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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 89.

An Act for the better Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor within the Parish of *Saint Mary Whitechapel*, in the County of *Middlesex*; for cleansing and lighting the Squares, and other Passages and Places, and keeping a Nightly Watch; for raising Money for repairing the Highways in certain Parts of the said Parish; and for raising Money to repair the Church of the said Parish.

[3d July 1806.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of Saint Mary Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex; for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places, and regulating and keeping a Nightly Watch within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of the Tower of London or City of London; and to enable the Parishioners to raise Money to defray the Expences of repairing the said Parish Church: And whereas an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act to render more effectual* 3 G. 3. c. 53. 6 G. 3. c. 74.*

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an Act made in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor within the Parish of Saint Mary Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex: And whereas an Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for repealing certain Provisions in Two Acts of Parliament, so far as the same relate to repairing the Highways in the Parish of Saint Mary Matfelon otherwise Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex, and for raising Money for repairing the said Highways*: And whereas so much and such Part or Parts of the said recited Acts passed in the Third and Twelfth Years of His said Majesty's Reign as relates to the maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Mary Matfelon otherwise Whitechapel*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, and for cleansing, lighting, regulating, and keeping a Nightly Watch, and raising Money for repairing the Highways within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of the Tower of *London* or City of *London*, are found in many respects defective and insufficient for the Purposes aforesaid; and it is expedient that the said Two Acts passed in the Third and Twelfth Years of His present Majesty, so far as they relate to the Purposes aforesaid, should be repealed, and that further Powers and Provisions for effecting such Purposes should be granted instead thereof: And whereas the Powers and Provisions necessary for the several Purposes aforesaid might be more conveniently executed if the same were consolidated and comprized in 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 First Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, the said recited Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty; and also so much of the said recited Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign as relates to the settling, ascertaining, making, and signing Three distinct Rates and Assessments to be raised for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, for cleansing, lighting, regulating, and keeping a Nightly Watch, and raising Money for repairing the Highways within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of His Majesty's Tower of *London* or City of *London*; and also for paying such annual Composition Money to the Trustees appointed by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, to continue the Term and enlarge the Powers of Two Acts of Parliament for repairing the Highways from *Whitechapel* Church, in the County of *Middlesex*, to *Woodford*, in the County of *Essex*; and also for defraying the Expences of Repairs in and about the said Parish Church, and Payment of the several Annuitants charged thereon, and to subjecting Houses let out in separate Apartments to Lodgers to the Payment of the said Rates, shall be and the same is and are hereby declared to be repealed, and made null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

3 G. 3. repealed.

12 G. 3., so far as relates to making the Rates, repealed.

Trustees appointed by the former Act have

II. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees nominated and appointed by virtue of the said recited Act of the Third Year of His said present Majesty's Reign, who were qualified to act in the Execution of the

the same, together with the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, shall have as full and ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, until other Trustees shall be nominated and appointed in their stead by virtue of this Act, as if they had been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form prescribed by this Act; and all Rules, Orders, and Regulations made and confirmed by virtue of the said recited Act, by the Trustees therein named or appointed by virtue or in pursuance thereof respectively, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, until the next ensuing annual Nomination and Appointment of other Trustees, as if such Rules, Orders, and Regulations had been made by virtue of this Act; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Power to execute this Act until others are chosen.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them shall, on the Second *Wednesday* next after the Commencement of this Act, meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish Church, at the Hour of Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall then proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall then, and from Time to Time afterwards, adjourn, to meet at the same or any other Place within the said Parish, as they the said Trustees or any Seven 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 holden by virtue of this Act, there shall not appear a sufficient Number of the said Trustees or their Successors, Trustees for the Time being, to act and to adjourn to another Day, the Trustee or Trustees then present, or the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, shall, by causing Notice to be affixed upon the West Door of the Church of the said Parish, at least Three Days before the next Meeting, appoint the Trustees to meet at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be holden, upon some Day not exceeding Ten Days after the Day upon which such last Meeting was appointed; and the said Trustees at all their Meetings shall defray their own Expences.

First Meeting appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Commencement 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 the Sixteenth Day of *May*, or within Fourteen Days next after; and they, or the major Part of such of them as shall be so assembled and met, shall then and there nominate and appoint Forty 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 annually be the Trustees for putting this Act into Execution.

Trustees how to be appointed.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person, other than those entitled to be Trustees by virtue of their Offices or Stations as aforesaid, shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, unless such Person shall be then resident in the said Parish, and be rated and pay towards the Rate or Rates for the Relief of the Poor

Qualification.

Poor of the said Parish, and towards the Rate or Rates for watching, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish, the Sum of Three Pounds a Year, and shall have paid the said Rates and Arrears of such Rates charged on him; nor be capable of acting as a Vestryman for the several Purposes of this Act of or within the said Parish at any Time from or after the passing of this Act, unless such Person shall be resident within the said Parish, and pay at least Five Shillings and Sixpence *per* Quarter towards the Rate or Rates for the Relief of the Poor within the said Parish, or shall have paid after that Proportion towards the last Rate made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish preceding the passing of this Act.

Persons disqualified from being Trustees.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed a Trustee for 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 Appointment, or the Term of such Contract, be disabled and disqualified from acting as a Trustee.

No Act valid unless at a Meeting.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of such Trustees shall be or be deemed to be good or valid, unless the same shall be done at some public Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or vested in such Trustees shall or may from Time to Time be exercised by the major Part of them who shall attend at any public Meeting to be holden as herein is directed, the Number of Trustees present at such public Meetings not being less than Seven; and all the Orders and Directions of the major Part of such Trustees present at such Meetings shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were made or done by all such Trustees for the Time being; and at every such Meeting of the said Trustees a Chairman shall and may be appointed, and when and as often as it shall so happen that there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any one Question, including the Vote of the said Chairman, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Chairman to give the casting or decisive Vote.

What Number may act.

Chairman to be appointed.

Chairman to administer an Oath.

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

Justices may act as Trustees.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* or Liberty of the Tower of *London* to act as such in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding his being a Trustee, **except** only in Cases wherein he shall be personally

personally interested in any other Manner than generally as a Trustee, or as a Parishioner of the said Parish.

X. And be it further enacted, That fair and regular Entries shall be made, in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, of all the Acts, Orders, Rules, Regulations, Directions, and Proceedings of the said Trustees, relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Trustees who shall be present at the respective Meetings, and the same shall, when approved of and confirmed, be signed by the Chairman at the next Meeting; and all such Entries being so signed shall be deemed Originals, and shall be admitted as Evidence in all Courts whatsoever in all Cases, Suits, and Actions touching any Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

Entries of Proceedings good Evidence.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books, in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings of any of the Trustees acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Acts, doth or do appear recorded, such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of the said Acts, shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Entries of Proceedings under former Acts good Evidence.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Nine 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, upon reasonable Cause, and appoint such other Person or Persons in his or their Stead as they the said Trustees shall think proper; and the said Trustees are hereby required to take such Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers, and all other Persons who shall or may be appointed to collect or receive any Money by virtue of this Act, as to them shall seem proper; and such Treasurer or 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 to account once in every Year, or oftener if thereunto required by the said Trustees, 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, authorize to receive the same, to be applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes for which the same was or may be collected, raised, received, or levied; and in Default of rendering or making such Accounts and Payments as aforesaid, such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be liable to such Penalties as Overseers of the Poor in like Cases are liable to.

For appointing Treasurer or Treasurers.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall from Time to Time appoint a Clerk or Clerks, and also proper Persons to be Master and Mistress of the Workhouse belonging to the said Parish, and such other Officers and Servants as they shall think proper to employ, for the better carrying into Execution this Act, and all such Laws as

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relate to the Poor of the said Parish, and shall pay such Salaries, and make such Allowance to such Clerk or Clerks, Master and Mistress and all such Officers or Servants, as they shall think reasonable; and shall and may, if they think fit, from Time to Time appoint some Clergyman of the established Church of England to instruct such Persons as shall be maintained in the said Workhouse in the Principles of the Christian Religion, as it is professed by the said established Church, and also to visit the Sick, and perform other Duties of his Profession in the said Workhouse, and the said Trustees shall and they are hereby empowered to make such Allowance to such Clergyman as to them shall seem reasonable; and shall or may from Time to Time displace or discharge any such Officers and Persons aforesaid, when they shall have any reasonable Cause for so doing, and appoint others in their Stead.

Officers appointed under former Act to continue until removed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer, Clerk to the said Trustees, the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, Beadles, Watchmen, and all Servants nominated in or appointed by virtue of or in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, 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, she, or they shall be removed therefrom respectively, by the Trustees acting by virtue of this Act; and every such Treasurer, Clergyman, Clerk, Master, and Mistress of the Workhouse, Beadles, Watchmen, and all other Officers and Servants, 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 or appointed by virtue of this Act.

Actions to be in the Name of the Clerk.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks, and that no Action that may be brought or commenced by or against the said Trustees or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act, or of the said recited 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 either of them, or by the Act of such Clerk or Clerks without the Consent of the said Trustees; but the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or Defendant or Defendants, in such Action, as the Case may be: Provided always, that every such Clerk or Clerks in whose Name or Names any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended, in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Charges as by the Event of any such Proceedings he or they shall be put to or become chargeable with, by reason of his or their being so made Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or Defendant or Defendants therein.

Powers of the Act of 6 G. 3. continued.

XVI. And whereas the Trustees appointed to put in Execution the said recited Act of the Third Year of His said Majesty's Reign, have, in pursuance of the Powers granted to them by the said Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, erected and built or caused to be erected and built, a Workhouse on a Piece of Ground formerly called *The Lower Burial Ground*, belonging to the said Parish, which has been furnished for the Reception, Relief, Maintenance, and Employment

Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and in the Erection and furnishing thereof have expended a considerable Sum of Money, more than they were empowered by the said Act to raise by Annuities for that Purpose; be it therefore enacted, That the Powers and Authorities granted by the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign, shall continue in force, and that the Trustees appointed or to be appointed for executing this Act, are hereby authorized and empowered to put such Part or Parts thereof as remains or remain to be executed into Effect, as fully and completely as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to alter, enlarge, and repair, or cause to be altered, enlarged, and repaired, the Workhouse of the said Parish, or any Part or Parts thereof, for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the said Parish, and also to erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, a new Infirmary on the Ground belonging to the said Parish, adjoining to the said Workhouse, for the Reception of the sick and infirm Poor, instead of the old Houses or Buildings also belonging to the said Parish, and adjoining the said Workhouse, now used for that and other Purposes, which are in a very ruinous State, and by and out of the Monies to be raised or received under or by virtue of this Act to pay all such Money as shall be justly due to the Artificers, Workmen, and others employed in and about the altering and repairing the said Workhouse, and the erecting and building such new Infirmary, and furnishing the same, and other incidental Expences relating thereto.

Workhouse may be repaired, and a new Infirmary built for the Sick.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Trustees in whom the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the Ground whereon the said old Houses or Buildings adjoining to the said Workhouse, now used as an Infirmary for sick and infirm Poor and other Purposes, stand, is or may be vested, to pull down and sell, or cause to be pulled down and sold, the Materials thereof, for the best Price that can be had or gotten for the same, and to demise and let the said Ground, and any other vacant Ground belonging to the said Parish, for any Term or Terms of Years the said Trustees may think proper (in case they shall not think fit to apply the same to any of the Purposes of this Act), and to apply the Money arising from the Sale of such Materials, and the Rents and Profits of the Ground so to be demised and let, towards the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish.

Trustees of Parish Estates may pull down old Infirmary and let the Ground on Building Leases.

Power to let Lands.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all Agreements, Grants, Conveyances, and Leases of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, made to and in the Names of the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, or in the Names of the Trustees appointed by Order of Vestry for that Purpose, and their Successors, acting by and under the Authority of Vestry, or of the said recited Act of the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for any Term or Terms of Years or for ever, shall be deemed as good and valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the said recited Act had not been so repealed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Conveyances heretofore made, to be good.

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Contracts may be entered into for Work to be performed, and Furniture, &c. to be provided.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees for executing this Act, at any of their Meetings to be held in pursuance thereof, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract or agree with any Person or Persons whomsoever for altering, enlarging, or repairing the said Workhouse, and for the building a new Infirmary adjoining thereto; and also to purchase and provide, either by Contract or otherwise, such Furniture as may be wanted for such new Infirmary, from Time to Time as the same may be wanted; and also in like Manner, from Time to Time, to purchase and provide all such Furniture, Goods, Provisions, Cloathing, Tools, and Utensils, and also such Materials and Things as they shall think proper for furnishing the said Workhouse, and maintaining, cloathing, providing for, and employing the Poor of the said Parish, and shall pay or order the Payment of the Monies due or to become due upon any such Contracts, Agreements, or Purchases, to the Person or Persons entitled to receive the same; and the Right and Property of and in all the Furniture, Goods, and other Matters and Things within and belonging to the said Workhouse, or provided for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and all and every the Goods, Furniture, Provisions, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and Things, to be from Time to Time had or provided for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and for carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, so far as relates to the Poor, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Trustees for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Trustees are hereby empowered to cause an Action to be brought, or Bill of Indictment to be preferred, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away any such Goods, Furniture, Provisions, Wearing Apparel, Utensils, Materials, or Things.

Contracts to be entered in Books.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall cause all Contracts or Agreements which shall in anywise relate to the carrying into Execution the Purposes of this Act, and all Receipts and Payments, Debts, and Credits, and any Matter or Thing relating thereto, to be fairly entered in a Book or Books to be provided for those Purposes.

Books may be inspected.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Books of Accounts 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 Purpose.

Old Contracts made to be good.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements entered into and still existing, and made by the Trustees by virtue of the said recited Act, or by the Rector and Churchwardens, relating to the Repairs of the Parish Church, shall be and be deemed to be as good and valid to all Intents and Purposes, and the Observance and Performance thereof may be enforced and compelled by such Ways and Means as if the said recited Act had not been repealed.

Trustees may compound with Persons for Breach of Contract.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons, on account of any Breach or Non-performance

performance of any such Contract or Contracts, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, so as the Sum so compounded and agreed for be not less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such Contract or Contracts, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all poor Persons within the said Parish, who are incapable of providing for themselves, may be received into the present or any other Workhouse belonging to the said Parish, and shall be under the Direction and Management of the said Trustees, who may detain all poor Children of the Age of Six Years and upwards, and now are and shall be received into the said Workhouse, until such Children, if Boys, attain the Age of Seventeen Years, or, if Girls, the Age of Fifteen Years, in case such Children shall not be bound Apprentices by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish; and when such Children shall have respectively attained the Ages before mentioned, they shall be discharged from the Workhouse, except those who from Sickness or some other Infirmary shall be incapable of providing for themselves; and if any Children shall be hired as Servants for a Year, such Children shall be discharged from the said Workhouse.

Poor to be under the Management and Direction of the Trustees.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to cause any Person who shall be received into the Workhouse, to be employed in any Work, Trade, Manufacture, or Employment, or otherwise, as they shall think proper, during the Time they shall continue in the said Workhouse; and shall and may, in case they shall think proper, provide a sufficient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Silk, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or any other Materials, for the Employment of the Poor received into the said Workhouse; and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and occupy any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever, in the said Workhouse or other Building, and for the Purpose of this Act, may sell and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, as shall be manufactured or made by such Poor in the said Workhouse or other Buildings, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and out of the Profits arising from any Work which shall be done by any such Persons, such Gratuities or Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, according to the Quantity and Perfection of their Work, as to the said Trustees shall appear reasonable and proper; and the Remainder of the Profits shall be applied by the said Trustees in Aid of the Poor's Rate of the said Parish.

Trustees may employ the Poor.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, at any of their Meetings, may make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better governing, employing, and regulating the Poor of the said Parish, and for carrying the other Purposes of this Act into Execution, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, as far as relates to the Poor, as they shall from Time to Time think proper, and may alter, vary, or repeal the same as often as they shall think fit; and such Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be subject to appeal in Manner hereinafter mentioned, provided that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*; but no such Rules, Orders, or Regulations shall

Trustees may make Rules and Orders touching the Poor, to be confirmed by public Vestry.

be in force until approved of and confirmed by a public Vestry to be held for that Purpose.

Power to punish Poor for Misbehaviour.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be maintained in any Workhouse belonging to the said Parish, shall refuse or neglect to do and perform the Work he or she shall be required to do, or shall be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or shall use any abusive or improper Language, or commit Waste of the Provisions, or other Materials or Things, the Property whereof is hereby vested in the said Trustees, or shall disobey any of the Rules, Orders, or Regulations which shall be made as aforesaid, or the reasonable Commands of the Persons who shall be put in Authority over such Persons, or shall be guilty of any other Misbehaviour, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to examine into such Offences at any of their Meetings, and on Proof thereof to order and cause any Person so offending to be punished in such Workhouse, either by Confinement, hard Labour, Distinction in Dress, or Abatement in Diet.

Penalty on buying Cloaths, &c. furnished to the Poor.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of the Poor, who at any Time shall be received into and maintained in the said Workhouse, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the same, to be wrought up, manufactured, and used by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture thereof, or any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor of the said Workhouse, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, upon Conviction on the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, in whose Jurisdiction the Offence shall be committed (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to administer); the whole of which said Forfeiture shall be paid to the Informer.

How Persons guilty of embezzling any Goods may be punished.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Persons in the Workhouse, or other Houses made use of for the Purposes of this Act shall be found guilty of stealing, embezzling, or carrying away, or causing to be stolen, embezzled, taken, or carried away, all or any Part of the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials and Things, the Property of the said Trustees, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act (if they shall think the same most fit and expedient) to order such moderate Confinement to any such Offender or Offenders in the Workhouse belonging to the said Parish, or other Houses for the Purposes made use of for this Act, instead of any Action or Indictment; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Servants purloining Money, Materials, &c.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Governor or Master of the Workhouse, or other Officer, Mistress, or Matron, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Trustees, shall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully misapply any of the Monies, Materials, or Implements of Work, Provisions, Utensils, Goods, or Chattels, the Property of which are by this Act vested in the said Trustees, every such Offender shall not only be discharged from his or her office, but shall also

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forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, or Treble the Value of such Money, Materials, Implements of Work, Provisions, Utensils, Goods, and Chattels, which shall be so purloined, embezzled, or misapplied, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace for the said County to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to remain, without Bail, or Mainprize, for any Space of Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That no spirituous or strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the said Workhouse, unless with the Permission of the said Trustees, or by the especial Order of the Apothecary or other medical Person appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be convicted of such Offence before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall on being duly convicted thereof, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

No spirituous Liquors to be carried into the Workhouse.

XXXIII. And whereas by the Laws now in being, no greater Number of Overseers of the Poor than Four can be appointed for the said Parish, and it would be of Benefit to the said Parish, by reason of the Extent and Population thereof, if the Number were increased: Be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Tower Division in the County of *Middlesex*, or any Two of them, in case they shall be requested so to do by the said Trustees, to appoint Six Overseers of the Poor, in Manner prescribed by an Act, passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Poor."

Power to appoint Six Overseers.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That on any Summons issued by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, to shew Cause why any Person or Persons should not be relieved or admitted into the Workhouse of the said Parish, if on shewing Cause it shall appear that the said Workhouse is then as full of poor Persons as is consistent with Health, or that Sickness then prevails in it, or that the poor Person claiming Relief only labours under some temporary Disorder or Disability (and is neither a Lunatic, nor so crippled, or so generally infirm as to be incapable in any degree of earning his or her own Subsistence) then and in any such Case it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at their Discretion, to relieve such poor Person at his or their own Habitation, by a weekly Allowance in Money not exceeding Five Shillings, and by providing proper Medicines, or medical Advice and Assistance (as the Case may require) to such poor Person as long as the same shall be necessary; and so soon as it shall be certified, under the Hand of the medical Person so attending, that such poor Person is enabled to maintain him or herself, which Certificate shall be laid before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, he and they is and are hereby empowered and required to order such Allowance thenceforth to cease and be discontinued; and if such poor Persons shall be received into the said Workhouse of the said Parish, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at their Discretion, to discharge him or her from thence; any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directions given to Trustees in certain Cases to relieve the Poor at home, and when Relief is to cease.

XXXV. Provided

Church-wardens may give casual Relief.

XXXV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in Cases of Emergency, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, or any one of them, shall and may and they are hereby empowered, at their Discretion, to give such temporary Relief to any such poor Persons, at their own Habitations, as may be necessary until the next Meeting of the said Trustees; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Trustees may appoint Persons to remove the Poor.

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

Repairs of the Church.

XXXVII. And whereas the Church of the said Parish hath (pursuant to an Order of Vestry, made for that Purpose) lately undergone a very considerable Repair: And whereas the Expences occasioned by such Repairs will greatly exceed the Money raised and to be raised by the usual Church Rate made on the Inhabitants of the said Parish; and as the making any further or additional Rate, for immediately raising the Money sufficient to defray the Expences of the said Repairs, will be burthensome and grievous to the Inhabitants of the said Parish; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to examine and adjust the Accounts of the several Artificers and Workmen who have been employed about the said Repairs, and shall and may pay and satisfy all such Sums of Money as upon such Examination and Adjustment shall appear to be justly due and owing to the said several Artificers and Workmen, out of the Monies to be borrowed at Interest, or received for the Sale and Purchase of Annuities by this Act authorized to be borrowed and granted, and herein charged on the Church Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act.

Power to purchase Leases of Church-yard.

XXXVIII. And whereas the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish now hold certain Pieces or Parcels of Ground contiguous to the Churchyard of the said Parish, now used in Augmentation of the same as a Burial Ground, on a Lease or Leases for a Term or Terms of Years not yet expired: And whereas on the Expiration of the said Leases, or any or either of them, it may be desirable for the said Parish to purchase the said Pieces or Parcels of Ground, or any Part thereof, in perpetuity; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to contract and agree for the Purchase of the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the said Pieces or Parcels of Ground, or any Part thereof, as they may judge necessary, to be conveyed to the Rector and Churchwardens of the said

faid Parish, and to be vested in them and their Successors, Rector and Churchwardens for ever, for the Purpose of a Burial Ground in Augmentation of the present Churchyard; and it shall be lawful for the said Rector and Churchwardens and their Successors, Rector and Churchwardens for the Time being, to hold the said Land so purchased without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain; and in order to enable the said Trustees to purchase the said Ground, the said Trustees are hereby empowered to borrow at Interest, or raise by the Sale of one or more Annuity or Annuities, for the Life or Lives of the Contributor or Contributors, any Sum or Sums of Money, sufficient to enable them the said Trustees to purchase the said Ground, or any Part thereof, as may be judged expedient, subject to the Powers, Clauses, and Provisions contained in this Act for raising Money for the other Purposes thereof.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to nominate and appoint any Person or Persons, and to purchase any Number of Carts and Horses for the Purpose of cleansing the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, and Places, within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of the Tower of *London*, or City of *London*, and of carrying away the Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders or Ashes, from any Houses or other Premises within such Parts of the said Parish as aforesaid; or to contract with any Person or Persons annually for cleansing the same and carrying away the Dirt and Slop, and for carrying away the Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, from any House or Houses, or other Premises aforesaid (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 other Building or Buildings; which said Rubbish, Earth, Dust, Dirt, Filth, and Soil thereby occasioned shall forthwith, after such building, repairing, or altering is finished, be carried away by the respective 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 on being duly convicted thereof), in which Contract or Contracts such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures may be inflicted upon any Person or Persons, for all and every the Neglects and Defaults of such Contractor or Contractors, as may be agreed on at the Time of entering into such Contract or Contracts, for the Breach or Nonperformance of the same, over and above the Penalties by this Act imposed on such Contractor or Contractors; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time, to deduct the Amount of such Fines or Forfeitures, from the Money or Monies which may from Time to Time become due to such Contractor or Contractors; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Trustees may direct the Streets to be cleaned.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for cleansing the Squares, Streets, and other Places as aforesaid, or those employed under such Contractor or Contractors, shall Twice in every Week or oftener, bring or cause to be brought Carts or other proper Carriages into all the Squares, Streets, and other Places as aforesaid, where such Carts and Carriages can pass, and at or before their Approach with Sound of Bell, or with an audible and distinct

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distinct Notice, give Notice to the Inhabitants of their coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Alley or Place into which the said Carts or Carriages cannot pass, and abide and stay at all the said Parts and Places at convenient Time, and before he or they depart shall take away gratis all the Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, as well from the Houses in the said Squares, Streets, and Places where Carts can pass, as also from the Houses in the Courts, Alleys, and Places where the said Carts or Carriages cannot pass; and in case the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees shall neglect or omit his or their Duty herein, such Person or Persons shall for every Neglect or Omission forfeit any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings, on being duly convicted thereof; and that if any Person or Persons (except the Owner or Owners of such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, who may be desirous of removing the same for his or their own private use, and not for Sale) shall refuse to permit such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes to be taken away, every such Person or Persons so offending shall in like Manner forfeit any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

For preventing Ashes being taken away by any Person but the Contractor for cleaning.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for cleaning the Squares, Streets, and Places under their Direction, or those employed under such Contractor or Contractors, shall on any Pretence whatsoever, go about to collect or gather, or shall ask for, receive, or carry away any Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes (Ashes arising from the burning of Wood only excepted) from any House or other Premises within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of the Tower of London or City of London (except the Owner or Owners of such Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, who may remove the same for his and their own private Use only, and not for Sale), it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, or 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 or Offenders, together with the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made use of for carrying away the same, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him, her, or them, before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County; and such Justice or Justices shall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to examine upon Oath the Person or Persons apprehending such Offender or Offenders, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties shall be convicted of going about to collect or gather, asking for, receiving, or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes (except as aforesaid) from any House or other Premises within such Parts of the said Parish as aforesaid, not being the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees, or acting under his or their Authority, he, she, or they shall respectively, for the first Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings; for the second Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and for the Third and every other subsequent Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; one Moiety of such respective Penalties shall be paid to the

the Informer or Informers, or to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety thereof shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if such Offender or Offenders shall not, on Conviction, pay the said Penalty or Penalties, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to direct such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which shall have been so seized, to be appraised and sold, and after deducting (out of the Monies to arise by such Sale) the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reasonable Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, the Overplus thereof shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Horses or other Things shall be appraised and sold; and in case there shall have been no such Seizure as aforesaid, or if the Horses, Asses, Cattle, or other Things which shall be so appraised and sold, shall not produce a sufficient Sum of Money to pay the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences, then if such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon Conviction, pay the said Penalty or Penalties, or such Part or Parts of the said Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences which shall remain, over and above the Produce of the Horses, Asses, Cattle, and other Things so seized and sold, then such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days nor less than Ten Days, unless such Penalty or Penalties shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

XLII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in case such Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid, shall neglect, for the Space of Fourteen Days, to bring or cause to be brought Carts or other proper Carriages into all the Squares, Streets, and other Places as aforesaid, where such Carriages can pass, and give Notice, in Manner aforesaid, to the Inhabitants of their coming, for the Purpose of taking away such Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, and give the like Notice in every Court, Alley, or Place into which the said Carts and Carriages cannot pass, that then it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of such of the said Squares, Streets, and other Places, to give away or sell their Dust, Dirt, Filth, Cinders, or Ashes, to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and that such Person or Persons who shall take and carry away the said Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, shall not be subject or liable to any Penalty or Penalties for so doing, until some other Person shall be appointed to collect such Dust, Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes, or until a new Contract shall be entered into for that Purpose; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

If Contractor neglect to take away Dust, &c. for Fourteen Days, any other Person to be at Liberty to take it.

XLIII. And whereas the Holes, Tunnels, Trap Doors, or Cellar Flaps made in the Pavement of the Squares, Streets, and other Places in the said Parish, for the Purpose of putting down Coals, Casks, and other Things in the Vaults beneath, are often left open and insecure, by reason whereof many Accidents happen; Be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall leave open any such Hole, Tunnel, Trap Door, or Cellar Flap, save and except during such Time as any Coals, Wood, Casks, or other Things shall be putting down or taking out of the same, or during such Time as the same be altering, repairing, or amending, or shall not safely secure and cover up the same,

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the Owner or Occupier of the Premises to which such Hole, Tunnel, Trap Door or Cellar Flap shall belong, shall, for every such Offence, on being duly convicted thereof, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

For provid-
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XLIV. And for the better lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places in such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties of the Tower of *London* or City of *London*; be it further enacted, That it be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time, to cause such and so many Lamps to be set up in such Places within such Part of the said Parish aforesaid, and to be placed in such Manner, and at such Distances, as they shall judge necessary, and may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for such Lamps, or may find and provide the same if they shall think fit; and also may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for the lighting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing such Lamps, or the said Trustees may find and provide any Oil, Cotton, Burners, or any other Materials for the lighting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing the same, so that the same shall be lighted at Sun-setting, and continue burning until Sun-rising, for and during such Time as the said Lamps shall be ordered or contracted for to be lighted in each Year, in which Contract or Contracts such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures may be inflicted on any Person or Persons, for all and every the Neglects and Defaults of such Contractor or Contractors, as may be agreed on at the Time of entering into such Contract or Contracts, for the Breach or Nonperformance of the same; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time, to deduct the Amount of such Fines or Forfeitures from the Money or Monies which may, from Time to Time, become due to such Contractor or Contractors; any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Lamp Irons
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XLV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order and direct Lamp Irons to be put or affixed against the Walls of all or any of the several Houses or Tenements within the Limits aforesaid, or into, upon, or against the Rails before the Area of such Houses or Tenements, or in such Manner and in such other Place as the said Trustees shall think proper and convenient; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully take away, break, throw down, or damage any Lamp that shall be set up for the Purpose of lighting any of the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages and Places, or shall wilfully extinguish the Lights within the same, or throw down or damage the Irons or other Furniture thereof, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders, or to or for any Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall see such Offence committed, to seize, as also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing, the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey and deliver him, her, or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and such Justice or Justices shall examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence (which Oath the said Justice or Justices

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is and are hereby authorized and required to administer); and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of any such Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confession, or upon such Information or Evidence as aforesaid, he, she, or they so convicted, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for each Lamp or Lamp Iron so broken down and damaged, and for every Light so extinguished as aforesaid, and moreover shall make full Satisfaction to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, for the Damage so by him, her, or them done as aforesaid; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, on Conviction, pay such Forfeiture, and make such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required to commit him, her, or them to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid and given.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons carelessly or accidentally shall break, throw down, or damage any Lamp or Lamps hung out or set up by Order of the said Trustees, or the Irons aforesaid, or other Furniture thereof, and shall not immediately, upon Demand, make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, upon Complaint to him made, to summon before him the Party or Parties who shall be complained of for doing such Damage as aforesaid, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or upon the Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained of, no sufficient Ground being stated for such Non-appearance, to award such Sum or Sums of Money, by way of Satisfaction, to the Owner of such Lamp or Lamps, or to the said Trustees, as the Case may be, for such Damages, as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums of Money so awarded, within Ten Days after Demand, to cause the same to be levied and applied as Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures are by this Act herein directed to be levied and applied.

Persons accidentally damaging Lamps, &c. to make Satisfaction.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required to appoint what Number of Beadles and Watchmen they shall judge necessary or proper, to be kept within such Part of the said Parish as aforesaid, for each Year, and nominate and elect such honest and able-bodied Men to be employed in that Service, as they shall think best qualified for the same, and likewise shall direct and appoint in Writing, where the several Watchmen shall be stationed, and in what Manner they shall be armed, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue on Duty, and what Wages shall be allowed to such Beadles and Watchmen for their Attendance; and also shall order and direct what Number of Headboroughs shall attend every Night at the Watchhouse; and shall make such Orders and Regulations, in Writing, as the Nature of each particular Service shall appear to them to require: Provided always, that if upon any Occasion the said Trustees shall think necessary to employ a greater Number of Watchmen, than shall have been ascertained and fixed upon by the said Trustees as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees at any Time to appoint and employ such additional Number of Watchmen, and for such Time as they shall think

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Copies of Regulations for Watchmen to be delivered to the Constable.

XLVIII. 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 of the Beadles and Watchmen, shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and be delivered to the Constable and Headboroughs for the Time being, within the said Parish, who shall attend every Night by Turns, and shall keep Watch and Ward within the said Parish, for such respective Time and in such Manner as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the said Trustees; and the said Constable, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Watchmen, shall in their several Turns and Course of Watching, use their best Endeavour 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 wandering and misbehaving themselves, and shall carry them, so 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 meantime; and the said Headboroughs shall, so often in every Night as they shall be ordered by the said Trustees, go about their respective Districts and Rounds to take Notice whether all the Watchmen perform their Duty in their several Stations, according to such Orders and Regulations as shall be made for that Purpose by the said Trustees; and in case any Watchman shall misbehave himself, or neglect his Duty, the said Constable, Headboroughs, or Beadles, shall as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, or to some or one of them, who is or are hereby authorized to suspend such 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 assembled at such Meeting with the Complaint against such Watchman, in order for the said Trustees to proceed to the Examination of the Offence, and the said Trustees may reinstate or finally dismiss such Watchman at their Discretion; and further, that every such Watchman shall be subject and liable to a Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for each Neglect or Misbehaviour.

Penalty on Headboroughs and Beadles neglecting their Duty.

XLIX. 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, or shall not come 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 or 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, on being duly convicted thereof, forfeit and pay for every such Neglect or Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to build and keep in Repair, or cause to be built and kept in Repair, any Number of WatchBoxes, within such Parts of the said Parish as aforesaid, as they shall from Time to Time judge proper; and all Expences of building and keeping in repair the same, shall be paid out of the Money to be raised for watching, lighting, and cleansing the said Parish; and if any Person or Persons shall take down or remove any such Watch Box belonging to the said Parish without the Consent of the said Trustees, or shall wilfully break or damage any such Watch Box, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Trustees may build Watch Boxes.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar, shall knowingly and wilfully harbour or entertain any Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman belonging to the said Parish, or permit or suffer any such Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman to remain in such his or her Public House or Cellar during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty as aforesaid, every such Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar shall, for the first Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Victuallers not to suffer Watchmen, &c. to be in their Houses during the Hours of Duty.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall annually meet together in the Vestry Room of the said Parish on the First Day of *June* or within Fourteen Days thereafter; and they the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall then settle and ascertain the several Sum and Sums of Money respectively necessary to be raised in the ensuing Year, for the Relief, Maintenance, Regulation, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and also for paying such annual Composition Money to the Trustees for executing an Act made and passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for continuing the Term, and altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act, passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, for amending and keeping in Repair the Road, from *Whitechapel* Church, in the County of *Middlesex*, to *Shenfield*, and the furthest Part of the Parish of *Woodford*, and other Places in the County of *Essex*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and also for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and Open Passages, Ways, and Places, and regulating and keeping a nightly Watch; and also for repairing the Highways within such Parts of the said Parish of *Saint Mary Matfelon* otherwise *Whitechapel*, in the County of *Middlesex*, as are not within the Liberties of His Majesty's Tower of *London* and City of *London*; and also for defraying the Expences of the Repairs in and about the Parish Church, and Payment of the several Annuities charged and to be charged thereon, as to the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall seem reasonable and sufficient.

Trustees to ascertain Rates necessary to be made for the several Purposes of this Act.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish of *Saint Mary Matfelon* otherwise *Whitechapel*, qualified as aforesaid, shall assemble and meet together in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, within Fourteen Days next after the said several

The Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen to make Rates.

ral Sums of Money shall have been ascertained as is before mentioned; and the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, qualified as aforesaid, or any Nine or more of them, so assembled, shall and they are hereby required to make and sign Three distinct Rates or Assessments, not exceeding the Amount of the respective Sums so settled and ascertained, upon all and every the Person and Persons who do and shall inhabit, hold, occupy, possess, or enjoy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament; (that is to say), one Rate or Assessment for the Relief, Maintenance, Regulation, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, and also for paying such Composition Money as now is or hereafter shall become due to the Trustees for executing the said Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty; one other Rate or Assessment for defraying the Expences of the Repairs of the said Parish Church, and for Payment of the several Annuitants charged or to be charged thereon; and one other Rate or Assessment for cleansing and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, Yards, and other open Passages, Ways, and Places, and regulating a nightly Watch, and repairing the Highways within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the said Liberties of His Majesty's Tower of London and City of London; such last-mentioned Rate to be a Pound Rate upon or according to the annual Rent or Value of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as shall be held or occupied within such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the said Liberties, provided that the same does not exceed in any one Year the Sum of One Shilling and Three-pence in the Pound upon such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

LIV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, qualified as aforesaid, shall think it necessary and proper, that the Two first-mentioned Rates for the Relief of the Poor and Repairs of the Church should also be equal Pound Rates, it shall be lawful for the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, at any Meeting or Vestry to be held in pursuance and according to the Directions of this Act, to order the said Two Rates to be equal Pound Rates; the ancient Custom of the said Parish, or any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

LV. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen of the said Parish, shall neglect or refuse to assemble or meet together within the Time before limited, and make such Rates in Manner aforesaid, or any or either of them, then and as often as it shall so happen, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Nine or more of them, to assemble and meet together, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, or such other proper Place therein as they shall for that Purpose appoint, (Notice thereof having been first given by Order of the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, on the next preceding Sunday, in the said Parish Church, or otherwise as herein is directed in case of the said Church being shut up for Repair, immediately after Divine Service in the Morning), and then and there make and sign such Rates, or such of them as the said Rector, Churchwardens,

If the Vestry neglect to make the Rates the Trustees to do it.

wardens, Overseers, and Vestrymen, shall have neglected or refused to make as aforesaid.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Rate or Assessment so to be made and signed by the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, or by the said Trustees, in Manner aforesaid, for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, shall be allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the County of *Middlesex*, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Liberty of the Tower of *London*, and Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the Liberty of the City of *London*; and Notice thereof shall be given in the said Parish Church (or in case the said Church shall be shut up for Repairs, or otherwise as aforesaid, in some adjoining Church) the *Sunday* next after the same shall be allowed.

Rates to be allowed by the Justices.

LVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Rate or Assessment so made and signed by the said Trustees, and allowed by the Justices as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken as good, valid, and effectual, and shall and may be recovered, collected, raised, and levied in such Manner, as if the same had been made and signed by the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, assembled and met in Vestry as aforesaid.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Omission of the Name of any Person liable to be rated for any of the Purposes of this Act shall appear to the said Trustees, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to cause to be added to the said Rate the Name of the Person omitted, and a Description of the Property for which he or she ought to be rated; and every such Addition made to any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual in the Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Name of such Person, and a Description of such his or her Property, had been inserted in the original Rate at the Time the same was first made out.

Trustees may rectify Omissions in the Rates.

LIX. And, in order to enable the said Vestry to make and ascertain the said Rates with the greater Equality and Exactness; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time, as often as they shall find necessary, to employ any Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Person, to assist in making and ascertaining the said several Rates, or any of them, and to pay such Sum or Sums of Money to every such Surveyor or other Person for his Trouble therein, as to the said Trustees shall appear just and reasonable, out of any Money arising by such of the said Rates as the said Trustees shall think proper.

Trustees may employ Persons to assist in making Rates.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Rates and Assessments so made and assessed as aforesaid, for the Relief, Maintenance, Regulation, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, shall be received, collected, levied, and recovered in such and the same Manner as Rates and Assessments made for the Relief of the Poor are directed to be levied and recovered by the said Act passed in the Forty-third Year of her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, or by any subsequent Act or Acts relating to the Relief of the Poor; and such said several Methods of levying and recovering the said Rates or Assessments for the Relief, Maintenance,

Manner of collecting Poor and Church Rates.

tenance, and Employment of the Poor, shall and they are hereby declared to be the legal Methods of enforcing the Rates or Assessments directed to be made in pursuance of the said Act for the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor of the said Parish, as fully and effectually as if such Ways and Methods were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act; and the Rates hereby authorized to be made, from Time to Time, to defray the Expences of the Repairs in and about the said Parish Church, and for Payment of the Annuities charged or to be charged on the said Rates, shall be collected by the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, or one of them.

Church-wardens and Overseers to account to the Trustees.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the 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 hereby required, Monthly, or as often as ordered by the said Trustees or any Seven 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, and Repairs in and about the said Church respectively, into the Hands of the said Treasurer or Treasurers, and shall also make up and render to the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, as often as thereunto required, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts, in Writing, of all and every Sum and 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 Sums of Money so by them collected and remaining in their Hands to the said Treasurer or Treasurers in Manner aforesaid; and if the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them, shall refuse or neglect to collect such said 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 aforesaid, then and in each of the said Cases, it shall be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, or Liberty of the Tower of *London*, on Complaint made to them by any Three or more of the said Trustees, or any Three or more of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, and Proof thereof by the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses 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, until he or they shall consent and agree duly to collect such Rates or Assessments, or have made, rendered, 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 to be rendered as aforesaid, shall appear to be and remain in his or their Hands, or until he or they shall compound for or otherwise satisfy the said Trustees touching the Monies in his or their Hands, as the Balance of such Accounts respectively; which Composition the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby empowered to make.

For appointing Collectors.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall Yearly and every Year appoint any Number of Persons, not exceeding Fourteen substantial

stantial 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, watching, and repairing the Highways within such Parts of the said Parish as do not lie within the Liberties aforesaid; and in case any Person or Persons so appointed shall refuse or neglect, within Six 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 or Persons shall, for every such Offence or Neglect, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons so rated and assessed, shall neglect or refuse to pay such Rate or Assessment for the Space of Fourteen Days after Demand thereof made, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting and refusing to pay, rendering the Overplus (if any) after the reasonable Charges of making such Distress and Sale and all Costs and Charges relating thereto are first deducted, to the Owner or Owners thereof; and in case no such Goods and Chattels can be found to be so distrained, or in case such Goods and Chattels shall be locked up or 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 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 Term not exceeding the Space of One Calendar Month, or until Payment of such Rate or Assessment, and the reasonable Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall be obliged to serve the said Office of Collector, who has served the Office of Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, nor to serve the Office of Collector oftener than once.

Manner of recovering Watch, &c. Rate.

LXIV. Provided always, That in case any Person or Persons who shall be rated to or liable to pay the Rates or Assessments which shall be made under and by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same (after the same shall have been demanded by the Overseer or Collector authorized to receive the same), and shall, in consequence of such Default, be summoned to appear before Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, or Liberty of the Tower of *London*, to answer the same, and shall either neglect to appear according to such Summons, or on appearing shall not shew any good or sufficient Cause why he, she, or they should not pay the Sum or Sums of Money so on him, her, or them respectively rated and assessed, every such Person or Persons shall pay to such Overseer or Collector, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, the Sum of One Shilling for making out and serving each and every such Summons on him, her, or them (over and besides the Charges and Expences of making and keeping any Distress as aforesaid), to be sued for and recovered in Manner directed by this Act in the Court of Requests for the *Tower Hamlets*.

Defaulters to pay for Summons.

LXV. And

Trustees may if they think proper appoint Collectors, and allow them a Compensation.

Collectors to account.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, if they shall think proper, by and with the Consent of the Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Vestrymen, at some public Vestry to be held pursuant to this Act, appoint such Number of Persons as they shall think necessary, being substantial Householders and Inhabitants of the said Parish, to be Collectors of the several Rates to be made by virtue of this Act (the Church Rate only excepted), and may from Time to Time remove such Collectors, or any of them, whenever they shall think proper, and appoint others in the Room of such as shall be so removed, or as shall die, and make such Allowance by the Way of Poundage to the said Collectors, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound on the Monies actually collected, for their Trouble in the Collection of the Rates aforesaid, as to the said Trustees shall seem meet and reasonable; and shall take such Security from every such Collector, either annually or otherwise, for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, as to the said Trustees shall appear proper and sufficient; and the Demands made by such Collector or Collectors, as may be so appointed as last aforesaid, of all or any Part or Parts of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made for the Relief, Maintenance, Regulation, and Employment of the Poor, shall be deemed and considered as legal Demands, in the same Manner as if the same were made by the Overseers of the Poor for the Time being; and such Collector or Collectors shall have the Benefit of all Laws to which Overseers of the Poor are entitled for the Recovery thereof; and all such Collectors so to be appointed as aforesaid, in either Case, with or without Allowance, shall under their Hands, at such Time and Times as the said Trustees shall direct, deliver to such Trustees, or such other Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all such Money as shall have been by such Collector or Collectors respectively recovered by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their respective Hands to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and all such Collectors, so accounting as aforesaid, shall upon Oath, if thereunto required, verify their said Accounts at any Meeting of the said Trustees; and if any such Collector or Collectors shall not make and render to the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, when thereunto required, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by any Seven or more of the said Trustees, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of any such Collector or Collectors, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in his or their respective Hands, to the said Trustees, or as they shall direct and appoint, then and in either or any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Trustees may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any

any Action or Actions, in Manner directed by this Act, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Collector or Collectors so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies which shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors respectively, with Costs of Suit; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Trustees or any Three or more of them, or by any Person or Persons whom they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* or Liberty of the Tower of *London*, such Justice or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under his and their Hands and Seals, to cause the Collector or Collectors so refusing or neglecting to be brought before him or them, and upon his or their appearing, or not being found, Oath being made thereof, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, which Oath such Justice or Justices are hereby empowered to administer, it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Monies that shall have been collected and raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Collector or Collectors against whom such Complaint shall so have been made, such Justice or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized, on Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Collector or Collectors offending in the Premises respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Collector or Collectors can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and Charges of distraining and selling the same; or in case it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, that any Books, Papers, or Writings, relative to the Execution of this Act, shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Collector or Collectors, and he or they shall refuse to deliver the same as aforesaid, then and in either of the said Cases such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall compound with the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them are empowered to make and accept), and until he or they shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Prosecution or Commitment of any Collector as aforesaid shall acquit or discharge any Surety or Security that shall or may have been taken by or given to the said Trustees for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, or the Payment of the Money to be received by him as aforesaid.

No Prosecution of any Collector to discharge his Sureties, &c.

LXVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no Person who shall be committed on account of his having no Goods or Chattels be detained

No Person to remain in Prison longer

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in Prison for any longer Time than Three Calendar Months, unless it shall appear by sufficient Evidence to the Justice or Justices so committing that the Person committed had at the Time of the Commitment any Book or Books, Paper or Papers, Writing or Writings, belonging to or relating to the Execution of this Act, in which Case the Person so committed shall remain in Prison until he or they shall deliver up, upon Oath, all and every such Books, Papers, and Writings.

Rates pay-
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ter Day.

LXVIII. 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 be lawful for the Overseers of the Poor, and so and for the Collector or Collectors appointed or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, to demand and receive the respective Rates and Assessments which would be due and payable on such Quarter Day, Twenty-one Days before every such Quarter Day, or at any other subsequent Time; and in case of Nonpayment thereof to enforce the Payment of such Rates and Assessments, in the same Manner and with the same Powers as in the Case of Nonpayment of such Rates and Assessments, upon or after the Quarter Day on which the same would have become due and payable.

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

LXIX. 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 Rates charged by virtue of this Act from such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and has frequently been evaded, so that much Loss has on that account been sustained by the said Parish; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where the yearly Rent or Value of any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall not exceed Twelve Pounds, or where the Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, and the Rents thereof shall become payable and collected at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees or any Seven or more of them (if they shall think proper) to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every of any such House and Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments in the said Parish, for Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, at such a reduced yearly Rental or Rate 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 the yearly Rent of Twelve Pounds, or as shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants 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 to, and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid, the several Rates or Assessments charged upon their respective Premises by virtue of this Act, unto the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, or Collectors for the Time being, who is and are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and receive 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, or collected by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that no such Landlord or Owner shall be charged with or liable to pay for any increased Rent reserved or made payable to him, for or on account of such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the several Rates and Assessments heretofore chargeable upon the Occupier; and where any House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall be let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all such Premises, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and shall be rated to, and pay the Rates or Assessments made by virtue of this Act, in respect of all such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments of which the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is or are hereby made subject or liable to pay and discharge as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof, which accrued and became due on the said Premises during the Time of their Occupancy only; and each and every such Occupier or Occupiers who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or upon whom the same shall be levied, shall and may from Time to Time deduct the same from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to the respective Landlord or Owners thereof (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between Landlord and Tenant); and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to such Tenant or Occupier, and to his, her, and their Landlord, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay in the Manner directed by this Act: Provided also, that no such Tenant or Occupier, by Payment of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, in Manner aforesaid, and which have been so compounded for as aforesaid by the Landlord or Owner thereof, shall or may be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Parish; but that such Landlord or Owner shall be deemed and construed to all Intents and Purposes to have paid the same; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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

Tenants not to gain Settlements.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Land, Tenement, or Hereditament, before the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, charged thereon respectively by virtue of this Act shall be paid and discharged; or if any Person or Persons shall enter into

Persons removing, and others succeeding them.

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

Arrears of Rates how to be recovered.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be in arrear for any Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, the Person or Persons hereby empowered to collect the same shall and may demand, and upon Refusal or Neglect to pay the same after such Demand levy such Arrears by Distress and Sale in Manner aforesaid; or in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or the Goods liable to such Distress are locked up or kept from the said Person or Persons authorized to collect the same, or removed to prevent the Distress, the Person or Persons so in arrear shall be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, in Manner as is herein-before directed in Cases of Neglect or Refusal to pay the Rates or Assessments as aforesaid.

Old Rates to be deemed good.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment made, and ordered and directed to be levied and collected by and under the Authority of the said recited Acts of the Third and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall and may be collected and levied by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and Collectors who were appointed to collect the same, by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as any of the Rates and Assessments are directed in and by this Act to be assessed, collected, and levied, until new Rates are made and assessed by virtue of this Act; and that the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor and Collectors do account for the respective Monies collected and received by them of such Rates, in the same Manner and under the like Pains, Penalties, and Methods for the Recovery thereof as the Persons to be appointed to collect any of the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Former Collectors to collect the same.

Goods may be followed into any other County.

LXXIV. And 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 of Money by him, her, or them respectively payable as aforesaid, shall and may be distrained in Manner aforesaid

faid, not only in the faid Parish of *Saint Mary Matfelon*, otherwise *White-chapel*, but in any other Place within the faid County of *Middlefex*; and if fufficient Distrefs cannot be found in the faid County, then, upon Oath thereof made before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of any other County, City, Liberty, or Place (which Oath fhall be certified under the Hand or Hands of the faid Justice or Justices on the Warrant granted to make fuch Distrefs), the Goods and Chattels of the faid Person or Perfons fo neglecting or refusing to pay, fhall be fubject and liable to fuch Distrefs and Sale in fuch other County, City, Liberty, or Place, where the fame fhall be found, and may, by virtue of fuch Warrant and Certificate, be diftrained in the fame Manner as if the fame had been found within the faid Parish of *Saint Mary Matfelon*, otherwise *White-chapel*.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That the faid Trustees fhall and may (if they fhall think proper), bring or caufe to be brought any Action or Actions of Debt, or fpecial Action on the Cafe, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminfter*, for all or any of the Rates or Affeffments which fhall be made or be due or payable under or by virtue of this Act or the faid recited Acts, or any Part thereof, and for all Arrears which fhall be due thereupon and unpaid, and for all and any of the Penalties or Forfeitures againft this or the faid recited Acts, or for all or any of the Fines fet or impofed thereby, in the Name of the Clerk or Clerks to the faid Trustees (as is herein-before directed), in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminfter*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Effoign, Protection, or Wager at Law, or more than one Imparlance, fhall be allowed; in which Action or Actions it fhall be fufficient for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to declare, that the Defendant or Defendants is or are indebted to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in the Sum of Ten Shillings, or fuch other Sum as the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs fhall fuppofe to be then due or forfeited, for fo much Money before then owing (forfeited Fine fet, as the Cafe may be) from or by the Defendant or Defendants to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs by this Act; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs fhall recover in any fuch Action, he or they fhall have full Cofts, to be levied and recovered in fuch Manner as other Monies upon Judgments are now by Law to be levied and recovered; and in cafe any fuch Rates or Affeffments, or any Arrears thereof, fhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings and be under Five Pounds, it fhall be lawful to fue for and recover the fame in the Name of the faid Clerk or Clerks, in the Court of Record within the Manors of *Stepney* and *Hackney*, in the County of *Middlefex*, and the Hamlets and Liberties of the fame; and in cafe the fame fhall be under the Sum of Forty Shillings, that then it fhall be lawful to fue for and recover the fame, in the Name of fuch Clerk or Clerks, in the Court of Requests for the *Tower Hamlets*, or in any other Court of Requests where the Person or Perfons, who by virtue of this Act fhall be liable to pay the fame, fhall then live or refide refpectively; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be raifed by the Rates and Affeffments in Manner aforefaid, fhall be iffued and applied for the refpective Ufes and Purpofes in and by this Act directed and defcribed, in fuch Manner as the faid Trustees fhall from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint; and in cafe the Money affeffed or collected

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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 and assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the Rates or Assessments for the next ensuing Year to be made for such respective Purpose; and in case there shall remain at the End of any one Year any Surplus of any or either of the said 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 for putting in Execution the Purposes of this Act respectively.

Manner of raising Money for the Purposes of this Act.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and required, to raise, by the granting and Sale of Life Annuities to any Person or Persons whose Age shall not be less than Forty Years, or by way of Loan upon Bonds, to be entered into or given by or by the Order and Direction of the said Trustees, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, to be applied in or towards the Costs, Charges, and Expences already incurred and to be incurred of the Repairs in and about the said Parish Church; and for the Purpose of maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor, and building a new Infirmary adjoining to the Workhouse of the said Parish, and repairing, enlarging, and improving the said Workhouse, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Three thousand five hundred Pounds; and for the several Purposes aforesaid, or any or either of them, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees any Sum or Sums of Money, either for the absolute Purchase of Annuities or by way of Loan; and such Annuities shall be paid and payable by the said Trustees, or their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, or some other Place in the said Parish as they or he shall appoint for that Purpose, Half-yearly, during the natural Life or Lives of the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives such Annuities shall be granted, and a proportional Part of each such Annuity shall be paid from the last Half-yearly Day of Payment thereof to the Day of the Death of such Annuitant, or his or her *Cestui que Vie*; and the Interest of the Money so to be borrowed on Bond as aforesaid shall be paid and payable by the said Trustees, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, at or in the same Place or Places, unto the Persons advancing the same, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by equal Half-yearly Portions or Payments, until the Principal of the Money so borrowed shall be repaid, from or out of the respective Rates to be made as aforesaid, on the Credit of which such Money may be borrowed.

Manner of paying off Bonds.

LXXVIII. And in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Persons who may advance or lend any Money by Bond upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments to be made under this Act; be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall cause the Number of all the Bonds in force (of which one or more shall be intended to be paid off) to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers shall be rolled up in such Manner, as nearly as may be, and put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the said Bonds shall be drawn separately out of such Box or Wheel by the Clerk to the Trustees for the Time being, in the Presence of the said Trustees, at some or one of their Meetings; and such Bonds shall be paid off and discharged according to the

the Rotation in which the Numbers thereof shall be drawn at every such Ballot, beginning with the first, and proceeding progressively to the second, third, fourth, fifth, and every other Number drawn, as far as the Monies then in the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees will extend to pay; and after every such Ballot the said Trustees shall cause Notice, signed by their Clerk or Clerks, to be given or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off pursuant to such Ballot, signifying to such Creditor or Creditors that at the End of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving or leaving such Notice, the said Trustees intend to pay such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be expressed in such Notice, and the Interest due thereon, at a Place therein also to be mentioned; and the Interest of the Principal Money so to be paid off shall, from and after the End of the said Six Calendar Months, cease and be no longer payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice, and not paid; but the Principal Money, in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest due at the Expiration of such Notice, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Annuity and Annuities to be granted and secured under or by virtue of this Act, shall be so granted by a Writing on Parchment or Vellum, and shall be executed by the said Trustees, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say, Form of Securities.

‘ WE, Seven of the Trustees appointed by or in pursuance of an Act Form of the Grant of Annuity.
 ‘ passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of King George the
 ‘ Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in Consideration
 ‘ of the Sum of _____ paid by *A. B.* to *C. D.* the Treasurer
 ‘ appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said
 ‘ *A. B.* an Annuity or yearly Sum of _____ to be paid out of
 ‘ the Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of
 ‘ the said Act for the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor
 ‘ of the said Parish, [*or, as the Case may be, for raising Money for re-*
 ‘ pairing the Church of the said Parish] which Annuity or yearly Sum
 ‘ of _____ shall be paid to the said *A. B.* or his [*or, her*]
 ‘ Assigns, during the Term of his [*or, her*] natural Life [*or, as the Case*
 ‘ *may be, to the said A. B. his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns,*
 ‘ during the natural Life of *C. D.*] upon the _____ Day of
 ‘ _____ and the _____ Day of
 ‘ in every Year, by equal Half-yearly Payments, and up to the Day of
 ‘ the Death of the said *A. B.* [*or, C. D. as the Case may be.*] In
 ‘ witness whereof we the said Trustees have hereunto set our Hands and
 ‘ Seals, the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of
 ‘ our Lord _____

And also, that all and every the Sum or Sums of Money to be advanced, lent, and paid to or to the Order of the said Trustees, upon the Credit of this Act, on Bond Security, shall be secured by a Bond written on Parchment or Vellum, under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees; and every such Bond shall be signed in the Margin thereof by Seven or more of the said Trustees, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say,

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KNOW all Men by these Presents, That the Trustees appointed by
and acting under an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the
Reign of King George the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of
this Act*] and their Successors, are held and firmly bound to
in the Sum of to be paid to him [*or, her*] the
said or to his [*or, her*] certain Attorney, Executors,
Administrators, or Assigns. In witness whereof the Clerk,
or one of the Clerks of the said Trustees, and by their Order, hath
hereunto set his Hand and Seal, this of
in the Year of our Lord
Executed in the Presence of, and
signed by the Order of us, the
undersigned Trustees.

The Condition of the above-written Obligation is such, that if the above-
named his, [*or, her*] Executors, Administrators,
or Assigns, shall, under and according to the true Intent and Meaning
of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament, be well and truly paid the
full and just Sum of this Day advanced and lent by
him [*or, her*] the said upon the Credit of the said Act,
together with Interest for such Sum of
whilst the same shall remain unpaid, after the Rate of *per Centum*
per Annum, by equal Half-yearly Portions or Payments, then this Ob-
ligation to be void.

Signed and sealed,
in the Presence of

All which Grants or Securities shall be and are hereby declared to be
good, valid, and effectual, according to the Purport, true Intent and
Meaning thereof respectively; and all and every the Annuities and An-
nuity so to be purchased and secured, under and by virtue of this Act as
aforesaid, and all and every the Sum and Sums of Money to be borrowed
and taken upon Bond upon the Credit of this Act, and the Interest thereof,
shall be and the same are and is hereby charged upon and made payable,
from Time to Time, out of the Monies arising by or from the Rates
or Assessments by this Act directed to be made, for the respective Pur-
poses to which the same relates; and all and every the Contributor or
Contributors, or Lender or Lenders of any Money upon the Credit of the
said Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for any such
Annuities or Annuity, or otherwise advancing or lending any Money as
aforesaid, or such Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or
their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have, receive,
take, and enjoy, and be entitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive,
take, and enjoy the respective Annuities or Annuity so to be purchased,
and the Principal and Interest of the other Monies so to be advanced and
secured as aforesaid, out of the said Rates or Assessments by this Act appro-
priated or appointed for the Payment thereof; and all and every Pur-
chaser or Purchasers of such Annuity or Annuities, and other Person or
Persons so advancing Money as aforesaid, and his and their respective Exe-
cutors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have a good, sure, perfect, abso-
lute, and indefeasible Estate, Right, and Interest in and to the said An-
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nuitiés so to be by them respectively purchased, and in and to the said other Monies so to be advanced as aforesaid, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and it shall not be necessary, in order to render valid the Grant of such Annuity or Annuities, to enrol a Memorial thereof, pursuant to the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for registering the Grants of Life Annuities, and for the better Protection of Infants against such Grants.*

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, to whom any such Annuity or Annuities shall be so granted and secured as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Indorsement on his or their respective Securities, and executed in the Presence of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, or the officiating Clergyman of the Parish or Place where the Party making such Assignment shall reside at the Time of making such Assignment, assign or transfer his or their Right to the Annuities thereby respectively secured, in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say:

‘ I Do hereby transfer the within-written Security, and the Annuities
 ‘ [or, Annuity] thereby granted or secured, unto
 ‘ Executors, Administrators, or Assigns [or, as the Case may be]. Witness
 ‘ my Hand and Seal, this Day of in the Year
 ‘ of our Lord

Form of Assignment.

Form of Transfer of Grant of Annuity.

‘ Witness

And the Lender or Lenders of such other Monies as aforesaid, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall and may, by Assignment under their respective Hands and Seals attested as aforesaid, and to be indorsed on their respective Bonds, also assign and transfer any of such Bonds, and the Monies thereby respectively secured, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, in the Words or to the Effect following;
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‘ I Do hereby transfer the within Bond, with all my Right and Title to
 ‘ the Principal and Interest thereby secured, unto
 ‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand and Seal,
 ‘ this Day of in the Year of our Lord
 ‘ Witness

Form of Transfer of the Bond.

All which Assignments or Transfers respectively shall be produced and notified to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, within Six Calendar Months after the Date thereof, who shall cause an Entry of such Transfers or Assignments to be made in the Book or Books hereinafter directed to be kept for entering the said Annuities or Securities, containing the Dates, Names of Parties, and the Sums of Money or Annuities therein mentioned to be assigned and transferred, for which the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings and no more; and after such Entry shall be made, every such Assignment and Transfer shall be deemed to pass the legal Property of and in such Annuity

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or Security as shall be thereby assigned, and entitle such Assignee, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the full Benefit thereof; and such Assignee may, in like Manner, assign and transfer again, and so *toties quoties*.

No Annuity to be paid or recoverable unless a proper Certificate be produced.

LXXXI. Provided always, That no Annuity to be granted and secured under this Act, shall be paid and recoverable, unless upon the Demand of each Half-yearly Payment thereof, the Person for whose Life the same shall have been so granted and secured, shall personally appear before the Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, to whom the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Annuity or Annuities shall then produce or cause to be produced the original Security or Securities for the same; or, in case of his or her Non-appearance, the Person or Persons entitled to advance such Annuity, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, shall produce such Security or Securities, and a Certificate to the said Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks of the Life of such *Cestui que Vie*, signed by the officiating Minister of the Parish wherein he or she shall be residing upon the Day when such Annuity became due, or such other Evidence as shall be satisfactory to the said Trustees, if such *Cestui que Vie* shall be then in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*; and in case such *Cestui que Vie* shall not be within the said United Kingdom, then such other good and sufficient Proof of his or her being living, upon the Day when each Half-yearly Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities shall respectively become due, shall be produced to the said Treasurer or Clerk or Clerks as shall be satisfactory to the said Trustees.

Names of Annuitants and Bond Creditors to be entered in a Book.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept by the said Trustees, in the Office of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly written, in Words at length, the Names and proper Additions of all such Persons who shall be the Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, and of all Persons who have lent any Money on the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments; to which Book or Books it shall be lawful for the said respective Purchasers, or Persons lending any Money on the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and to and for every Person or Persons who shall be liable to pay any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, from Time to Time and at all seasonable Times to have Recourse, and to inspect the same without Fee or Reward.

Old Securities to be good.

LXXXIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That all Grants of Annuities, Bonds, and other Securities, and all Payments or Orders for the Payment of Monies made or granted by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Act of the Third Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, shall be as good, valid, binding, and effectual in Law, as if the said recited Act had not been repealed; and all and every Sum and Sums of Money due and owing to or from the said Trustees, acting by virtue of the said recited Act, shall and may be recovered by and from the Trustees acting by virtue of this Act, by such Ways and Means, and in such and the like Manner, as any Sum and Sums of Money due and owing

to or from the Trustees acting by virtue of this Act, can or may be recovered.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That previous to the raising any Money in Manner aforesaid, or entering into any Contract for the Purposes of this Act, Seven Days Notice at the least of the Meeting to be held for that Purpose, shall be given in one or more of the public Newspapers printed and circulated in the said County, or in the City of *London*, expressing the Manner and Intention of raising such Money, or the Intention of such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to contribute or advance any Sum or Sums of Money as aforesaid, or willing to undertake such Contracts, may make Proposals for that Purpose in Writing, to be offered and presented to the said Trustees, at a certain Time and Place in such Notice to be mentioned.

Notice to be given previous to raising Money or making Contracts.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Parish shall be disqualified from giving Evidence in any Action, Suit, Complaint, Prosecution, or Proceeding, to be had, conducted, made, prosecuted, or carried on under the Authority of this Act, by reason of his or her being charged with or liable to pay any Rate or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed and incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method has herein been directed) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant [under the Hand and Seal of one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, or Liberty of the *Tower of London*, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered and required to issue, upon Proof of the Offences respectively, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered and required to administer) and the Overplus of the Money, if any, arising by such Distress and Sale, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, as are not herein directed to be otherwise applied, be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees, to be applied by him or 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 or Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of and for the said County of *Middlesex*, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

The Mode of Recovery and Application of Penalties and Forfeitures.

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

Form of Conviction of Offenders.

or Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made by virtue of this Act, such Person or Persons may complain to the said Trustees, at any Meeting to be holden within Two Calendar Months next after the Payment of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall have been demanded; and such Trustees 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 shall neglect to complain to them at any such Meeting within the Time aforesaid, that then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons to appeal to Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* (or for the Liberty of the Tower of *London*, Appeal to Two Justices. for so much of the Rates or Assessments as are to be collected in the said Liberty) who shall have Power, and they are hereby authorized, at a Petty Session to be held for that Purpose, to hear and determine the said Complaint or Complaints, and if they see just Cause, to order the Person or Persons so appealing to be relieved, in such Manner as they shall think proper; and in case any such Person or Persons so appealing as aforesaid, shall be dissatisfied with such Determination, he, she, or they shall be obliged to pay such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and then he, she, or they may further appeal to the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Middlesex*, or Liberty of the Tower of *London*, which shall happen next after the Expiration of Twenty-one Days from the said Determination of such Justices; and if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved (otherwise than by such Rate or Assessment, or Rates or Assessments) by reason of any Judgment, Conviction, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in Execution of this Act, or by Reason of any of the Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the said Trustees by this Act authorized to be made, for the better governing, employing, and regulating the Poor, or any Confirmation thereof in public Vestry, he, she, or they may also appeal to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County or Liberty, which shall happen next after the Expiration of Fourteen Days after such Judgment, Conviction, or Determination; in every or either of such Case, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Eight 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 or Clerks to the said Trustees, and within Two Days after such Notice, entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, with Two Sureties in the Sum of Ten Pounds each, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County or Liberty, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide the Order of, 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 Cause and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Satisfaction and Costs to the Party or Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive. General Appeal to Sessions.

Limitation
of Actions.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done or to be done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cause of such Action shall have arisen; and every such Action shall be brought and laid in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit, shall and may plead at his, her, or their Election, specially or the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance or by the Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of such Action or Suit, it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought or laid in any other County than as aforesaid, then and in every of the said Cases the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in all Cases where a Verdict shall be found for any Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein shall discontinue the same after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared thereto, or shall be nonsuited; or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have such and the like Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants have or hath for recovering Costs of Suit in any other Cases by Law.

For giving
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XCIII. 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 the said Act or any of the Powers thereof, or for any other Purpose relating to the said Parish (other than and except Meetings by Adjournment) unless public Notice be first given in the Church of the said Parish, (or in the Church of any adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church of *Saint Mary Matfelon*, otherwise *Whitechapel*, shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause) immediately after Divine Service, on the *Sunday* next preceding such intended Meeting, such Notice being by Order of Two of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, or any Three or more of the Vestrymen of the said Parish.

Expences of
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be paid.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences and Remunerations incident to or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed, as follows, *videlicet*; one-third Part thereof out of the Monies to be taken upon the Credit of this Act for repairing the said Parish Church; one other third Part thereof out of the Monies to be raised for the Relief, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor; and the remaining third Part thereof out of the Rates

Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected, for watching, lighting, and cleaning such Parts of the said Parish as are not within the Liberties aforesaid.

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

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