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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. 77.

An Act for more effectually maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, and other open Passages and Places; and for keeping and regulating a Nightly Watch, within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberty of the Tower of *London*. [20th June 1806.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of Saint George, in the County of Middlesex; and for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places; and for keeping and regulating a Nightly Watch, within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberty of the Tower of London:* And whereas the Trustees appointed by virtue of the said Act have proceeded in the Execution thereof to the great Benefit of the said Parish,
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Former Act
repealed.

but the Provisions of the said Act have been found to be inadequate to the several Purposes thereby intended, and it is necessary that the same should be altered, amended, and enlarged; and that it would be more convenient to the Trustees, and tend to facilitate the Execution of the several Powers wanted, if the same were to be reduced into One Act 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 said recited Act, and all the several Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed and made void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; save and except as to the recovering, levying, collecting, or receiving any Penalties, Rates, or Assessments due at the Time of the preparing of this Act; which said Penalties, Rates, and Assessments, may and shall be recoverable, levied, and collected, under any of the Powers and Authorities of this Act.

Rector,
Churchwardens,
Overseers, and
Vestrymen,
to meet in
Vestry annually,
for the
Choice of
Trustees, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, qualified as herein after mentioned, to meet together, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, annually, on *Good Friday*, and they or the major Part of such of them as shall be so assembled and met, shall then and there nominate, and shall chuse on the *Easter Monday* following (in the same Manner as other Parish Officers are nominated and chosen within the said Parish) Fourteen substantial and discreet Persons, being Vestrymen, qualified as herein-after mentioned, and residing within the said Parish, who, together with the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, shall be the Trustees for putting this Act in Execution for the Space of *One Year*.

First Meeting.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall meet in the Vestry Room or other proper Place in the said Parish, within Fourteen Days after their said Appointment, and then proceed to put this Act in Execution, and shall then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn themselves to meet at the same or any other Place within the said Parish, as they the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall from Time to Time think most convenient for putting this Act in Execution; and if at any Meeting appointed to be held by virtue of this Act, there shall not appear a sufficient Number of Trustees to act and to adjourn to another Day, the Trustee or Trustees then present, or the Clerk to the said Trustees shall (by causing Notice in Writing to be given to the said Trustees at least Three Days before the next Meeting) appoint the said Trustees to meet at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, upon some Day not exceeding Ten Days next after the Day upon which such last Meeting was appointed; and the said Trustees at all their Meetings shall defray their own Expences.

No Vestry to
be held with-
out Notice
of Meeting.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Meeting or Vestry shall be held by the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Vestrymen, or any of them, for the Execution of this Act, or any of the Powers thereof (other than and except the above weekly Meetings and

and Meetings by Adjournment) unless publick Notice, signed by One or more of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, or Two or more of the said Trustees, be first given in the Church of the said Parish, by the Parish Clerk or his Deputy, as well in the Forenoon as in the Afternoon, immediately after Divine Service, on the *Lord's Day* next before such Meeting; which Notice he is hereby enjoined to give under the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Neglect, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are directed by this Act, Complaint being made thereof by Three or more of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees to any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County and Liberty.

V. And be it further enacted, That no Person except the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, shall be qualified to act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall at the Time of acting be a Resident Householder in the said Parish, and be seised and possessed, in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and shall be in the actual Receipt of the Rents or Profits thereof within the said Parish of *Saint George*, of the clear yearly Value of Forty Pounds, and assessed to the Poor Rates of the said Parish at the Rate of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum*, or unless he shall be a Tenant or Occupier of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, assessed to the Rates at the like Rent of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum* or upwards, and also shall be possessed of a Real or Personal Estate to the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds, over and above what shall be sufficient to satisfy and discharge his just Debts; and if any Person, not being qualified as aforesaid, shall presume to act in the Execution of this Act, every such Person, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons being a Resident Householder in the said Parish, and duly assessed to the Poor Rates therein, who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed; but no such Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall be brought or prosecuted, unless One Calendar Month's Notice thereof shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Prosecutor or Prosecutors, specifying the Cause thereof; and in every such Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, the Proof of such Qualification shall be on the Defendant; and it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff or Prosecutor to prove the Delivery of such Notice, and that he or she is a Resident Householder in the said Parish, and duly assessed as aforesaid, and that the Person so sued or prosecuted had acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Person and Persons acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforesaid, previous to his or their being convicted of such Offence shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Qualification
of Trustees.

VI. Provided

Churchwardens, Overseers, &c. not to be removed until others appointed.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to remove or dismiss from their respective Offices any Churchwarden, Overseer, Constable, Collector, or other Officer appointed by virtue of the said recited Act; but all and every such Churchwarden, Overseer, Constable, and other Officer, shall continue in such their respective Offices, and shall discharge the Duties thereof, and shall have ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and shall have and enjoy the same Privileges and Immunities, and shall be liable to the same Pains and Penalties, until one other Churchwarden or Churchwardens, one other Overseer or Overseers, one other Constable or Constables, Collector or other Officer, shall be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead or Place by virtue of this Act, as if he or they had been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form prescribed by this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Officers appointed by virtue of former Act to hold their Employments until removed by the Trustees under this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Collector of the Rates, and the Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and each and every Clerk, Agent, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant nominated and appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, shall hold and enjoy their several and respective Offices and Employments, together with the several and respective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he or she shall be removed therefrom respectively by the Trustees acting by virtue of this Act; and every such Collector and Treasurer, and the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and every such Clerk, Agent, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant, shall be subject to the like Pains and Penalties, and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, as if he, she, or they had been nominated and appointed by virtue of this Act.

Persons incapacitated from being Trustees.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed a Trustee for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract, or be appointed to or enjoy any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act, every such Person shall, during his or their Continuance in such Employment, or the Term of such Contract, be disabled and disqualified from acting as a Trustee.

Trustees to sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees appointed or to be appointed under this and the said recited Act, shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, to be appointed under this Act; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought by or against the said Trustees or any of them, in relation to this Act, in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk or Clerks, or by the Act of him or them, without the Consent of the said Trustees; but the Clerk or Clerks for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, in every such Action or Suit, as the Case may be; Provided always, that all and every such Clerk or Clerks shall be reimbursed, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Damages, and reasonable Expences, as he or they shall be put unto or become charged or chargeable with by reason of his or their being so made Plaintiff or Defendant, or Plaintiffs or Defendants, as aforesaid; provided

provided that the said Defence or Action shall be carried on and continued with the Consent of the said Trustees.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Clerk or Clerks, Receiver or Collector, to be appointed by the said Trustees in pursuance of this Act, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees for that Purpose, at all convenient Times, to inspect the Book of Assessments or Rates of the Poor, or Land Tax for the said Parish, for better ascertaining the Rates and Assessments to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take Copies thereof, if necessary, at the Expence of the said Trustees.

Clerk and Collectors to inspect Poor and Land Tax Assessments.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers for receiving all the Monies to be raised and collected, in pursuance and for the several Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time, as they shall think necessary, remove such Treasurer or Treasurers, and appoint such other Person or Persons in his or their Stead, as they the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper; and such Treasurer and Treasurers is and are hereby directed to keep distinct Accounts of the Monies by him or them received and paid for the different Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time to pay and discharge all such Sums of Money as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, at any Meeting held by virtue of this Act, shall draw upon him for or order him to pay, and to account once in every Year, and at any other Time if thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, for all the Monies by him or them received and paid pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and to pay all such Monies as, upon the Balance of the said Accounts respectively shall appear to be remaining in his or their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorize to receive the same, to be applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes for which the same was collected, raised, received, or levied; and in Default of rendering and making such Account and Payments as aforesaid, such Treasurer or Treasurers shall, upon Conviction, be liable to such Penalties as Overseers of the Poor in like Cases are liable to.

For appointing a Treasurer.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and are hereby required to take such Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers, as they the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper.

Treasurer to give Security.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall, Four Times in every Year, meet together, and they the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall then settle and ascertain the respective Sums of Money necessary to be raised, by an equal and indifferent Pound Rate, for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish; and for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and open Passages, Ways, and Places; and regulating and keeping a Nightly Watch, in such Part of the said Parish as is not within the said Liberty of the Tower of London, as to the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled,

Trustees to take Rates.

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shall seem reasonable, and sufficient to answer the Purposes aforesaid, and of this Act.

Rates to be made.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees qualified as aforesaid, shall assemble and meet together at the Vestry Room or some other convenient Place within the said Parish, within Fourteen Days next after the said several Sums of Money shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid; and the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees qualified as aforesaid, or any Seven or more of them so assembled, shall and they are hereby required to make and sign Two distinct Rates or Assessments, not exceeding the Amount of the respective Sums so settled and ascertained, one of which Rates shall be laid upon all and every Person and Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, or occupy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Parish, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and the other of the said Rates or Assessments, upon all and every Person and Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, or occupy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments, (other than and except any Docks or Warehouses, which are or may be considered exempt from such Rates or some Part thereof for a limited Time, under any Act or Acts relating to the *London Docks*) within such Part of the said Parish as is not within the Liberty of the Tower of *London*, for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, and Places, and regulating a Nightly Watch, within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the said Liberty, which respective Rates shall be laid according to the annual Rent or Value of all such Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments respectively.

For rating Churches, Chapels, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby required, from Time to Time, to rate and assess all Parish Churches, Churchyards, Chapels, Meeting Houses, and other Places of publick Worship, publick Schools, Societies, Markets, and other publick Buildings, Warehouses, Wharfs, and vacant Spaces of Ground, situate, standing, lying, and being in or abutting on the Streets and Places under their respective Management to the Poor Rate, and to the Rate and Rates for watching and lighting, and cleansing the said Parish, which Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be laid upon such Parish Church, Chapels, and Churchyards, shall be paid by the respective Church or Chapel Holders; and the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be laid upon such Meeting Houses, or other Places of publick Worship, publick Schools, Societies, Markets, or other publick Buildings, Warehouses, Wharfs, Walls, and void Spaces of Ground, shall be paid by the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof respectively, all which Rates or Assessments shall be recovered and applied, as the other Rates hereby made payable are to be recovered and applied.

Trustees may rectify Omissions in Rates.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the said Trustees, at any Time after making of any Rate or Assessment to be made by them under the Authority of the said first recited Act and this Act, that the Name of any Person liable to be included in such Rate or Assessment hath been omitted therein, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees,

Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to add or cause to be added to such Rate or Assessment the Name of the Person so omitted, together with the Sum for which he ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment in respect thereof; and every such Addition made to any of the said Rates, shall be as valid and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been inserted in the Rate at the Time the same was first made out.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment, so to be made and signed in Manner aforesaid for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, shall be valid, unless allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Middlesex* and Liberty of the Tower of *London*; and Notice thereof shall be given in the said Parish Church on the *Sunday* next after the same shall be allowed.

Rates to be allowed by Justices.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Rate or Assessment so made and signed by the said Trustees, and allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be as good, valid, and effectual, and shall and may be received, collected, and levied in like Manner as if the same had been made and signed by the Churchwardens and Overseers.

And being so allowed to be deemed valid.

XIX. And, for the better and more effectually raising and levying the several Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be made, be it further enacted, That in case any Landlord or Occupier, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, of any Land, Ground, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively, by virtue of this Act, and all Arrears due thereon, or upon any former Rate or Rates, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and directed, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, on Complaint made by the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Trustees of the said Parish, or any Three or more of them, to summon all and every Person and Persons who shall have refused or neglected as aforesaid (upon Oath being made before such Justice or Justices, by the Collector or Collectors appointed by the said Trustees as aforesaid for the Time being, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last Place of Abode of all and every Person and Persons then intended to be summoned, or who are or shall be liable to the Payment of the said Rate or Rates, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons to pay the said Rate or Rates) to appear before such Justice or Justices, at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and it shall be lawful for the Collector and Collectors appointed or to be appointed by the said Trustees, or for any of the Constables, Headboroughs or Beadles of the said Parish, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments mentioned in such Summons, shall

How Rates to be levied.

shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned, shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if he, she, or they shall attend, and shall not shew good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices, that he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case, every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates in respect of which such Summons was issued, and the reasonable Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all Cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices who shall have directed such Summons and Summonses to be issued as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses, by the Party who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, authorizing or directing the said Collector or Collectors, or any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish, to collect or levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof; and the Costs and Charges of the Summons (if the same shall not have been paid before); and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Warrant, and of executing the same by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish or elsewhere, and if within Five Days next after any such Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with all the reasonable Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Collector or Collectors, Constable or Constables, Headborough or Headboroughs, Beadle or Beadles, shall cause the said Goods to be appraised by one or more Appraiser or Appraisers and to be sold, or such Part or Parts thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them.

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

Form of
Warrant of
Distress.

‘ *Middlesex,* }
‘ to wit. } ‘ To the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Collectors of the
‘ Poor Rate of the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County
‘ of *Middlesex*, and to all Constables and other Peace
‘ Officers for the same Parish:

‘ **W**Hereas the undermentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants,
‘ Householders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of
‘ Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars,
‘ Vaults, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part of
‘ some Building or Tenement within the said Parish of *Saint George*, were
‘ and are rated and assessed, or liable to the Rate or Rates duly made for
‘ the Purpose of an Act, made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of
‘ King *George* the Third, intituled, [*set forth the Title of the Act*]: And
‘ whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several
‘ Sums

Sums of Money, at and against their Names hereunder respectively set
 down, for Money due from them for or towards the Purposes in the
 said Act mentioned, and the said several Sum and Sums are still remain-
 ing due in arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to
 of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County,
 and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear before
 to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to
 the said Justice [*or*, Justices] upon Oath, and
 nor either of them having shewn any sufficient Cause why such Sum or
 Sums of Money should not be paid: These are therefore in His
 Majesty's Name to will and require you, or either of you, forthwith to
 levy the said several Sums due from the said Persons, and here-under
 joined to or set against their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale of
 their respective Goods and Chattels (such Goods and Chattels being
 kept for the Space of Five Days before the same are sold) rendering to
 them respectively the Overplus (if any) the reasonable Charges of such
 Distress, Sale, and Keeping, being first deducted; and if no sufficient
 Distress can be had or taken, that then you certify the same to us, to
 the End such further Proceedings may be had therein as to the Law doth
 appertain; and I [*or*, we] do hereby strictly charge and command all
 and singular the Constables, and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for
 the said County, to be aiding and assisting in all Things relating to the
 Premises. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or*, our Hands and Seals]
 this Day of in the Year of our Lord

					Sum due.		
					£.	s.	d.
A. B.	-	-	-	-			
C. D.	-	-	-	-			
E. F. the Landlord for divided	-	-	-	-			
G. H.	-	-	-	-			

XXI. And whereas divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments,
 within the said Parish, are let at small Rents, or to weekly or monthly
 Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or let
 ready furnished, and the Collection of the Poor Rate from such Houses,
 Tenements, or Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and has
 frequently been evaded, so that much Loss has on that Account been
 sustained by the said Parish; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That
 where the yearly Rent or Value of any such House, Tenement, or Here-
 ditament, shall not exceed Fifteen Pounds, or where the Houses, Tenements,
 or Hereditaments shall be let weekly or to monthly Tenants, or at Rents
 which shall become payable, and be collected at any shorter Periods than
 quarterly, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of
 them (if they shall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or
 Landlords, Owner or Owners of all and every or any such House or
 Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments in the said Parish,
 for Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made
 by virtue of this Act, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Trustees
 shall think reasonable, so that such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments
 be not rated at less than Two-thirds nor more than Four-fifths of the Rack
 Rent, at which the same shall then be let, or of the annual Value of the
 said Premises respectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or
 Owners of such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as shall not exceed

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the yearly Rent of Fifteen Pounds, and of such as shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or from whence the Rents shall become due, and be collected at any shorter Periods than quarterly, is and are hereby enabled to enter into such Composition with the said Trustees; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall refuse or object to enter into such Composition, such Landlord or Landlords, Owner and Owners, shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated and assessed to, and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid, the several Rates or Assessments charged upon the respective Premises by virtue of this Act, unto the Collector or Collectors for the Time being, who is and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and collect the same, and upon Nonpayment thereof, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of the respective Premises aforesaid, wheresoever they shall be found, or of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same respectively, in like Manner as any Rate or Assessment may be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that no such Landlord or Owner shall be charged with or liable to pay for any increased Rent, reserved or made payable to him for or on account of such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the several Rates or Assessments heretofore chargeable upon the Occupier, and where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall be let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all such Premises, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupiers thereof, and shall be rated to, and pay the Rates or Assessments in respect of all such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish.

Rates to be
repaid by
Landlords to
Tenants.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Person renting and occupying any separate Part or Apartment of or in any House or Building, and the Goods and Chattels in every House and Building let ready furnished (though not assessed under or by virtue of this Act, or under any Act made for the Relief of the Poor, or for watching, cleansing, and lighting the said Parish) shall, after such Summons as is hereinbefore directed to be given, be liable to be distrained and sold by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* (which Warrant every such Justice of the Peace is hereby directed to issue) for Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, which accrued and became due during the Term of his, her, or their Occupancy only, and all reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending thereupon; and that each and every Person who shall pay any such Rates or Assessments as ought to have been paid by his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods or Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable or to become due and payable to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords so letting out the same, unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant; and the Receipt and Receipts for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to every such Person for so much Money as he, she, or they shall have so paid, or which shall have been so levied on his, her, or their Goods and Chattels in pursuance of this Act and shall be allowed by such Landlord or Landlords
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of such Houses or Buildings in part or full Payment, as the Case may be, for the Rent due or to become due to him, her, or them, from such Person or Persons as aforesaid: Provided always, that no such Tenant or Occupier of any Part or separate Apartments of or in any House or Building shall, by the Payment of such Rate or Assessment in Manner aforesaid, be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Parish by such Payment, but that the Landlord or Owner shall be deemed and construed, to all Intents and Purposes, to have paid the same; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in Default or Failure of Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or of the Arrears so remaining due or unpaid, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, the same shall be and remain a Charge upon the Premises in respect whereof the same shall be so rated or assessed, and shall and may, after Fourteen Days Notice left upon the Premises, be sued for and recovered of and from such Owner or Owners, Leaseholder or Leaseholders, or Landlord or Landlords respectively, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Requests for the *Tower Hamlets* within the County of *Middlesex*, or in any other Court of Requests within the Jurisdiction of which any such Landlord, Leaseholder, or Owner shall reside respectively, to be commenced and prosecuted in the Name of the Vestry Clerk for the Time being, in which Action no Protection, Effoign, or Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparance shall be allowed; and if the Plaintiff shall recover in any such Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgement are now by Law levied and recovered.

Premises to remain charged.

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

Rates to be demanded before Quarter Day.

XXV. And whereas it may happen that many Persons liable to and who may be rated and assessed for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and for watching, cleansing, and lighting the same, may, before the Payment of the Sum which may be rated on them respectively, quit and leave their Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the said Parish; be it therefore further enacted, That when any Person or Persons, who hath or have been so rated and assessed, shall quit, or be about to quit, his or their Lands, Grounds, Houses, Shops, Warehouses,

Recovery of Rates from Persons removing.

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

Goods may
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into any other
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XXVI. And, for the more effectual levying the Money rated and assessed for the several Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons, rated or assessed as aforesaid, and neglecting or refusing to pay the Sum or Sums by him, her, or them respectively payable as aforesaid, shall and may be distrained in Manner aforesaid, not only in the Parish where such Rate or Assessment was made, but at any other Place within the said County; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found within the same County, then upon Oath thereof made before One or more Justice or Justices of any other County, City, Liberty, or Place (which Oath shall be certified under the Hand of the said Justice or Justices, on the Warrant made out for such Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay) shall be subject and liable to such Distress and Sale in such other County, Liberty, or Place where the same shall be found, and may, by virtue of such Warrant or Certificate, be distrained in the same Manner as if the same had been found within the said Parish of *Saint George*.

For appor-
tioning Rates,

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons, renting or occupying any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or other Hereditament within the said Parish, shall become Bankrupt, or shall assign his, her, or their Effects to any other Person or Persons, then and in such Case the Assignee or Assignees of the Estate and Effects of such Person or Persons, and the Goods and Chattels of such Person and Persons shall be and continue liable to the Payment of the Rates and Assessments charged or to be charged on such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or other Hereditament, under or by virtue of this Act, or made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor, and for the watching, cleansing, and lighting of the said Parish, in such and the same Way and Manner, to all Intents, Effects, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, as such Person so becoming Bankrupt, or assigning his, her, or their Effects, and his, her, and their

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Goods, Chattels, Estate, or Effects, would have been or continued liable in case such Person or Persons had not so become Bankrupt, or so assigned his, her, or their Effects; and also that in case any Person shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament within the said Parish, before any Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act, or made or to be made for the Relief of the Poor, and for watching, cleansing, and lighting of the said Parish, shall be paid; or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed before Payment of any such Rate or Assessment, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoccupied, then the Person so removing out of or from, or quitting the Possession, and the Person entering into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of every Rate or Assessment, in proportion to the Time such Person or Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person or Persons so removing, or quitting as aforesaid, had remained in the Possession and Occupation of such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Person or Persons so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed, which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments in Manner as aforesaid, shall be issued, paid, and applied for the respective Uses and Purposes in and by this Act directed and prescribed, in such Manner as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall from Time to Time, at any of their weekly or adjourned Meetings, order, direct, and appoint; and in case the Money assessed or collected in any one Year, by virtue of this Act, shall not be sufficient to answer the respective Purposes for which the same was so rated or assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the Rates or Assessments of the next ensuing Year; and in case there shall remain at the End of any one Year any Surplus of any or either of the respective Rates, such Surplus shall from Time to Time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in aid of the succeeding Year's Expence in putting in Execution the Purposes of this Act respectively.

Rates to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor respectively of the said Parish, and each of them, from Time to Time, and they and each of them are required quarterly, or as often as ordered by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to pay over all such Sum and Sums of Money by them received by virtue of such several Rates or Assessments to be made for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, into the Hands of the said Treasurer or Treasurers, and shall also make up and render to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, as often as thereunto required, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of all and every Sum or Sums of Money so collected and received by them respectively by virtue of this Act, for the respective Purposes aforesaid, and to pay over all such Monies so by them collected and remaining in Hand to the said Treasurer or Treasurers in Manner aforesaid; and if the said Overseers, or any of

Churchwardens and Overseers to account to the Trustees.

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them, shall refuse or neglect to collect such Rates or Assessments, or give and render a just, true, and perfect Account and Accounts, or pay over the Monies remaining in his or their Hands in Manner as aforesaid, then and in each of the said Cases it shall and may be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and Liberty of the Tower of *London*, on Complaint made to them by any Five or more of the said Trustees, and Proof thereof by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath the said Justices are hereby empowered to administer) by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to commit such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to collect such Rates or Assessments as aforesaid, or to give and render just, true, and perfect Accounts or to pay over the Monies as aforesaid, to the County Gaol, there to be and remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, or until he or they shall consent and agree duly to collect such Rates or Assessments, and shall have made and delivered such Accounts as aforesaid, and satisfied and paid over to the said Treasurer or Treasurers all such Monies as upon fair and just Accounts shall appear to be and remain in his or their Hands, or until he or they shall compound for or satisfy the said Trustees, touching the Monies in his or their Hands, or the Balance of such Accounts respectively, which Composition the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby empowered to make.

Directions to
Overseers to
attend the
Workhouse.

XXX. And, for the better governing, maintaining, employing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, as to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall appear necessary and expedient, be it further enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, shall and are hereby required to attend at the Workhouse of the said Parish once in every Week, separately, each on a different Day in the Week, during the Time of their continuing in the said Office of Overseer, and to examine into the State of the Poor, and of their Complaints, and Provisions, and Necessaries, and which of them are or are not able to work; and also to examine all such Bills as shall be delivered in for any Goods or Wares received at the said Workhouse, and check and compare the same with the Master of the said Workhouse before such Bills shall be audited by the said Trustees; and each and every of the said Overseers shall also examine and see that the Poor, as well as the Master and Mistress of the said Workhouse, do severally conform to the Rules and Regulations which shall be from Time to Time made by the said Trustees, and shall, at every Time of their Attendance as aforesaid, sign their Names in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, and kept at the said Workhouse, and also the Day of the Month and Time of their attending at the said Workhouse; and in case any Complaint shall be made, or any Thing shall be found amiss, or shall appear to any of the said Overseers to want Amendment, the Overseer to whom the same shall be made appear, shall enter the Particulars thereof in the said Book so to be signed as above-mentioned, which said Book the Master of the Workhouse for the Time being shall from Time to Time lay or cause to be laid before the said Trustees, at each and every of their weekly Meetings at the said Workhouse, for the Inspection and Direction of the said Trustees; and that in case any Overseer or Overseers shall neglect or refuse to attend at the said Workhouse, or to sign the said Book in Manner as aforesaid, or in case any Master of the said Workhouse shall neglect or refuse to lay or cause to

to be laid the said Book before the said Trustees at their several weekly Meetings as aforesaid, every such Overseer or Overseers and Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Books of Account concerning Receipts, Payments, Credits, and Contracts, relating to the respective Purposes of this Act, shall from Time to Time and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of any Person or Persons paying to the Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act for such respective Purposes.

All Books of Accounts may be inspected by Persons paying to the respective Rates.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to make and issue such general Rules, Orders, and Regulations as they shall think proper for regulating, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the said Parish, provided that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations be not repugnant to the Laws of this Realm.

Trustees may make Orders relating to the Poor.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, may take the Benefit of the Work, Labour, and Service of any such Poor, and apply the same towards their Maintenance, by virtue of this Act; or the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, if they find it expedient, from Time to Time, may and they are hereby empowered to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing all or any such Poor, and providing Materials to set them to work, provided such Contract or Agreement be not made for a longer Time than until the next annual Election of Trustees.

Trustees may take the Benefit of the Labour of the Poor.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person maintained in the Workhouse of the said Parish, shall embezzle or purloin any of the Apparel provided for any of the Poor, or of the Goods or Provisions provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials for Work, or shall refuse to work, or shall be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or otherwise misbehave himself or herself, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished in such Workhouse, either by Confinement, Distinction in Dress or Diet, as may best tend to remedy such Offences for the future.

Punish disorderly Persons.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, from Time to Time to cause and order such Child or Children as he or they shall judge to be under the Age of Fourteen Years, who shall be found wandering or begging within the said Parish, to be taken up and sent to the said Workhouse, there to be kept, detained, and employed, until he or she shall attain, or (in case his or her Age cannot be ascertained) till he or she shall be adjudged by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to have attained the Age of Twenty-one Years, or, if a Female, her Day of Marriage, if the same shall first happen, unless he or she shall be bound Apprentice or be removed to the Place of his or her legal Settlement; and also to cause any Person who shall be found wandering, begging, or misbehaving himself or herself within

For receiving deserted Children,

and taking up wandering Poor.

within the said Parish, to be sent to the said Workhouse, there to be detained, kept, and employed for so long a Time as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall direct, or until he or she shall be discharged by due Course of Law; and in case of any Misbehaviour of any such Person, the same Methods of Punishment may be used with them as are hereinbefore directed to be used with respect to the Poor within the said Workhouse.

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

Vagrants
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threatening
to leave their
Families.

XXXVII. And whereas divers Persons belonging to and who ought by the Laws now in force to be relieved by the said Parish of *Saint George*, are found wandering and begging in the said Parish, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and misbehaving themselves by exposing in an indecent Manner their Persons or Limbs: And whereas divers Persons, by reason of their idle and disorderly Living, neglect or refuse to maintain, or threaten to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and if Power were given to apprehend such Persons and send them to such Workhouse or Workhouses, there to be dealt with in Manner herein mentioned, it might tend to enure them to a Habit of Industry, and make them useful to the Publick; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they hereby have Power and Authority to receive, and to order and compel all and every Person found wandering and begging in the said Parish, or committing Acts of Vagrancy, and also all and every idle and disorderly Person neglecting or refusing to maintain, or threatening to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and who shall belong to, or ought by any Law now in force to be relieved and provided for by the said Parish, to come into, work, dwell, and inhabit the said Workhouse or Workhouses, and to detain, keep, maintain, and employ all such respective poor Persons therein, so long as it shall not appear to the said Trustees, on the Part of any such poor Persons, that any of them respectively are of Ability, or can otherwise be sufficiently maintained and provided for without the Aid and Provision of the said Trustees, and shall have Power and Authority to employ, set, and compel all such Poor who shall be received or come into, dwell and be in the said Workhouse, during such their Abode and Residence there, and whilst maintained by the said Trustees, to do, execute, and perform such Work, Labour, Business, and Employ, as the said Trustees, at any of their weekly Meetings, shall think and judge such respective Poor are and shall be able and fit to do and perform for the Use of the said Parish, and to detain and keep all such Persons found wandering and begging in the said Parish, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and also all such idle and disorderly Persons who shall have so deserted, threatened to leave, neglected or refused to maintain his or their Families, and to set each of them to work in such Workhouse, during such Time, and until every such Person by his or her Work or Labour there, shall have got and raised so much Money above their Maintenance, as shall be sufficient to repay and reimburse to the said Trustees the Charges and Expences they shall have sustained in
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the maintaining and providing for every such Person, and his or her Family; and in case such Person shall not, by his or her Work and Labour, have gained so much Money as shall be sufficient to reimburse to the said Trustees the Charges and Expences of having maintained him or her, or any of his or her Family as aforesaid, and shall neglect or refuse to apply himself or herself to such reasonable Work or Labour as shall be given to him or her by the Governor or Master of such Workhouse under the Directions aforesaid, then the said Trustees, at any of their weekly Meetings, shall have Power to detain and keep such Person within such Workhouse or Workhouses to hard Labour for the Space of Thirty Days.

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

Paupers to be removed by Beadles instead of Overseers.

XXXIX. And whereas many Persons maintained and cloathed in the Workhouse of the said Parish by the Churchwardens and Overseers thereof, pawn and dispose of their Cloaths and Apparel, and the Goods and Chattels deposited in or belonging to the said Workhouse, and by the Laws now in being no Punishment can be inflicted on them, or on the Person or Persons buying or receiving the same into Pawn; be it therefore further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, receive into Pawn, or secrete any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor who are or shall be received into and maintained in the Workhouse or Workhouses of the said Parish, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the said Workhouse or Workhouses, to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor there, or any of the Goods and Furniture of the said Workhouse or Workhouses, or shall receive or buy any of the Provisions allotted to or provided for the Poor in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, every Person so offending shall forfeit, for every such Offence, any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, upon Conviction by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Penalty shall be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the said Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, and one Moiety of such Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, or one of them, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found whereon to make such Distress, or if the said

Punishment of Persons for buying or taking into Pawn.

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Penalty shall not be forthwith paid, then and in such Case such Justice or Justices shall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalty and all Expences shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

For appoint-
ing special
Collectors.

XL. And, in order that the Rates made and to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and for cleansing, lighting, and watching the same, may be the better and more effectually collected; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees for the Time being of the said Parish, or any Seven or more of them, duly assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, by some Writing under their respective Hands and Seals, annually, or otherwise, to appoint one or more Person or Persons (being a Householder or Householders, and resident in the same Parish) to be the Collector or Collectors of all or any of the Rates made and to be made for the Relief of the Poor, and for watching, lighting, and cleansing of the said Parish, and from Time to Time remove such Person or Persons (notwithstanding the Time or Times for which he or they shall have been appointed a Collector or Collectors may not then be expired) and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Place or Stead, and out of such Rate or Rates so to be collected as aforesaid, to make such Allowance to such Collector or Collectors for his and their Trouble in collecting the same, as they the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Trustees for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall think proper, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound; and the Demands made by such Collector or Collectors to be so appointed as aforesaid, of all or any Part or Parts of such Rates as last aforesaid, shall be deemed and considered as legal Demands, in the same Manner as if the same were made by the said Overseers and the Collectors appointed by virtue of the said recited Act for the Time being; and such Collectors shall have the Benefit of all Laws, and be entitled to all Privileges and Protections to which Overseers of the Poor are by Law entitled.

For appoint-
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XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if no such special Collector or Collectors shall be appointed as aforesaid, the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, shall, on *Easter Monday* in every Year, appoint Four or more Persons, being substantial Inhabitants and Householders in the said Parish, to collect and gather quarterly or otherwise the Rates or Assessments hereby empowered and directed to be made and collected, for the Purpose of cleansing, lighting, and watching so much of the said Parish as does not lie within the said Liberty of the Tower of *London*; and in case any Person or Persons so appointed shall refuse or neglect, within Fourteen Days next after such Appointment and his being served therewith, to take upon himself or themselves the said Office of Collector or Collectors of the said Rates or Assessments, or shall be negligent in the due Execution of his or their Duty, all and every Person and Persons shall, for every such Offence and Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and in case any Person or Persons so rated and assessed shall refuse or neglect to pay such Rate or Assessment for the Space of Three Days after Demand thereof made, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Collector or Collectors, by

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Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* acting for the Tower Division, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, rendering the Overplus (if any) after the reasonable Charges of making such Distress and Sale are first deducted, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case no such Goods or Chattels can be found to be so distrained, or in case such Goods and Chattels shall be locked up and secured, or removed from the said Collector or Collectors, so that he or they cannot distrain the same, then and in either of the said Cases, upon Information thereof given to the said Justices, it shall and may be lawful for such Justices and they are hereby required to commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding the Space of Three Calendar Months, or until the Payment of such Rate or Assessment, and reasonable Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees for the Time being shall and they are hereby required to take such Security of and from every Collector and Collectors to be by them appointed, for the faithful accounting by him and them, when and so often as he or they shall be thereunto required, for all such Monies as he or they shall receive by virtue of such Appointment, as to the said Trustees for the Time being, or any Seven or more of them, shall appear a sufficient Security for the Monies to be from Time to Time received by such Collector or Collectors, who shall and is and are hereby required to make up and render to the said Trustees from Time to Time, and so often as he or they shall be thereunto required under his or their Hand or respective Hands on Oath (which Oath the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, is or are hereby empowered to administer) a full, true, and perfect Account of all such Sum or Sums of Money as he or they have or hath received, collected, or levied by virtue of this Act, or which shall have been rated or assessed as aforesaid and not received, and of all other Matters and Things relating to his or their said Office or Offices; and shall also from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, produce and deliver all Books, Papers, and Vouchers relating thereto, and shall pay unto the said Trustees, or to such other Person or Persons as they or any Five or more of them shall by any Writing under their Hands authorize and empower to receive the same, all such Monies as shall be in his, their, or any of their Hands; and in case any Collector or Collectors shall at any Time, without having received such Notice or Requisition, have in his or their Hands any Sum or Sums of Money above the Sum of One hundred Pounds to be collected by virtue of this Act, for the Space of Ten Days, without paying over the same to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall have directed or appointed to receive the same, every such Collector or Collectors shall, for every such Neglect or Omission, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in the Name or Names of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being, in which Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager at Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed; and in case any such Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to account in Manner aforesaid, or to deliver such Books, Papers, and Vouchers as aforesaid, then any Two Justices of the Peace

Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* shall and may and they are hereby required, upon Complaint thereof made by One or more of the said Trustees, to examine and enquire of and concerning such Neglect or Refusal, as well by the Confession of the Parties themselves, as by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses; and if any such Collector or Collectors shall be convicted of such Neglect or Refusal before such Justices of the Peace, then the said Justices shall, upon Conviction, commit the Person or Persons so offending to the County or other Gaol, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize till he or they shall have made and delivered a true and perfect Account, and shall also have delivered all such Books and Papers remaining in his or their Hands, and have paid over the said Monies; and in case any such Collector or Collectors as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to pay any such Sum or Sums of Money so collected or received by him or them, under or by virtue of this Act, and which shall remain in his or their Hands as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Two of the said Justices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall appoint, to levy such Sum or Sums of Money by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Collectors, rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand, after the Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted and paid, unto such Collector and Collectors, and for Want of sufficient Distress, to commit or cause such Collector or Collectors to be detained in the said County or other Gaol, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the said Justices, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, or until he or they shall have paid over all the Monies in his or their Hands, or have compounded for the same to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees, and shall have paid such Composition Money in Manner aforesaid, which Composition the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered, in their Discretion, to make and accept accordingly.

Collectors
not to bring
Actions with-
out Consent of
the Trustees.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by such Collector or Collectors under this Act, without the Consent or Authority of the Trustees of the said Parish at one of their publick Meetings assembled, or by the major Part of them present at such Meeting.

Powers in
Trustees to
remit a Part
of the Rates.

XLIV. And whereas it may be reasonable to excuse some Persons from the Payment of the said Rates or Assessments on account of their Poverty; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to grant to such Person or Persons such Relief in the Payment of any Rate or Assessment as they the said Trustees shall think proper.

Justices, in
case of Ap-
peal against
Rate, may
correct but
not quash the
whole Rate.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in Cases of Appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County of *Middlesex*, from the Determination of the said Trustees, relating to any Rate or Assessment made or assessed under or by virtue of the said first recited Act or this Act, the said Justices, upon hearing any such Appeal (where they shall see just Cause of Relief) shall and are hereby empowered to correct, alter, and amend the said Rates and Assessments, in such Manner only as shall be necessary for giving Relief to the Person or Persons so appealing, without altering such Rate and Assessments with respect to any other Person or Persons

Persons mentioned in the same; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be obliged to serve the Office of Collector, who has served the Office of Churchwarden, Constable, Overseer of the Poor, or shall have fined for the same respectively, within the said Parish, nor to serve the Office of Collector oftener than once in Ten Years.

Persons not to be liable to serve Collector after serving Churchwardens, &c.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to contract and agree for any Time not exceeding One Year with any Person or Persons to be Raker or Rakers, Cleanser or Cleansers, of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, and Places, within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberty of the Tower of London, and such Person or Persons shall Twice in every Week bring or cause to be brought convenient Carriages into all the Parts aforesaid where such Carriages can be drawn near or pass unto, and at or before their Approach by Bell, Horn, Clapper, or otherwise by a loud Noise or Cry, shall give Notice to the Inhabitants of their coming, and give the like Notice in every other Place into which the said Carriages cannot pass and abide, to bring forth to the Doors of their respective Houses their Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, and Filth, all which the said Raker or Rakers, Cleanser or Cleansers, shall carry away or cause to be carried away gratis upon Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Neglect or Default, except all such Rubbish, Earth, Dust, Dirt, Filth, and Soil, as shall be occasioned by building, repairing, amending, or altering any House or Houses, or any other Building or Buildings, which said Rubbish, Earth, Dust, and Soil thereby occasioned, shall forthwith, after such building, repairing, or altering is finished, be carried away by the Owners or Occupiers of such Houses or Buildings respectively as aforesaid, upon Pain of forfeiting and paying any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds for every Offence.

For appointing Scavengers and Rakers.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Person or Persons contracting with the said Trustees, or those employed under such Contractor, shall, on any Pretence whatever, go about to collect or gather, receive or carry away, any Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes from any House or other Premises, in any Square, Street, or Place under the Management of the said Trustees, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him or her before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, and such Justice shall examine upon Oath the Person or Persons apprehending the Offender, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give Information touching such Offence, and if the Party shall be convicted, he, she, or they shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, and One Moiety of such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender, and the other Moiety to the said Trustees; and if such Offender shall not immediately upon Conviction pay the said Penalty, the said Justice is hereby required to commit him or her to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time

For preventing Ashes or Dust being taken away, except by Contractors.

not exceeding Twenty Days nor less than Seven Days; unless such Penalty be sooner paid: Provided always nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent or hinder the Owners of such Dust, Dirt, Cinders, and Ashes, to carry away the same for their own Use, but not for Sale.

Penalty on carrying away Slop other than in covered Carts.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall drive or cause to be driven any Cart or other Carriage with any Soap Lees, Slop, Filth, or Channel Mire, or Dirt therein, through or in any of the said Streets, Squares, or other publick Passages or Places within the Limits of the said recited Act and of this Act, without such Cart or other Carriage having a proper Covering or Boards called Flash Boards, to prevent the same from slopping or spilling in any of the said Streets, Squares, and Places, or shall fill any such covered Cart or other Carriage so as to run over, or cast any Soap Lees, Slop, Mire, or Channel Dirt or Filth in or upon any of the said Streets, Squares, or other Places, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever to seize and apprehend, and to assist in seizing and apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him or them before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, which Justice is hereby authorized and required to hear Evidence, and determine upon such Offence, and every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings: Provided always, that in case the Person or Persons so offending cannot be apprehended, then the Owner or Owners of such Cart or Carriage in which such Soap Lees, Slop, Filth, Mire, or Channel Dirt shall be put or placed, shall be liable to, and shall forfeit and pay such Penalty as aforesaid.

For preventing Annoyances.

L. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, in any of the Carriage Ways within the Limits aforesaid, any Waggon or Cart with or without Horses, and cause, or permit or suffer the same Waggon or Cart to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, or other publick Passages or Places within the Limits aforesaid, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the loading or unloading thereof, or shall cause or permit or suffer any Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to hire (except Hackney Coaches authorized to stand in any of the said Streets, Squares, or Places by the Commissioners of Hackney Coaches) to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, and Places within the Limits aforesaid, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for taking up and setting down Passengers, or for loading or unloading their Baggage or other Loading (except for Repair in Cases of Accident), or shall place, or cause, permit, or suffer any Horse to stand at the Door of the House of any Person, so as to obstruct or incommode the Passage of any of the said Footways, or shall lay or place, or cause to be laid or placed, any Timber, Bricks, Stones, Wood, Goods, or other Things, and suffer the same to remain in any of the said Streets, Squares, or other publick Passages or Places, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for removing or housing the same, or for the repairing of any House or Building, as the Case may happen to be, or shall put or place, or permit or suffer to remain in any of the said Streets, or Pavements, or Footways, any Baskets, Barrows, Stands, or other Things, to the Interruption of any such Footways, Pavements, or Carriage Ways, or shall put or place,
or

or leave or suffer to remain any Meat, Fish, or Vegetables, or other Articles of a like Description, to the Annoyance of any Passengers, or Interruption of any Footways, Pavements, or Carriage Ways, in the said Streets, or at the Door of any Publick House, it shall be lawful for the Beadle or Beadles of the said Parish, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to seize any such Waggon or Cart, Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let on hire (except as aforesaid) together with the Horse or Horses (if any shall be thereunto belonging) and such Horse so standing at the Door of any Person to the Obstruction of the Passage of any of the said Footways, Timber, Bricks, Stones, Wood, Goods, or other Things as aforesaid, and cause the same to be removed to some convenient Place or Places to be appointed by the said Trustees, or any five or more of them, there to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof, or other Person or Persons interested, shall have paid and discharged all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the carrying away, depositing, and keeping the same, as aforesaid, as also a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Shillings for each such Offence; and in case the same shall not be claimed, and the said Penalty and Charges paid within the Space of Six Hours, if Fish, Meat, Vegetables, or other Articles of a perishable Nature, and becoming decayed or stinking, or likely so to be, and within the Space of Five Days if not perishable, or of such Description as aforesaid, next after such Seizure and Removal thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, to order the same to be appraised and sold, and the Overplus (if any) of the Money arising by such Sale shall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the said Penalty and Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Seizure, removing, appraising, and selling the same.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint, what Number and Sort of Lamps shall be erected or set up within such Part of the said Parish as is not within the said Liberty of the Tower of *London*, and may appoint and contract with any Person or Persons for such Lamps (or find or provide the same themselves as they shall think fit); and also for the lighting, cleansing, supplying, maintaining, and repairing such Lamps; and also in like Manner appoint what Number of Watchmen and Beadles they shall judge necessary and proper to be kept in that Part of the said Parish, and nominate and elect such honest and able-bodied Men to be employed in those Services as they shall think best qualified for the same, and shall likewise direct and appoint in Writing how and where the said Lamps shall be placed, and at what Time and how long the same shall be and continue lighted, as also where the several Watchmen and Beadles shall be stationed and in what Manner they shall be armed, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue upon Duty, and what Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the Person or Persons appointed or contracted with to light, maintain, and repair the said Lamps, and what Wages shall be allowed to such Watchmen and Beadles for their Attendance, and shall also order and direct what Number of Headboroughs shall attend every Night, and in what Places, and shall or may also erect or hire a proper Place or Places for the Reception of the Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Watchmen, and shall make all such Orders and Regulations, in Writing,

For provid-
ing Lamps.

as the Nature of each particular Service shall appear to the said Trustees or any Five or more of them, to require.

Copies of Regulations for watching to be delivered to the Constables.

LII. And be it further enacted, That true Copies or Transcripts of all such Nominations, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made from Time to Time for the better Direction and Government of the said Headboroughs, Watchmen, and Beadles, shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, and be delivered to the said Constables and Headboroughs for the Time being, who shall attend every Night by Turns, and shall keep Watch and Ward for such respective Times, and in such Manner as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and shall, in their several Turns and Courses of watching, use their best Endeavours, to prevent all Mischiefs happening by Fires, and all Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Breaches of the King's Peace, and all other Outrages and Disorders, and to that End shall and they are hereby jointly and severally empowered and required to arrest, apprehend, and detain in the Parish Watch House or Watch Houses, or other convenient Place of Security, all Malefactors, Disturbers of the King's Peace, and all suspected Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves, and shall carry them, as soon as conveniently may be, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, to be examined and dealt with according to Law, and may keep them at the Watch House in the mean Time; and which said Headboroughs shall, so often in the Night as they shall be ordered by the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, go about their respective Districts and Rounds, to take Notice whether all the Beadles and Watchmen perform their Duties in their several Stations, according to such Order and Regulations as shall be made for that Purpose by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them; and in case any Beadle or Watchman shall misbehave himself or neglect his Duty, the said Constable or Headborough shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, some or one of them, who is or are hereby authorized to suspend such Beadle or Watchman from the Execution of his Office, and appoint another Person to officiate therein until the next Meeting of the said Trustees, when the said Churchwardens, or One of them, shall acquaint the Trustees so assembled at such Meeting with the Complaint against such Beadle or Watchman, in order for the said Trustees to proceed to the Examination of the Offence, and such Beadle or Watchman shall be subject and liable to the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for each Neglect or Misbehaviour.

Property of the Lamps vested in the Churchwardens.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the Property of all Lamps, Lamp Irons, Posts, and other Materials belonging thereto, which shall be purchased or set up, or placed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall be vested in the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized to bring and prosecute any Indictment or Indictments, Action or Actions, against any Person or Persons for stealing, taking away, breaking, extinguishing, damaging, or spoiling the same.

Penalty on breaking Lamps, &c.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wantonly, wilfully, carelessly, or maliciously, break, throw down, extinguish, damage, displace, or spoil any Lamp that shall be hung out, fixed,

fixed; or set up by virtue of this Act, or damage the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture or Materials thereto belonging or used therewith, every Person so offending in any of the Matters aforesaid, and being thereof convicted by the Oath of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, or by his or their own Confession, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the said Trustees, to be disposed of as the other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereby directed to be applied and disposed of; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon Conviction, pay such Forfeitures as aforesaid, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit him, her, or them, to the Common Gaol of the said County for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, and such Offender or Offenders shall not be discharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he, she, or they shall be so committed, unless such Forfeitures shall be sooner paid or compounded for, and such Composition paid in Manner herein directed.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Headboroughs or Beadles shall wilfully neglect to attend in their Turn to keep Watch and Ward in Manner or during the Times which shall be appointed by the said Trustees for their Attendance thereon, or shall depart from or leave keeping Watch and Ward during the respective Hours appointed by the said Trustees as aforesaid for keeping the same, or shall otherwise neglect their Duty or misbehave themselves, the Persons so offending shall respectively forfeit and pay, for every such Neglect or Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Headboroughs and Beadles neglecting their Duty.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed and incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method hath been directed by this Act) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to issue, upon Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized and required to administer); and the Overplus of the Money (if any) arising by such Distress and Sale, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, shall, if not herein directed to be otherwise applied, be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees, and be applied by them for such of the Purposes of this Act as the said Trustees shall think fit; and in case sufficient Goods and Chattels cannot be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of and for the said County, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid or satisfied.

Mode of recovering, and Application of Penalties and Forfeitures.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or any Matter

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Form of Conviction of Offenders.

in pursuance thereof, the Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

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

Power to mitigate Penalties.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices of the Peace, from Time to Time where he or they shall see Cause, to mitigate or lessen any of the Forfeitures incurred by Penalties inflicted as aforesaid, as he or they shall in their Discretion think fit; and every such Mitigation shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Person or Persons so offending respectively, for so much of the said Penalties or Forfeitures as shall be so lessened, mitigated, or remitted.

Inhabitants allowed to give Evidence.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant aforesaid of the said Parish, shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching or concerning this Act, or any Matter or Thing herein contained, on account of his, her, or their paying the Rates of the said Parish; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

LX. And be it further enacted, That a Book or Books shall be prepared and kept by the said Trustees, wherein shall be fairly entered from Time to Time the Names of such Persons as they shall nominate and appoint to put in Execution the Purposes of this Act, and Copies of all Orders and Proceedings relating thereto, and also an Account of all Monies that have been assessed, raised, levied, or paid by virtue of this Act, and how the same have been applied; which Book or Books all Persons contributing to the said Rates or Assessments, may at all convenient Times peruse and inspect without Fee or Reward, and shall be kept by such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time appoint.

To prevent vexatious Suits.

LXI. And, to prevent any vexatious Actions or Suits against the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor or Collectors of the said several Rates or Assessments; be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money justly due for any of the Purposes of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Warrant of or for the Appointment of such Collector or Collectors, or in the Rate or Assessment, or in any Warrant of Distress thereupon, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties

Parties distraining; but the Party or Parties aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall or may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damages he, she, or they shall have sustained thereby, and no more, in any Action of Trespass, or on the Case, at the Election of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action or Actions for any Irregularity as aforesaid, if Tender of Amends hath been made by the Party or Parties making the Distress, before such Action or Actions was or were brought, nor if Tender of Amends shall be made at any Time after the said Action or Actions shall have been brought, and before the Trial thereof, together with the Costs of Suit to the Time of such last-mentioned Tender.

Plaintiff not to recover if Tender of Amends made.

LXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made by virtue of this Act, or by any Rule, Order, or Regulation, Judgement or Determination of the said Trustees, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done, or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees, such Person or Persons may appeal to the said Trustees at any Meeting to be holden within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any Matter or Thing done or committed by or by the Order of the said Trustees, and such Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think such Person or Persons aggrieved, to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if any such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of the said Trustees, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by reason of any Judgement, Order, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County, within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Trustees, or after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk to the said Trustees, or to such Justice or Justices, and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice given as aforesaid, and of entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall be levied in pursuance of such Rule, Order, Regulation, Judgement, or Determination, and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall think reasonable; and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

Appeal.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Judgement, Conviction, or other Proceedings, touching or concerning any of the

Proceedings not to be quashed or

removed by
Certiorari.

the Matters aforesaid, or touching or concerning any Offence against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Limitation
of Actions.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act or the said recited Act, unless Thirty Days Notice thereof, signed by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, shall be given in Writing to the Churchwardens or Vestry Clerk of the said Parish for the Time being, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the County of *Middlesex*, and not in any other County or Place; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the said recited Act, or either of them, and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon; and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act or the said recited Act, or One of them, as the Case may require; and if such Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Thirty Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends was made or tendered as aforesaid; or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if upon any Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Expences of
Act, how to
be paid.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Rates or Assessments raised, levied, or collected by virtue of the said recited Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act.

Publick Act.

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