter Monday in every Year for ever thereafter, the Person who shall have served the Office of Visitor in the Three preceding Years shall go out of such Office, and the Guardians for the Division for which such Visitor shall have been appointed, shall immediately proceed either to elect or continue in the Office of Visitor such Person who otherwise would quit such Office, or shall nominate and recommend in the Form mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 5.) Three other fit and proper Persons, to serve the Office of Visitor for such Division, and one or more of the Guardians for that Division shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Nomination, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, and produce to them the said Nomination, and the said Two Justices shall and they are hereby required to appoint one of the Persons so nominated and recommended to serve the Office of Visitor with the Two other Visitors before appointed, and so, *toties quoties*.

Treasurer to  
be appointed,

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians for the said several Parishes shall recommend to any Two of the Justices acting for the

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the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, one of their own Body to be Treasurer of the Poor House, and it shall and may be lawful for such Two Justices to appoint the Guardians so recommended to the Office of Treasurer of the Poor House, or any other of the Guardians whom they shall think better qualified to that Office, in the Form contained in the Schedule hereto annexed (marked N° 9.) or to that of the like Effect, and such Treasurer shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, to the Visitors and Guardians, and their Successors, for his duly accounting for the Money which shall come to his Hands; and the said Treasurer shall keep the Accounts, and receive the Money to be contributed by each Parish, and pay or discharge the several Bills and Expences which shall be allowed and ordered to be paid by the Guardians at their monthly Meetings, and shall lay his Accounts before the Guardians at every such Meeting for their Perusal and Approbation, and shall once in every Year, within Fourteen Days before the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, make out or cause to be made out a just and fair Account of the Expences attending the same, distinguishing them under the several Heads therein specified, and also an Account of the Number of poor Persons, distinguishing their Age and Sex, which shall be contained in the said House at the Time of making such Account, and how such poor Persons have been employed, and how much Money hath been earned by their Labour in the Year preceding; and all such Accounts and Statements shall be laid before the Visitors, and signified under their Hands, if they approve the same, and shall afterwards be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace of the said County, before or at the Time of the said Quarter Sessions, and be by him laid before the said Court for their Inspection; and every such Treasurer shall be allowed for his Trouble in executing that Office such annual Sum, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as a Visitor or the Visitors, or the major Part of them, not being Guardian or Guardians, shall think fit; and in case there shall be no such Visitor, then as any Two Justices of the Peace acting for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham* shall appoint.

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XXII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Vacancy shall happen in any of the Offices aforesaid by Death, Resignation, or Removal, a fit and proper Person as a Successor to the Person so dying, declining to act, or removed as aforesaid shall be nominated, recommended, and appointed, according to the Directions hereinbefore contained for supplying the respective Offices aforesaid.

Vacancies  
occasioned by  
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supplied.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if within the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, there shall happen to be no acting Justice, or only one acting Justice of the Peace, or if the Justice or Justices of the Peace who usually act in that Hundred shall be absent, or by any Means incapacitated to act, at any Time when the Appointments by such Justices shall be required, or any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, shall in pursuance of this Act be necessary to be done by Two Justices of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace of any other Hundred, and they are hereby required to act in all such Cases when they shall be thereunto requested.

Justices in a  
different  
Hundred  
may act in  
certain Cases.

Justices may  
appoint Spe-  
cial Sessions  
for exe-  
cuting the  
Powers of  
this Act.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace within the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, and also for other Justices of the Peace acting for the said County of *Norfolk*, in their respective Hundreds or Limits, to appoint Special or Privy Sessions for executing the several Powers and Purposes of this Act, causing proper Notices to be given of the Time and Place of holding the same to the several Justices of the Peace, Peace Officers, and Guardians of the Poor within such respective Limits, and also to adjourn any such Privy Sessions to be again holden at such Time and Place as they shall judge most proper for discharging the Business required by this Act, and also such other Business as may happen to fall under their Cognizance, so as to occasion the least Trouble to themselves, and to afford the greatest Convenience and Accommodation to the Public, causing the like Notices to be given of every such Adjournment.

Guardians  
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further  
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proper Uten-  
sils, &c. if  
necessary.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall at any Time be found necessary and expedient to increase the Size of the said House, or any of the Buildings thereunto belonging, the same shall be erected, built, altered, repaired, enlarged, fitted up, and furnished by the said Guardians, with the Advice and Approbation of the Visitors aforesaid, or the major Part of them, in such Manner as shall be most conducive to the general Purposes of this Act, at the Expence of the said Parishes respectively, in the Proportions hereinafter mentioned, and such further Utensils and Materials as they shall think necessary, shall in like Manner be provided for the Employment of the Poor, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Money dis-  
bursed for  
building the  
present  
House.

XXVI. And whereas towards the Expences of building and furnishing the said House, with the Offices and Buildings so erected as aforesaid, the Sum of Four thousand Two hundred and fifty Pounds was, in pursuance of the Directions and Authority of the said recited Act of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, borrowed at Interest, and secured, by Charges upon the Pools Rates of the said Parishes of *Buxton*, *Hevingham*, and *Marsham*, and the Sum of Four thousand Pounds Part thereof still remains due and unsatisfied upon such Securities: And whereas it is expedient that as well the said Sum so remaining due, as any Sum, not exceeding a certain Amount, to be borrowed as hereinafter mentioned, may become charged upon the Pools Rates within the said Parishes to be hereafter made, and the Sums of Money to be hereafter raised thereupon within all the Parishes aforesaid, in their due Proportions; BE it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds still remaining due and undischarged, together with all Interest accruing for the same from the passing of this Act, shall be and become charged and chargeable as well upon all Pools Rates to be hereafter made, and the several Sums of Money to be raised thereupon, within the said Parishes of *Buxton*, *Hevingham*, and *Marsham*, as also upon all Pools Rates to be hereafter made; and the several Sums of Money to be raised thereupon within the said several Parishes of *Stratton Strawless*, *Swanton Abbott*, *Burgh next Aylsham*, *Skeyton*, *Brampton*, and *Oxnead*, and the same and every of them, shall be subject and liable to the Payment of the said Principal Sum of Four thousand

thousand Pounds and Interest hereafter to grow due, in pursuance of the Securities now subsisting; and that the said Securities whereby the said Sum, and Interest for the same, before the passing of this Act stood charged upon the Poores Rates, and Sums to be raised thereupon, within the said Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, and Marsham*, shall extend and shall be construed and adjudged to extend to charge the Poores Rates to be hereafter made, and all Sums of Money to be thereupon raised, within the said Parishes of *Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, although such Parishes last-mentioned are not named in the said Securities.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Visitors and Guardians of the Poor to borrow for the Purposes of this Act, in Addition to the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds so remaining due as aforesaid, such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, at the lowest Rate of Interest the same can conveniently be procured, so that the whole Sum so to be borrowed shall not exceed One thousand Pounds, and to secure such Money by a Charge upon the Poores Rates of the said Parishes in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked N° 10) or to that or the like Effect, which Charge shall continue upon the said Rates until the Money so borrowed, and all Interest for the same, shall be fully paid and satisfied; and the Money so to be borrowed shall be applied in the better furnishing the said House, and for the other Purposes of this Act; and the said Guardians and their Successors shall, and they are hereby required, duly to pay and keep down the Interest as well of such Money so borrowed and standing charged as aforesaid, as also of such Money as may hereafter be borrowed as aforesaid, for the Use of their respective Parishes as the same shall become due, and according to the respective Quotas of the said several Parishes, as hereinafter mentioned; and that when the Principal shall be called for, the same may be borrowed from some other Person or Persons, and shall be secured to the Person advancing the same by an Assignment of such Security, indorsed on the Back thereof in the Form contained in the Schedule hereto annexed (marked N° 11.) or to that or the like Effect; and the said Visitors and Guardians shall, and they are hereby required, from and after the passing of this Act, yearly and every Year, to pay off and discharge One-twentieth Part at the least of the said Principal Sum of Four thousand Pounds, and of the Principal Money which shall be borrowed by virtue of this Act, to the End and Intent that the Whole of the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds, and the Whole of the Money which may be borrowed by virtue of the Authority of this Act, and all Interest upon the same respectively, may be fully paid, satisfied, and discharged, at the End of Twenty Years at the least from the Time of the passing of this Act.

Visitors and Guardians enabled to borrow Money.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the poor Persons who shall be sent to the said House by virtue and under the Authority of this Act, shall be maintained therein at the general Expence of the said respective Parishes, according to the Terms and in the Proportions directed and prescribed by this Act; and that the Treasurer, with the Assistance of the Governor of the said Poor House, shall provide

Poor to be maintained at the general Expence of each Parish.

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all fit and necessary Provisions for the Maintenance of such Poor, and keep an Account thereof.

Guardians to  
meet once a  
Month.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a Meeting of the Guardians of the Poor of every of the said Parishes, at the said House, on the first Monday in every Month, at the Hour of Eleven in the Forenoon, or on such other Day and Hour in the first Week of every Month as the said Guardians shall appoint, to state, examine, inspect, and adjust the Accounts for the preceding Month; and at such Meeting the said Treasurer shall produce, fairly written, an Account of the Debt incurred in the preceding Month for Utensils and Materials for the Purpose of Manufacture, and for Furniture, Alterations, or Repairs of the Buildings, and also for the Salary or Allowance to the Governor or Treasurer, and Servants (if any) and all other general Expences of or relating to the said House, and which shall by virtue of this Act belong to the said several Parishes in common; and such Account when settled and agreed to, shall be signed by the said Guardians attending such Meeting, and the Sums to be paid by each of the said Parishes for discharging such general Account, shall be settled and adjusted at the first Monthly Meeting to be holden under this Act in proportion to the Sums paid by each of the said Parishes on Account of their Poor, on a Medium of Three Years next preceding the Easter Monday which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and One; and such Sums shall be settled and ascertained at such first Monthly Meeting by Two disinterested Persons, to be named and appointed by the said Guardians, or the major Part of them, and according to the Mode or Form in the Table contained or referred to in the Schedule hereto annexed (marked N<sup>o</sup> 12.) and in like Manner, and in the like Proportions, at every succeeding Monthly Meeting; and the Money shall be then, or within One Week after, paid into the Hands of the said Treasurer, to be by him applied in discharge of the several Articles and Debts contained in such account; and the said Treasurer shall also at the same Time produce, fairly written, one other Account of the Victuals, Beer, Firing, and other Necessaries for the Use and Maintenance of the Poor, and of the Governor of the said House, and all other incidental Expences, which shall be then accounted for, and proportioned by the said Guardians according to the Number of Persons which shall have been sent from each of the said respective Parishes, and for the Time they shall have resided in the said House, within such Month, according to the Mode or Form and Table, and in the Manner for that Purpose also mentioned in the said Schedule (marked N<sup>o</sup> 13.) and the Sum due from each Parish shall be specified at the Foot of such Account, which shall, when settled and agreed to, be signed by such Guardians, or the major Part of them, and be afterwards inspected by the said Visitors, not being Guardians, and allowed by them, or the major Part of them, if they shall approve thereof; and in case Default shall be made in Payment of the respective Sums so proportioned to be paid in respect of any of the said Parishes for Seven Days after the same shall be so settled and proportioned, and the Money demanded, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, upon Complaint made to him upon Oath of such Default, to levy the said respective Sums so settled and proportioned as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of the Goods  
and



and Chattels of the respective Guardians of the Poor for such of the said respective Parishes making such Default; and at the End of every Year, the Account shall be finally closed, and the Balances paid and received, according to the Mode prescribed by the said Schedule (marked N<sup>o</sup> 13.)

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of each and every of the said Parishes, who shall have the Custody of the Pools Rates, Assessments, or Accounts, for any of the said Parishes, shall and they are hereby required to produce the same as well to the Persons who shall be nominated by the Guardians for ascertaining the Proportions to be paid by each of the said Parishes, as hereinbefore is mentioned and directed, on every Request made by them for that Purpose; after Four Days Notice thereof, as also to the Guardians at their Monthly Meetings, or in Default thereof every Churchwarden and Overseer so offending shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Refusal or Neglect.

Penalty on Persons refusing to deliver up Pools Rates, &c. after proper Demand.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if the Guardians or the Overseers respectively of the Poor for the said Parishes, for the Time being, or any of them, shall not attend each Monthly Meeting hereby directed to be holden, or send some substantial Inhabitant of the Parish to attend with the Accounts, and make the Payments for them or any of them, in case they or any of them shall be prevented by Sicknes or other unavoidable Accident from attending in Person, such Guardians or Overseers so making Default in Attendance or Payment shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on Guardians and Overseers who shall neglect to attend Monthly Meetings.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Person or Persons to be sent to the said Poor House, shall, at the Time of his or her entering such House, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Governor thereof or his Assistant, if any, an Order signed by the Guardian of the Poor of the Parish from which such Person shall come, for the Admission of such Person or Persons, in the Form or to the Effect contained in the said Schedule (marked N<sup>o</sup> 14.) which Order shall be carefully kept by the Governor, and entered by him in a Book to be provided for that Purpose

Persons sent to Poor House to deliver an Order signed by a Guardian.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to send any Person or Persons to the said Poor House, who may be unable to support themselves through Indigence, old Age, Sicknes, Infirmities, or want of Employment, or from any other Cause whatsoever.

What Persons may be sent to the Poor House.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Infant Children of tender Years, belonging to any of the said Parishes, who from Accident or Misfortune shall become chargeable to any of the said Parishes, may either be sent to such Poor House as aforesaid, or be placed by the Guardian of the Poor for the Parish to which any such Child or Children shall belong, with the Approbation of the Visitor for the Division in which such Parish is placed by this Act, with some reputable Person or Persons in or near the Parish to which such Child or Children belong at such weekly Allowance as shall be agreed upon between the Parish Officers, and such Person or Persons with the Approbation of such Visitor, until such Child or Children shall be of sufficient

How poor Children are to be provided for.

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Age to be put into Service, or bound Apprentice to Husbandry or some Trade or Occupation; and a List of the Names of every Child so placed out, and by whom, and where kept, shall be given to such Visitor, who shall see that all such Children are properly treated, or otherwise may cause any such Child or Children to be removed and placed under the Care of some other Person or Persons, if the said Visitor finds just Cause so to do; and when and as soon as any such Child shall attain such Age as aforesaid, he or she shall be put into Service, or bound Apprentice to Husbandry or some Trade or Occupation, at the Expence of the Parish to which he or she shall belong, according to the Laws in being: Provided nevertheless, that if the Parents or Relations of any poor Child or Children sent to such Poor House, or so placed out as aforesaid, being able to provide for the same or any other responsible Person shall desire to receive and provide for any such poor Child or Children, and signify the same to the Guardians at their Monthly Meeting, the said Guardians shall and they are hereby required to dismiss or cause to be dismissed such Child or Children from the Poor House, or from the Care of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, and deliver him, her, or them to the Parent, Relation, or other Person so applying as aforesaid: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall give any Power to separate any Child or Children under the Age of Seven Years from his, her, or their Parent or Parents, without the Consent of such Parent or Parents.

Guardians  
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XXXV. And be it further enacted, That where there shall be in any of the said Parishes any poor Person or Persons who shall be able and willing to work, but cannot get Employment, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Guardian of the Poor of such Parish, if he shall think proper, and he is hereby empowered on Application made to him by or on Behalf of such poor Person, to agree for the Labour of such poor Person or Persons at any Work or Employment suited to his or her Strength and Capacity, in any Parish, Township, or Place, near the Place of his or her Residence, and to maintain or cause such Person or Persons to be properly maintained, lodged, and provided for, until such Employment shall be procured, and during the Time of such Work, to receive the Money to be earned by such Work or Labour, and apply it in or towards such Maintenance as far as the same will go and make up the Deficiency, if any; and if the same shall happen to exceed the Money expended in such Maintenance, to account for the Surplus; and such Surplus shall, within One Calendar Month afterwards, be given to such poor Person or Persons who shall have earned such Money, if no further Expences shall be then incurred on his, her, or their Account, to exhaust the same; and in case such Poor Person or Persons shall refuse to work, or run away from such Work or Employment, Complaint shall be made thereof by the Guardian to some neighbouring Justice or Justices of the Peace, who shall enquire into the same upon Oath, and on Conviction, punish such Offender or Offenders, by committing him, her, or them to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Guardians  
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XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the respective Guardians of the Poor for the said respective Parishes shall provide at the Expence of their respective Parishes, suitable and necessary Clothing for the

the Persons sent by them respectively to such Poor House as aforesaid; and in case any such Guardian shall neglect so to do, then and in every such Case the Governor of the said Poor House, or any one of the Guardians, shall make complaint thereof to some neighbouring Justice of the Peace, who shall summon the Guardian so making Neglect to appear before him to answer the said Complaint, and the said Justice shall direct such Guardian to provide such Clothing as shall to such Justice appear necessary; and if such Guardian shall make Default in providing such Clothing within Ten Days after such Direction, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice of the Peace to direct the Governor of the said Poor House, or the Guardian so making such Complaint, to provide the same, and to demand from such Guardian so making Default, the Charges and Expences of such Clothing, and in Default of Payment thereof upon Demand made, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice of the Peace to levy the same, and the Costs and Charges attending the Recovery thereof, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Guardian so making Default.

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XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Rules, Orders, and Regulations, specified and contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed, shall be duly observed and enforced at the said Poor House, with such Additions as shall be made by the Justices of the Peace of the said Hundred of *South Erpingham* at some Special Sessions, provided that such Additions shall not be contradictory to the Rules, Orders, and Regulations, established by this Act, and provided that the same be not repealed by the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk* at their Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and for the Purpose of making such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, more generally known and more strictly attended to, the Governor of the said Poor House shall, and he is hereby required, to cause the same to be printed in plain legible Characters, and fixed up in some conspicuous Part of the said House.

Rules and  
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XXXVIII. And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, on Complaint made upon Oath to him by or on behalf of any poor Person belonging to any one of the said Parishes, that the Guardian of such Parish, upon Application made to him, hath refused Relief to such poor Person, both within the said Poor House and out of the same by some weekly or other sufficient Allowance, after enquiring into the Condition and Circumstance of such poor Person upon Oath, to order, by Writing under his Hand, such poor Person to be relieved by taking him or her into the Poor House, unless the said Guardian shall give such weekly or other Allowance for maintaining such poor Person out of the said Poor House as such Justice shall deem sufficient, which Order shall be complied with, or sufficient Cause shewn to the contrary before such Justice by such Guardian, within Two Days after he shall receive the same; and if any Guardian shall, upon due Notice of such Order, refuse or neglect to obey the same, he shall for every such Refusal or Neglect forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; or if it shall appear to such Justice that the Person making such Complaint, or on whose Behalf such Complaint is made, is an idle or disorderly Person, and has not used proper Means to get Employment, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, after examining such Person, and hearing the whole Circumstances of the Case, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit

Justices, on  
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Relief to any  
poor Person,  
shall direct  
the Guardian  
to send the  
Complainant  
to the Poor  
House, &c.

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such Person to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; or if it shall appear to such Justice, upon Enquiry as aforesaid, that the Husband or Father of such Person making Complaint, or on whose Behalf Complaint for Want of Relief shall be so made, is an idle or disorderly Person, able to work, but by his Neglect to work, or for Want of seeking Employment, or by spending the Money he earns in any Alehouse or Alehouses, or Place or Places of bad Repute, does not maintain his Wife or Children, and suffers them or any of them to be reduced to Want, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice of the Peace, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit the Husband of such poor Woman, or the Father of such poor Child or Children, to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

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Guardian and  
Visitor.

XXXIX. Provided always and be it enacted, That when any Complaint or Application shall be made to a Justice of the Peace for the Relief of any poor Person within any of the said Parishes, such Justice shall not summon the Guardian to appear before him unless Application shall have been first made by the Person so complaining to the Guardian, and if he refuses Redress, to the Visitor of the Division (it being part of his Duty to adjust Matters of that Sort) which Visitor shall order Relief, if he thinks it necessary, either within or out of the Poor House, as he shall judge right; but if sufficient Relief shall not be so given or ordered, the poor Person complaining, or on whose Behalf such Complaint shall be made, shall be redressed by such Justice in the Manner hereinbefore directed.

Application  
of Penalties  
inflicted on  
Guardians.

XL. And be it further enacted, That out of the Penalty hereby inflicted upon the Guardian for disobeying the Order of a Justice of the Peace, for the Relief and Maintenance of any poor Persons, so much thereof as the Justice of the Peace who shall convict such Offender shall direct to be paid to such poor Person to whom such Relief was ordered, shall be paid to him or her accordingly, and the Remainder applied in such Manner as the other Penalties are hereby directed to be disposed of.

Directions  
relative to  
such poor  
Persons who  
shall be af-  
flicted with  
Sickness, &c.  
when at a  
Distance  
from their  
Parish.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person shall be retarded on his or her Passage through any of the said Parishes in which he or she has no legal Settlement, by reason of his or her meeting with any Accident, or being afflicted with any dangerous Sickness or bodily Infirmity without the Means of Subsistence; or of proceeding to the Place of his or her Settlement, the Guardian living near the Place or in the Parish where such distressed Object shall be, shall, and he is hereby required, upon Notice thereof, forthwith to provide Lodging and suitable Nourishment and Assistance (and also Clothing if necessary) for such Person, until he or she can be removed with Safety, and when and as soon as such Person shall be in a state of Health fit to be removed, such Guardian shall take such Person to any Two Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Norfolk*, who shall examine him or her upon Oath touching the Place of his or her Settlement, and make an Order for his or her Removal thither, if they think fit; and the Parish Officer who shall so receive and provide for such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall make a Charge of the Expences attending the same, which,

which, on being allowed and certified by the Justices before whom such poor Person shall be so taken, or by any Two Justices within the said Hundred of *South Erpingham*, the same shall be paid by the Guardian or Overseer of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place where such poor Person shall be settled, in case the same can be discovered, and shall happen to be within the said County of *Norfolk*, on demand made thereof, and on the Production of such Allowance and Certificate as aforesaid, or in Default of Payment, the same shall be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of any such Guardian or Overseer so making Default, after due Summons, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*; and if any poor or sick Person, circumstanced as aforesaid, shall die before he or she can be so examined, or if any poor Person shall be found dead in any of the said Parishes, and to which he or she did not belong, the Guardian of the Parish, in which such poor Person shall die or be found dead, shall and is hereby required, in every such Case, to cause such Person to be buried in the Parish where he or she so died or was found dead, and shall make a Charge of the Expences attending the same respectively, which shall be allowed and certified by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, after examining into the place of Settlement of such poor Person, and shall be paid by the Guardian or Overseer of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place, where such Person shall appear to have been settled, if the same shall be within the said County; but in case the Settlement of such poor Person cannot be discovered, or shall not be within the said County, the same shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said County of *Norfolk*, where such Person was so relieved or buried, on the production of such Allowance and Certificate, out of the County or Public Money to be collected within the said County, and allowed to such Treasurer in his Accounts.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all such casual Poor as may happen to be within and entitled to Relief from any one of the said Parishes, although not legally settled in any one of the said Parishes, shall be relieved by all the said Parishes, and all the said Parishes shall contribute thereto in the same respective Proportions as they are hereby directed to contribute to the incidental Expences of the said Poor House, and according to the Provisions and Regulations herein specified and contained for that Purpose.

Casual Poor to be relieved by the United Parishes conjointly.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to alter or affect the Settlement of any Person or Persons whomsoever, or to give any illegitimate Child who may be born in the said Poor House a Settlement in the said Parish of *Buxton*, in which the said Poor House is situated, but every such Child shall be considered as settled in the Parish or Place to which the Mother belongs.

Not to alter the Settlement of any Person, &c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person who shall be sent to the said House, shall embezzle or wilfully waste any of the Goods or Materials committed to his or her Care, or shall take or carry away, without Permission of the Governor, any Goods or Materials provided for the use of the said Poor House, or belonging to any Person residing there, Complaint shall be made thereof upon Oath to some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk*, who shall

Penalty on Persons who shall embezzle or waste Goods, &c. committed to their Care in the said Poor House.

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hear the same, and the Party accused; and such Justice is hereby authorized, upon conviction, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, as the said Justice shall think fit, and direct.

Penalty on Visitor, Guardian, or Governor, furnishing Articles for the Poor House.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That if any Visitor, Guardian, or Governor, shall sell or furnish any Materials, Goods, Cloaths, Victuals, or Provisions, or do any Work in his Trade for the use of the said Poor House, or poor Persons, within any of the said Parishes for which he shall be so appointed to act, or be concerned in Trade or Interest with any Person or Persons who shall sell, provide, do, or furnish the same, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, on being duly convicted thereof by a Justice of the Peace.

Poor Houses may be sold.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Guardians of the Poor of any of the said Parishes, with the Approbation of the Persons within such Parish, qualified as hereinbefore mentioned, obtained at a public Meeting held for that Purpose, to sell or dispose of any House, Cottage, or Building, which shall have been erected or purchased for the Use of any poor Person or Persons, at the Expence of such Parish, and apply the Money arising therefrom for the Purposes of this Act; and also to remove, by Order from a Justice or Justices of the Peace, the Person or Persons who shall inhabit the same, or any other House or Dwelling rented or provided at the Expence of such Parish, if he, she, or they shall refuse to quit the same, after receiving Fourteen Days Notice for that Purpose.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties inflicted by this Act (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed) shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place, where the Offender shall be or reside, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, upon the Confession of the Party, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) and the Overplus, if any, of the Money 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 attending such Distress and Sale; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace to commit such Offender to the House of Correction for such County, City, or Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space of Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, and every such Penalty and Forfeiture, if not hereby directed to be otherwise disposed of shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Poor House, to be applied by him towards defraying the Monthly Expences of Victuals, Beer, Firing, and other necessary Provisions for the Poor within the said House.

XLVIII. And

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Conviction shall be had for any Offence or Offences committed against this Act, the Form of Conviction shall be in the Words, or to the Effect following; *videlicet*:

Form of  
Conviction.

“ BE it Remembered, That on this Day  
of                      in the                      Year of the Reign of  
“                      A. B. is convicted before me [or, us]  
“ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the  
“ of having [here specify the Offence] contrary to the Form of the Sta-  
“ tute in that Case made and provided: And I [or, we] do adjudge  
“ him [her, or, them] to forfeit and pay for such Offence the Sum of  
“                      Given under my Hand and Seal [or, our  
“ Hands and Seals] the Day and Year aforesaid.”

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by the Act of any Justice or Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, in or concerning the Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County, City, or Place within which the Matter of Appeal shall arise, next after the Expiration of One Calendar Month from the Time such Matter of Appeal shall have arisen, the Person or Persons appealing first giving Ten Days Notice of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, and within Two Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such County, City, or Place, with sufficient Sureties, to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of the said Court thereon; and the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, are hereby authorized to hear and determine such Appeal, and to award Costs for or against the Appellant, as they shall see just Cause to do; and the Determination of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and shall not be removed by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty’s Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere.

Appeal.

L. 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 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 that shall afterwards be 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, by an Action on the Case.

Distress not  
to be unlaw-  
ful for want  
of Form.

LI. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, shall in the first place be paid

For paying  
the Expences  
of the Act.

paid by the said several Parishes in their due Proportions, and such Proportions shall be settled and ascertained in such Manner, as all incidental Expences for the said Poor House are herein directed to be settled and ascertained; and all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, when so settled and ascertained, shall be paid out of any Monies in the Hands of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said respective Parishes, or out of the first Money which shall be borrowed or raised by the said Visitors and Guardians by virtue of this Act.

Public Act.

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

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## SCHEDULE

Of the FORMS referred to in the Act.

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N<sup>o</sup> 1.

WE the major Part of such Owners or Occupiers of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of *Norfolk*, as are assembled at a public Meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ holden in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third intituled, "An Act" [*here insert the Title*] and being duly qualified, according to the Directions of the said Act, to act and vote at such Meeting, Do hereby nominate and recommend to the Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham*, *A. B. C. D.* and *E. F.* as fit and proper Persons to be Guardians of the Poor of the said Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ at and under the yearly Salary of \_\_\_\_\_

*per Annum.*

(Signed)

Chairman of the Meeting.

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N<sup>o</sup> 2.

WE *G. H.* and *I. K.* Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* [*or, as the Case may be*] in the said County, Do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to execute the Office of Guardian



Guardian of the Poor for the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ within the said  
Hundred of *South Erpingham*, for such Time and Term as in that Be-  
half is particularly mentioned and directed in and by an Act of Par-  
liament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of His Majesty King *George*  
the Third, intituled [*here insert the Title*] and until he shall be duly  
displaced or discharged from such Office, according to the true Intent  
and Meaning of the said Act, to which Office he has been recommen-  
ded at a public Meeting holden the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
pursuant to the Directions of the said Act.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of .  
(Signed)

## N° 3.

To *L. M.* Collector of the Poores Rates of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_  
[*as the case may be*]

YOU are hereby authorised and required to pay to *N. O.* the Sum  
of \_\_\_\_\_ for [*here describe the Occasion of the Payment as the*  
*Case shall be*] and take his Receipt for the same, which shall be your  
Discharge for such Payment.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

Treasurer.

## N° 4.

WE the Visitors [*or the major Part of them, as the Case may be*] of  
the Poor House for the United Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, Mars-*  
*ham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton,*  
*Brampton, and Oxnead*, in the County of *Norfolk*, acting under the  
Authority of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of  
the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled "An Act"  
[*here insert the Title*] Do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to execute the Office  
of Governor of the said Poor House for one Year, to be computed from  
\_\_\_\_\_ at and under the yearly Salary of \_\_\_\_\_ *per Annum.*

Witness our Hands this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

## N° 5.

WE the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes of *Hevingham, Mar-*  
*sham, and Stratton Strawless* [*or, as the case may be*] in the County of  
*Norfolk*, or the major Part of them, Do hereby in pursuance of an Act  
of Parliament, made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His  
[*Lgc. & Per.*] \_\_\_\_\_ 10 H \_\_\_\_\_ Majesty

Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled "An Act" [*here insert the Title*] nominate and recommend to the Justices of the Peace acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* [*or, as the Case may be*] *B. C. D. E.* and *F. G.* as fit and proper Persons duly qualified to execute the Office of Visitor for the said Parishes, as mentioned in the said Act.

Witness our Hands this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
(Signed)

## N° 6.

WE *G. H.* and *I. K.* Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* [*or, as the Case may be*] in the said County, Do hereby appoint of \_\_\_\_\_ to execute the Office of Visitor of the Parishes of *Hevingham, Marsham, and Stratton Strawless*, [*or, as the Case may be*] in the said County, of the Poor and Poor House belonging to the said Parishes and others, for such Time and Term as in that Behalf is particularly mentioned and directed in and by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here insert the Title*] and until he shall be duly displaced or discharged from such Office, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, to which Office he has been recommended by the Guardians of the said Parishes, or the major Part of them, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act.

Given under our Hands this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
(Signed)

## N° 7.

I *B. C.* the Visitor for the Parishes of *Hevingham, Marsham and Stratton Strawless* [*or, as the Case may be*] in the County of *Norfolk*, Do hereby nominate and appoint *D. V.* to be my Deputy Visitor and Assistant during my Will and Pleasure, pursuant to the Power given to me by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled "An Act" [*here insert the Title*] and authorize him to discharge the Duty required by the said Act.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of

## N° 8.

## FORM of Certificate of serving the Office of Visitor.

I *G. H.* One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* [*or, as the Case may*  
*may*]

*may be*] in the said County, do hereby Certify, That  
of in the said County, hath been appointed to, and is now serving the Office of Visitor, for the Parishes of *Hevingham, Marsham, and Stratton Strawless* [*or, as the Case may be*] in the said County, pursuant to the Directions of the Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled [*here insert the Title of the Act.*]

Dated this Day of  
(Signed)

N° 9.

WE G. H. and J. K. Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*, acting for the Hundred of *South Erpingham* [*or, as the Case may be*] in the said County, Do hereby appoint  
of to execute the Office of Treasurer for the United Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, Marsham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, in the said County, for one Year, to be computed from the  
at and under the yearly Salary of  
*per Annum.*

Witness our Hands this Day of  
(Signed)

N° 10.

FORM of Security for Money borrowed.

BY Virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled [*here insert the Title*]. We Visitors and Guardians of the Poor for the said Parish, in consideration of the Sum of to us in Hand paid by for the Purposes of the said Act; Do hereby charge the Poors Rates to be hereafter made, and the several Sums of Money to be raised thereupon, within the said Parishes, with the Payment of the said Principal Sum, and Interest after the Rate of *per Centum. per Annum*, Half Yearly, as the same shall become due.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands this  
Day of  
(Signed)

} Visitors:

} Guardians.

Witness. }

## N° 11.

## FORM of Transfer of the Security for Money advanced.

I Do Transfer this Security with all my Right and Title to the Principal Money hereby secured, and to all the Interest due or hereafter to be due, unto  
 his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.

Dated this

Day of

(Signed)

Witness.

## N° 12.

Mode of adjusting the First Account mentioned in the Act, respecting Utensils, Materials, Furniture, &c.

It will be necessary for the Referees or Arbitrators who are to ascertain the Quota which each Parish is to contribute towards discharging the Debt, and the general Charges attending the House, to call upon the Officers of every Parish for their Assessments and Accounts, in order to see what they have paid to their Poor on a Medium of three Years preceding the Easter Monday One thousand Eight hundred and One, who are required by the Act to produce them, under a Penalty for Refusal.

When the Arbitrators have got these Materials, it will be necessary to separate and deduct every Matter which does not relate to the Poor; for instance, Money paid to the County Rates, or for the Expences of the Constable, Headborough, or Militia, which are all now included in the Poores Rates; and as some of the Parishes may have had Expences occasioned by Litigations about Settlements and Removals, and others may not, they should exclude all such Expences from the Account.

When the Accounts have been so inspected and examined, and the proper Deductions made, it may be supposed to appear,

That <i>Buxton</i> has paid for the First of the Three Years	£ 65	7	6
for the Second Year	-	-	- 87 2 0
for the Third Year	-	-	- 105 0 0
			Together £ 257 9 6

A Third Part of which Sum, being *Buxton's* Medium,

will be - - - - - £ 85 16 6

Let *Hovingham's* Payment be calculated in the same Manner, which may be supposed to amount on a

Medium of Three Years to - - - - - 110 0 0

*Marsham's* Ditto to - - - - - 97 0 0

*Stratton*

Stratton Strawlefs to - - - - - £ 140 0 0

The Total Amount of the Annal Payments will be £ 432 16 6

Suppose the Month's Expences paid by the several Parishes under the above Heads, according to the Directions of the Act, should amount to £. 300. the Question will be, if £. 432. 16. 6. (the Total Medium of all the Parishes) requires £. 300. what will £. 85. 16. 6. require: which, worked by the Rule of Three, multiplying the Third Number by the Second, and dividing it, when so multiplied, by the First, the Answer will be,

That <i>Buxton's</i> Proportion amounts to	- - - - -	£ 59	9	5
<i>Hevingham's</i> Proportion, when worked in the same				
Manner, will be	- - - - -	76	5	0
<i>Marsham's</i> D° - D°	- - - - -	67	4	7
<i>Stratton Strawlefs</i> D°	- - - - -	97	1	0
Making together the whole Sum expended		<u>£ 300 0 0</u>		

When those Medium Sums shall be settled and proportioned at their first Meeting, there will be no occasion to repeat that Trouble afterwards, as the first Sum will be the same on all future Calculations.

N° 13.

Mode of adjusting the Second Account mentioned in the Act respecting the Victuals, Beer, Firing, and other Necessaries.

THE Guardians shall meet as soon as conveniently may be, and consider what will be a proper Weekly Sum to be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer, for every Person admitted into the Poor House, estimating it as near as they can to the probable Expence of maintaining them; the Guardian should pay to the Treasurer at every Monthly Meeting what shall be due for every such Person upon that Calculation, for the Time he has been kept there in the Month preceding; and, in order to avoid Fractions, if any Person shall have been there Four Days or more in any of the Weeks, it should be considered as a full Week, and if less than Four Days, no Charge shall be made for it; that, in order to avoid Difficulties in adjusting the Account, a Table should be provided, and fixed up in the Poor House, with proper Columns for the Number of Persons, the Number of Weeks, and the Total Amount, according to the Weekly Sum so agreed upon, by which that Account will be settled without the least Trouble or Difficulty.

The several Monthly Sums paid by each Parish on this second Account, and also the Gross Sums, should be entered in the Treasurer's Books, and at the End of the Year it should be computed whether the Payments by the several Parishes have amounted to more or less than the Sum expended; if to more, the Guardian of each Parish should re-

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ceive, if to less, he should pay his proportion thereof to the Treasurer, to be computed according to the first Account, as directed by the Act.

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N° 14.

FORM of Order for Admission of Paupers.

To the Governor of the Poor House at *Buxton*, in the County of *Norfolk*.

YOU are hereby ordered and required to receive *P. Q.* [*describe his or her Age, and whether married or single*] a poor Person belonging to the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the said County, into the Poor House at *Buxton* aforesaid, and to accomodate and provide for such Person in a proper Manner, and according to the Rules and Establishments of the said House.

Given under my hand this  
(Signed)

Day of

Visitor [*or, Guardian,  
as the Case may be*].

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RULES,

ORDERS, BYE-LAWS, and RUGULATIONS,

To be observed and enforced at the Poor House for the Parishes of *Buxton, Hevingham, Marsham, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Burgh next Aylsham, Skeyton, Brampton, and Oxnead*, in the County of *Norfolk*, under the Authority of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-sixth Year of King *George the Third*.

First. THAT the several Persons who shall be sent to such Poor House, who are capable of doing any Work, shall be employed by the Governor in some Labour which may be best suited to their Strength and Capacity.

Second. That the Governor shall take particular Care to keep the said House, and the several Apartments therein, and also the several Persons who shall inhabit the same, clean and wholesome; and for that Purpose he shall employ such of the said poor Persons who shall be sent thither, whom he shall think most able and best qualified to assist him therein, and also in the providing and dressing Victuals for the Use of such poor Persons; and if any such poor Person shall neglect or refuse to perform the Work or Labour in which he or she shall be so employed, or shall be directed to do by the Governor, every such Person shall be punished by Confinement or Alteration of Diet, in such Manner as the Governor shall direct; and for the Second Offence of the like Sort,  
Complaint

Complaint thereof shall be made to some Justice of the Peace for the Hundred of *South Erpingham*, who, on Conviction, shall commit such Person to the House of Correction, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Third. That the Apartments in the said House shall be adapted so as to accommodate the Poor who shall be sent thither in the best Manner they are capable of, and that the Governor shall place, in the best Apartments, such poor Persons, who having been House-keepers are reduced by Misfortune, in preference to those who are poor by Vice or Idleness. And that separate Apartments shall be provided for the Reception of the Sick and distempered Poor, and an Apothecary or Surgeon shall be sent for to attend them when there shall appear a Necessity for it, at the Expence of the Parish or Place to which such poor Persons belong.

Fourth. That such poor Persons who are able to work shall be called up by ring of Bell, and set to work by Six in the Morning, from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and by Eight from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and continue until Four in the Afternoon from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and from Lady Day to Michaelmas till Six in the Afternoon, Meal Times and Times for reasonable Recreation excepted; and if any such poor Person shall refuse or neglect to do such Work as shall be allotted him or her, or wilfully spoil the same, or depart from such Poor House without Leave from the Governor, or shall be guilty of any Disorder or Disobedience to these Rules and Orders, the Governor shall reprove such Person for the same, and punish him or her by Confinement or Alteration of Diet, as the said Governor shall think fit; and if such Person shall be guilty of the like Offence a Second Time, the Governor shall complain thereof to the Visitor of such Poor House, who is hereby authorized to order the Punishment or Confinement to be increased to such Degree as he shall think fit, not exceeding Fourteen Days.

Fifth. That the Governor shall enter in a Book to be kept by him, an Account of the Household Goods, Linen, Furniture, and Utensils, provided for the said Poor House; and also an Account of Materials bought for Manufacture, and of the Goods manufactured there, which shall be laid before the Guardians at their Monthly Meetings, and before the Visitor, whenever he visits such House.

Sixth. That the Governor shall visit the several Persons maintained in such Poor House, and their Apartments, once at least in every Day, and shall take care that there is no Waste of Fire, Candles, or Provisions, and shall see that the Fires and Candles are put out at the Hours fixed for such Persons going to Bed, which shall be Eight of the Clock between Michaelmas and Lady Day, and Nine of the Clock between Lady Day and Michaelmas,

Seventh. That when any Person shall die in the Poor House, the Governor shall take care that the Body of such Person be immediately removed into some separate Apartment, and be decently buried as soon as convenient; and also take Care of the Cloaths and Goods of such Person, and deliver them to the Guardian of the Poor of the Parish or Place to which such Person did belong, who is to pay the Charges of the Funeral of such poor Person.

Eighth. That no poor Person shall be permitted to go out of the Poor House, nor any Person permitted to enter such House except the Per-  
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sons maintained or employed there without the Permission of the Governor; and that no Spirituous Liquors be permitted to be drank in such Poor House; and that no other Liquors shall be brought there without the Permission of the Governor.

Ninth. That the Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be publicly read by the Governor to all the poor Persons kept in such Poor House, once at least in every Month.

Tenth. That all the poor Persons able to go to Church shall attend Divine Service every Sunday.

Eleventh. That the Governor shall dismiss from the Poor House every Person who shall, in the Opinion of the Guardian or Guardians, be thought improper to continue longer there, and upon an Order from him or them for that Purpose.

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