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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. 88.

An Act to explain, amend, and extend the Powers and Provisions of an Act, passed in the Thirty-first Year of His late Majesty, for the more easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts within the Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton*, in the County of *Surrey*. [3d July 1806.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts, within the Western Division of the Hundred of Brixton, in the County of Surrey*; which said Act has been found useful and beneficial; but the same is in some Respects defective, and insufficient fully to answer the good Purposes thereby intended: And whereas it would greatly tend to the Improvement and Encouragement of Trade in the said Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton*, and to the necessary Support and Protection of useful Credit within the same, if the Powers of the said Court, under the said recited Act of Parliament, were extended to the Recovery of Small Debts not exceeding Five Pounds; and if the Number of the Commissioners of the said Court of Requests were enlarged: And whereas it would be attended with very beneficial Effects to the Public if all Debts, whether
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upon simple Contract or otherwise, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, (except such Debts to which it is herein-after expressly declared that this Act shall not extend) were recoverable in the said Court: 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 so much and such Parts of the late Statute in that behalf made, bearing Title, 'An Act for the better Regulating and Amending the Court of Requests for the last Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, as containeth or containeth in Substance or Jurisdiction of the said Court of Requests for the last Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, shall, from and after the First Day of July One thousand eight hundred and six, be and the same are hereby repealed.

So much of recited Act as restrains the Jurisdiction of the Court to Debts not exceeding 40s. repealed.

The Commissioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Commissioners who are or shall be nominated and appointed in the Manner directed by the said recited Act, are and shall be Commissioners for putting the said recited Act and this Act into Execution, and that as fully and effectually, to, all Intents and Purposes, as if the Regulations, Powers, and Authorities contained in the said Act, touching or concerning the Nomination or Appointment of such Commissioners, were herein and hereby repeated and re-enacted; and that *John Faulkner Atlee, Thomas Bennett Smith, William Perfect, Daniel Langton, George Day, Thomas Tatlock, Robert Barker, William Layton, Edward Eades, William Killick, William Mercer, William Jones, Samuel Kerlake, George Moore, Henry Edward Hayman, Robert Bates, Richard Beamish, James Dallett, William Wall, John Quick, Edward March, Edward Barlow, Matthew Taplin, Joseph Thorpe, Benjamin Kishere, James Phillip, Charles Payne, William Eades, Edward Penner, Richard Roffey, William Jennings, Stephen Nash, Thomas Campion, Richard Payne, Waller, William Head, Christopher Blaxland, William Bedcott, James Langdale, Robert Winter, Thomas Pantou, Henry Barchard, James Bradley, William Leader, Thomas Chapman, John Edward Waring, John Prior, Halford, Thomas Wedbergh, Thomas Bennett, John Litch, Isaac Hillen, Daniel Blackford, Walter Lord, and Joseph Ogeron,* shall be and are hereby appointed and declared additional Commissioners for putting the said recited Act and this Act into Execution; and that they the said Commissioners now and hereafter to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed, or any Three or more of them, shall and may, from Time to Time, have full Power and Authority to hear, examine, and determine all Matters in Controversy coming before them, between Party and Party, where the Debt shall not exceed Twenty Shillings; and that the said Commissioners now and hereafter to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed as aforesaid, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, from Time to Time, have full Power and Authority to hear, examine, and determine all Matters in Controversy coming before them, between Party and Party, where the Debt shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds.

Three Commissioners to have Jurisdiction over Debts not exceeding 20s.; and Five to have Jurisdiction over Debts not exceeding 5l.

Court to be held at some Place in the Parish of Wandsworth only.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners appointed or to be appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act and this Act, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting after the passing of this Act, to be for that Purpose summoned and held, to order and direct that the said Court of Requests shall

shall and may, at all Times thereafter, sit and be holden in some convenient Place within the said Parish of *Wandsworth* only; any Thing contained in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners already appointed and to be appointed as aforesaid, or any or either of them, shall not be capable of acting as Commissioners or Commissioner in the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given by this Act or by the said recited Act, after the said First Day of *July*, until they and he respectively shall have taken an Oath to the following Effect; (that is to say),

Commissioners to take the following Oath.

‘ I *A. B.* do swear, That I am possessed, for my own Use and Benefit, of Estates or Property of the clear Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds, over and above all Incumbrances; and that I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the several Powers and Trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner of the Court of Requests in and for the Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton*, in the County of *Surrey*, conformably to the Directions, true Intent, and Meaning of an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the more easy and speedy Recovery of Small Debts within the Western Division of the Hundred of Brixton in the County of Surrey*; and of an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, for explaining, amending, and extending the Powers and Provisions of the said Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second; or conformably to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of such or so much of the same Two Acts of Parliament as now are or is in force, and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice.

Oath.

‘ So help me GOD.’

Which Oath shall be in lieu and stead of the Oath mentioned or prescribed to be taken by a Commissioner in the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Second; and which said Oath herein-before mentioned or contained, the Clerk of the said Court for the Time being, or his sufficient Deputy, is hereby empowered and required to administer; and they the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby required, after taking the said Oath, to sign or subscribe their respective Names upon a Roll or Rolls of Parchment to be provided for that Purpose, with the said Oath written or printed thereon; and that such Roll or Rolls shall be carefully kept among the Records of the said Court.

Clerk or Deputy to administer the Oath.

V. And be it further enacted, That when any of the said additional Commissioners, or any of their Successors, to be elected in Manner herein mentioned, shall die, or refuse to act, or shall cease to be qualified in Manner in this Act directed, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Act, and the Survivors of the Commissioners appointed under or by virtue of this Act, or the major Part of them, to be assembled for that Purpose, to elect and appoint one other Commissioner in the room or stead of every such additional Commissioner so dying, or refusing to act, or ceasing to be so qualified, on such and the same Day or Time, and in such and the same Manner and Form, as is mentioned and specified in or

Appointing new Commissioners when necessary.

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by the said recited Act touching the Election of Commissioners thereby authorized and directed.

To regulate
the Sittings
of the Court.

VI. And, for the better regulating the Sittings of the said Court, be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall not hold the said Court, or hear or determine any Case or Cases, Cause or Causes, by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, but between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; and that nothing in the said recited Act or in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, so as to require or compel the Attendance of any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, Witnesses or Witnesses, in the said Court, in pursuance of any Order or Summons issued out of the said Court, or by any Person or Persons whomsoever acting as an Officer or Officers of the said Court, save and except between the said Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Appointment
of Clerk.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk and Beadle duly elected and chosen under and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of His said late Majesty, shall remain and continue to be such Clerk and Beadle of the said Court of Requests, for the Execution of the Purposes in the said recited Act and in this Act contained.

For the Ap-
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Clerk.

VIII. And whereas by the Increase of the Business of the said Court, it may become necessary to nominate and appoint another Clerk to aid and assist the present Clerk in the said Court; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to nominate and appoint another Clerk of the said Court, to aid and assist the present Clerk thereof, and to attend and do the Business of the said Court, and to issue out and register in proper Books, to be kept for that Purpose, all Summonses, Warrants, Precepts, Acts, Orders, Dismissions, Adjournments, Decrees, Judgements, Executions, and Proceedings of the said Court; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to remove any Clerk or Clerks appointed by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, for Misbehaviour or other Neglect of Duty, or by reason of being incapable of acting as such Clerk or Clerks, and from Time to Time to nominate and appoint another Clerk or Clerks in the room and stead of the Clerk or Clerks so removed.

Debtors to
be summoned
before Com-
missioners,
who may
make such
Order be-
tween the
Parties as
they think
just, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, whether residing within the said Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton* or elsewhere, all Bodies Politic or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate; who now have or hereafter shall have any such Debt as is herein before specified or mentioned, or any other Debt or Debts owing or due to or claimed or demanded by such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, and Fraternities or Brotherhoods, whether Corporate or not Corporate, in his, her, or their own Right, or in the Right of any other Person or Persons to whom he, she, or they shall be Executor, Administrator, Guardian, or Trustee, and for which Debt or Debts he, she, or they shall demand any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, from any Person or Persons whomsoever residing or inhabiting within the said Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton*, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop,

Shop, Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing within the said Western Division of the Hundred of *Brixton*, to cause such Debtor or Debtors, Person or Persons, from whom such Debt or Debts shall be due or owing, or claimed or demanded, and so resident, inhabiting, or keeping any House, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, or Stand, or seeking a Livelihood, or trading or dealing as aforesaid, to be warned or summoned by personal Service, or by a printed or written Summons left at the Dwelling House, Lodgings, or Place of Abode, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Stall, Stand, or any other Place of dealing of such Debtor or Debtors, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, within the Jurisdiction of the said Court, to appear before the Commissioners of the said Court, at such Time and Place, or Times and Places, in such and the same Manner, and under and subject to such and the same Powers, Process, and Method of Proceeding, Orders, Judgments, Decrees, and Executions, as are mentioned, expressed, enacted, and declared in and by the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George the Second*, and that as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were herein repeated and re-enacted; and that the said Commissioners shall and may, in or by such their Orders, Decrees, and Judgments, order and direct the Payment of any such Debts to be made either in one Sum at once, or by Instalments at stated Periods, as they shall see Cause, and deem just and reasonable; all which Order or Orders, Decrees, Judgments, and Proceedings so to be made, shall be registered in a Book or Books as they have been accustomed to be, which Registry shall be made by the said Clerk or his sufficient Deputy; and as well the Party Plaintiff or Parties Plaintiffs, as the Debtor or Defendant, Debtors or Defendants, whom such Order or Orders, Decrees, Judgments, and Proceedings shall respectively concern, shall observe, perform, and keep the same respectively in all Points; and no such Orders, Decrees, Judgments, or Proceedings shall be removed or removable into any other Court by Certiorari or otherwise howsoever.

By Instalments or otherwise.

Orders and Proceedings to be registered.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, in any Suit or Cause hereafter depending in the said Court of Requests, to cause any Person or Persons as well residing within the Jurisdiction of the said Court as elsewhere, to be warned or summoned as often as shall appear necessary by the Beadle or Officer of the said Court, either by serving such Summons personally, or by leaving the same at the last or usual Place or respective Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, to appear as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence in the said Court in or concerning any such Suit or Cause; and in case any such Person or Persons so to be summoned to give Evidence as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to which he, she, or they shall be so summoned, or appearing upon any such Summons shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or in case of a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to administer) and to give Evidence as aforesaid before such Commissioners, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in either of the said Cases, every such Person so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be awarded by the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, unless a reasonable Excuse

Beadle or Officer to summon Witnesses.

Witnesses not appearing or refusing to give Evidence, to forfeit 40s. and in default of Payment to be committed.

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be offered to and allowed by the said Commissioners; and if the Person or Persons so offending shall not forthwith pay into the said Court the Penalty or Forfeiture so imposed upon him, her, or them, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, to order and cause such Person or Persons to be apprehended by any of the Officers of the said Court, and committed to the Common Gaol of the said County of *Surrey*, there to remain for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sooner paid; and every such Penalty or Forfeiture as last mentioned, which shall be received by virtue of this Act, shall thereupon (after deducting the reasonable Costs and Charges of apprehending and taking such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing) be paid over into the Hands of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein the Person or Persons respectively paying the same shall, at the Time of his, her, or their Neglect or Refusal to appear or give Evidence as aforesaid, inhabit, dwell, or seek a Livelihood, and shall be applied towards the Support and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish.

Application
of such Pen-
alties.

Persons giv-
ing false
Evidence to
be punished
for Perjury.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall make Oath, or being of the People called *Quakers* shall make Affirmation, or give Evidence in any Cause depending in the said Court of Requests, whereby he, she, or they shall commit any wilful or corrupt Perjury, or be guilty of wilful and false affirming, and thereof be duly convicted according to Law, then every such Person or Persons shall incur and suffer the like Pains and Penalties as any other Person or Persons convicted of wilful Perjury according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Debts due
by Persons
under Age
for Necessa-
ries may be
recovered.
Servants un-
der Age may
recover
Wages.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in every Case where any Wages, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, shall be due to any Menial or other Servant under the Age of Twenty-one Years, it shall be lawful for such Servant to sue for and recover such Debt in the said Court of Requests, in the same Manner as if he or she were of full Age; and the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, or any Five or more of them, according to the Amount of such Debt, are hereby fully authorized and required in such Cases to take Cognizance of and proceed concerning such Debts in the same Manner, and shall have such and the same Powers in regard thereto, as if the Plaintiffs and Defendants were of full Age.

This Act not
to extend to
certain Debts.

XIII. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend to any Debt where any Title of Freehold or Lease for Years of any Lands or Tenements shall come in question, or to any Debt by Specialty which shall not be for the Payment of a Sum certain, nor to any Debt for any Sum being the Balance of an Account on Demand originally exceeding Five Pounds, nor to any other Debt that shall arise by reason of the Occupation of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate elsewhere than in the said Western Division of the said Hundred of *Brixton*, or by reason of any Cause concerning Testament or Matrimony, or any Thing concerning or properly belonging to the Ecclesiastical Court, or for or concerning any Agreement by way of Composition for or by way of Retainer of Tithes, or for any Matter suable therein, albeit the same respectively shall not exceed Five Pounds; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for any Debt not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and recoverable by virtue of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, in the said Court of Requests, then and in every such Case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Suit shall not, by reason of a Verdict for him, her, or them, or otherwise, have or be entitled to any Costs whatsoever; and if the Verdict shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, and the Judge or Judges before whom the same shall be tried or heard shall think fit to certify that such Debt ought to have been recovered in the said Court of Requests, then and so often 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 Cases by Law.

Verdicts in any other Court for Debts recoverable in this Court, not entitled to Costs, &c.

XV. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or restrain any Person or Persons from making Distress, or bringing any Action or Actions whatsoever for Rent, and thereby recovering such Rent, with Costs, although the same Rent shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds.

Persons not prevented from recovering Rents by Distress, &c.

XVI. And, for removing all Doubts whether the Statute of Limitations may be pleaded in the said Court of Requests, it is hereby further enacted and declared, That Defendants in that Court shall be allowed to plead or claim the Benefit of any Statute of Limitations now in being, or hereafter to be made; and every such Defendant so pleading and claiming shall have and receive such or the like Advantage or Relief thereby, as such Defendant would have been entitled to in case this Act had not been made, and he or she had been sued for the same Debt, or other Cause of Action, in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or any other Court, and had there pleaded such Statute in bar to the Action or Suit.

Statute of Limitations may be pleaded.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, being a Debtor or Debtors, Defendant or Defendants, and who shall be committed to any Gaol or Prison by Order of the said Court of Requests, shall be kept or continued in Custody on any Pretence whatsoever (except in the Cases herein-after otherwise provided for) for any longer Space or Spaces of Time, from the Time of his, her, or their Commitment to Prison, than is or are next herein-after limited in that Behalf; that is to say, where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed Twenty Shillings, then he, she, or they shall not be kept or continued in Custody for more than Twenty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings, then not more than Forty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed the Sum of Three Pounds, then not more than Sixty Days; and where the Debt (exclusive of Costs) does not exceed Five Pounds, then not more than One hundred Days from the Time of such his, her, or their Commitment; and all Gaolers and Keepers of Prisons are hereby directed and required to discharge such Persons accordingly.

Time of Imprisonment of Debtors limited.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every Person and Persons who shall be taken in Execution under or by virtue of any Process issuing from or out of the said Court

Time of Imprisonment to extend to each Execution of

of Requests, and who at the Time of being taken into Custody, or during his, her, or their Imprisonment, shall have more than one Execution against him, her, or them, in the said Court, he, she, or they shall be imprisoned the limited Time for and in respect of each, and every Execution; that is to say, after the limited Time is expired on the First Execution, the Imprisonment shall commence on the Second Execution; and after the limited Time expired on the Second Execution, the Imprisonment shall commence on the Third Execution, and so on, until he, she, or they shall have been imprisoned the limited Time for and in respect of each, and every separate Execution to be issued against him, her, or them, in the said Court, previous to his, her, or their being taken into Custody, or during his, her, or their Imprisonment; any Law, Usage, or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Extending
the Powers
of an Act of
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this Act.

XIX. And whereas an Act was passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Time of the Imprisonment of Debtors imprisoned by Process from Courts instituted for the Recovery of Small Debts, for abolishing the Claim of Fees of Gaolers and others in the Cases of such Imprisonment, and for ascertaining the Qualification of the Commissioners*; now be it hereby further enacted, That all and every the Directions, Powers, and Provisions contained in the same Act shall relate and extend to this Act, and so far as the same are applicable to the Purposes of this Act, shall be observed, exercised, and performed respectively in such and the same Manner as if the same were herein expressly mentioned and repeated, and at large re-enacted.

Table of
Fees.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the several Fees and Sums of Money herein-after limited and expressed, and no other, shall be taken by the Clerk and Beadle, or other Officer of the said Court of Requests, for their several and respective Services in the Execution of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of His said late Majesty, and of this Act, in lieu and stead of the Fees and Sums of Money limited and expressed in the said recited Act; that is to say,

CLERK'S

	On Debts not exceeding 40 Shillings.		On Debts above 40 Shillings.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
CLERK'S FEES.				
For every Summons - - - - -	1	0	2	0
For every Summons for the Attendance of not more than Two Witnesses - - - - -	1	0	2	0
For calling the Plaintiff or Defendant before the Court - - - - -	0	3	0	6
For a Nonfuit on the Plaintiff's not appearing - - - - -	1	0	1	0
For paying Money into Court - - - - -	1	0	2	0
For every Hearing - - - - -	1	0	2	0
For a Copy of every Order upon a Hearing, and of every Judgment of Nonfuit - - - - -	1	0	2	0
For an Execution - - - - -	2	6	3	6
For receiving Money out of Court in part - - - - -	0	4	0	4
For receiving Money out of Court in full - - - - -	0	9	1	6
For every Search - - - - -	0	3	0	6
For swearing every Witness - - - - -	0	3	0	6
For giving Notice to the Plaintiff (if required) of the Service of his Execution - - - - -	1	6	2	0

BEADLE'S FEES.

For the Service of every Summons on Defendant - - - - -	0	8	1	0
For the Service of a Summons on a Witness - - - - -	0	4	0	6
For calling the Plaintiff or Defendant before the Court - - - - -	0	2	0	3
For the Service of every Order upon a Hearing, and of every Judgment of Nonfuit - - - - -	0	4	0	6
For levying an Execution on Debts not exceeding Fifteen Shillings - - - - -	1	0	—	—
Above Fifteen Shillings, and not exceeding Twenty Shillings - - - - -	1	6	—	—
Above Twenty Shillings, and not exceeding Forty Shillings - - - - -	2	6	—	—
Above Forty Shillings, and not exceeding Sixty Shillings - - - - -	—	—	3	0
Above Sixty Shillings, and not exceeding Eighty Shillings - - - - -	—	—	4	0
Above Eighty Shillings - - - - -	—	—	5	0

For making
Compensa-
tion to Coun-
sel of the
Marshalsea
Court.

XXI. And whereas the Four Counsel of the ancient Court of the Marshalsea, and Court of His Majesty's Palace of *Westminster*, who hold their Offices for the Terms of their natural Lives respectively, and who have been made chargeable by Parliament, and actually assessed to the Land Tax, for their Freeholds in their said Offices, will sustain great Loss by this present Act, unless a Compensation shall be made to them for the same; be it therefore enacted, That the Clerk or Clerks of the said Court of Requests for the Time being shall and they are hereby required, out of the Fees limited or to be limited to him and them by virtue of this present Act, to pay or cause to be paid in equal Proportions unto *James Agar, Benjamin Hart, Henry Storkes, and Thomas Cowley*, Esquires, the present Counsel of the said Court of the Marshalsea, and Court of His Majesty's Palace of *Westminster*, as a Compensation for the Loss they will sustain in their said Offices by this present Act, for and during the Term of their respective natural Lives, the yearly Sum of Ten Pounds a-piece of lawful Money of *Great Britain* (free and clear of and from all Charges and Deductions whatsoever), to be paid to them severally and respectively yearly and every Year, at or upon the several Feast Days following; (that is to say) the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, the Feast of the Nativity of Saint *John* the Baptist, and the Feast of Saint *Michael* the Archangel, by even and equal Portions; the First Payment thereof to begin and be made at or upon the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord next after the passing of this Act; Provided always, that if any of the said Annuities shall be in Arrear and unpaid for the Space of Ten Days after the same shall become due, that it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons thereto entitled, to recover the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or Action of Assumpsit for Money had and received to his or their Use, which Action shall and may be brought against the said Clerks of the said Court of Requests for the Time being, when the said Annuity shall be so due, or either of them, at the Election of the Person or Persons then entitled to the same.

Commission-
ers may
make Rules
respecting
Suitors Mo-
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XXII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them at any General Meeting thereof assembled, pursuant to Notice in Writing for that Purpose to be given by the Clerks or Clerk to the said Commissioners for the Time being (the Number of Commissioners then present not being less than Seven), shall and may, and they are hereby empowered and directed to make, ordain, and constitute such Rules and Regulations as to them shall seem meet, for securing the Balances and other Sums of Money belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, in the Hands of the Clerks or Clerk of the said Court, which now are or may be hereafter received, and for the due accounting for and Application of all such Balances and other Sums of Money, and also for auditing the Accounts at least once in every Year, and oftener if they shall deem necessary.

Limitation of
Actions.

XXIII. 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 the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, and of this Act, or either of them, or on account of any Order, Determination, Judgment, or Decree of any of the said Commissioners, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof shall be given in Writing, to be left at the Office of the Clerk of the said Court,

or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Action shall arise; 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 Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or if a Verdict or Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the said Cases 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 Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Double Costs.

XXIV. Provided always, That the said herein-before recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Second, and all Powers, Provisoes, Clauses, Matters, and Things therein respectively contained, shall, so far as the same are not hereby expressly repealed or otherwise provided for, and are not inconsistent with any of the Provisions of this present Act, continue and be in full Force, and extend to all and every Person and Persons to whom this Act doth or shall extend.

Recited Act of 31 G. 2. except where hereby repealed, extended to this Act.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or restrain any Person or Persons from levying Plaints in the Court of the King's Palace of *Westminster*, of all and all Manner of Trespasses, *vi et armis* Trespasses, Trespass upon the Case, Debt, Account, Detinue of Goods and Chattels, Deceits and Contracts, and all other personal Causes, Plaints, and Pleas, or from bringing any Action or Actions whatsoever for Rent, in the same Manner as he or they might have done in case this Act had not been passed; but subject nevertheless and without Prejudice to so much and such Part or Parts of the said recited Act of the Thirty-first Year of His late Majesty's Reign as relates to or concerns the suing for and Recovery of any Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money, not amounting to the Sum of Forty Shillings, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or elsewhere out of the said Court of Requests; any Thing in this Act before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Act not to extend to the Court of the King's Palace of Westminster.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take Effect from and after the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and six, and be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.

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