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Cap. 84.

An Act for better paving and lighting, for establishing a Nightly Watch, for regulating the Poor, and recovering the Poor Rates within the Liberty of the *Rolls* in the County of *Middlesex*.

[18th May 1810.]

WHEREAS the establishing, well ordering, and regulating a proper and sufficient uniform Nightly Watch and Beadles, within the Liberty of the *Rolls*, in the County of *Middlesex*, would be beneficial; And whereas by the Laws now in being no effectual Provision is made for the establishing, ordering, and well governing such Nightly Watch and Beadles, or for raising Monies to defray the Expences thereof: And whereas it would prevent much Inconvenience if such Persons as may hereafter be appointed as Deputy Constables and Headboroughs of the said Liberty were to be approved by a General Meeting of the ancient Inhabitant Householdors of the said Liberty, having served the Offices of Overseer of the Poor and Constable within the said Liberty, or fined for the same, assembled for that Purpose; 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 upon the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *October* One thousand eight hundred and ten, or within Ten Days after, and on the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of

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Meeting of Inhabitants rated to Poor Rates.

October in every Year ensuing, or within Ten Days next after, the Inhabitant Householders respectively rated to and paying Poor Rates within the said Liberty of the *Rolls* shall meet in the Committee Room in the present Workhouse of the said Liberty, or in some other convenient Place within the said Liberty, due Notice thereof being first given in the Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan in the West*, in the City of *London* (to which the said Liberty of the *Rolls* is for ecclesiastical Purposes attached), the *Sunday* next before every such Meeting, and which Notice the Overseers of the Poor for the said Liberty for the Time being are hereby authorized and required to give, and the officiating Clerk for the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan in the West* is required to read accordingly, and then and there shall, by the Majority of the Inhabitants present at such Meeting, nominate and appoint Nineteen substantial Inhabitants Householders resident in the said Liberty, to be (together with the Two Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty for the Time being), Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch and Beadles in the said Liberty, until the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *October* then next following; and they the said Directors and Governors so elected as aforesaid, or any Seven or more of them, shall within Ten Days next after such Nomination and Appointment, meet in the said Committee Room, or such other suitable and convenient Place within the said Liberty as aforesaid, and shall then and there set down and appoint what Number of Watchmen and Patroles they shall judge necessary and proper to be employed within the said Liberty until the next General Annual Meeting to be holden by virtue of this Act for the like Purpose, and shall nominate and appoint as well such honest and able bodied Men to be employed in that Service as they shall think best qualified for the same, proportionable to the Extent of the said Liberty, and also One fitting Person to be Beadle of the said Liberty; and shall then and there set down in Writing at what Places or Stands the said several Watchmen and Patroles shall be placed, in what Manner, and how often, they shall go their Rounds, and how they shall be armed, and how long they shall respectively watch and patrole; and shall also direct and set down in Writing what Wages and Allowances shall be given and paid to the said Watchmen and Patroles and Beadles respectively for their Attendance and Duty, and all such other Orders and Regulations as the Nature of each particular Service shall seem to them to require.

Directors and
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Wages of the
Watchmen
and Patroles.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Wages of every Watchman employed to patrole within the said Liberty shall not be less than Two Shillings per Night during such Time as he shall be employed; and that the Wages of every Watchman who shall be appointed to a Stand or Beat, shall not be less than Twenty-seven Pounds in every Year, and that the Wages of any such Watchman shall not be more than Four Weeks in Arrear at one Time; and that the said Directors and Governors so to be elected as aforesaid shall and they are hereby required and directed to assemble and meet together on the Second *Wednesday* in every Month throughout the Year, between the Hours of Five and Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon, and also at such other Times as they may judge necessary and expedient for the carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, either by Adjournment or upon Summons; and at any of such Meetings it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and Governors, or the major Part of them who shall be then present, not being less than Seven in the Whole, to discharge or remove any one or more

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more of the said Watchmen or Patroles who shall have been so appointed as aforesaid who shall have been negligent in his or their Duty, or who shall have been guilty of Misbehaviour, and to nominate and appoint One or more Person or Persons fitly qualified in the Room or Stead of such Watchman or Patrole so negligent or misbehaving, and in the Room or Stead of any One or more of such Watchmen and Patroles who shall or may die or be incapacitated from continuing, or decline to continue (to be such Watchman or Patrole as aforesaid; and to repeal, amend, and alter any of the said Nominations, Appointments, Orders, and Regulations so to be made as aforesaid; and also to make such other Orders and Regulations for the better Government of the said Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles, and for the due Execution of this Act with regard to such Nightly Watch and Beadles, as they shall think proper; and that it shall be competent to and lawful for the said Directors and Governors, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby empowered to build or provide within the said Liberty a proper and sufficient Watch House, and proper and sufficient Watch Boxes for the Use of the Watchmen to be so employed, and for the safe keeping and Confinement of Offenders within the said Liberty, and to erect and fix such Watch House and Watch Boxes respectively in such Situations within the said Liberty as they shall judge proper, and to remove and alter, and to repair, and keep in repair the same, and also to rebuild them whenever there shall be Occasion so to do; and also to summon and call before them all and every the Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, Patroles, and other Watchmen of the said Liberty, and to examine into their Behaviour respecting the Nightly Watch, and reward or censure them accordingly; and to do all such other Acts and Things as shall be necessary for the due Execution of this Act with respect to such Nightly Watch, Patroles, and Beadles, and the managing and conducting the same; and that all the Charges and Expences to be incurred in effecting and doing all or any of the Matters aforesaid, shall be paid and borne out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act for maintaining the said Watchmen, Patroles and Beadles within the said Liberty.

and appoint others, &c.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a true Copy or Transcript of such Nominations, Appointments, Orders and Regulations as shall from Time to Time be so made as aforesaid, shall be fairly written and signed by the Vestry Clerk of the said Liberty, and shall be delivered to the Constables and Headboroughs for the Time being of the said Liberty, and to every of them.

Copies of Regulations, to be delivered to the Constables and Headborough.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles, or any of them, and they are also hereby authorized and required in their several Stations during the Time of their keeping watch and ward as aforesaid, to apprehend and detain all Night Walkers, Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, and other disorderly Persons whom they shall find disturbing the public Peace, or have just Cause to suspect of any evil Designs, and to deliver the Person or Persons so apprehended as soon as conveniently may be to the Constable or Headborough of the Night, and the said Constable and Headborough is and are hereby required to carry him, her, or them, as soon as conveniently may be, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County of *Middlesex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

Duty of the Watchmen and Patroles.

V. And

Constable and
Headborough
to attend the
Watch-house
by turns, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *October* One thousand eight hundred and ten, all and every the Constables and Headborough of the said Liberty for the Time being shall attend in rotation successively and alternately one on each Night, and shall keep watch and ward within the said Liberty from the Hour of Ten in the Evening until the Hour of Six the next Morning, from the First Day of *September* until the First Day of *March*, and from the said First Day of *March* until the First Day of *September*, from Ten of the Clock in the Evening until Five of the Clock in the Morning in every Year; and shall in their several Turns or Courses of watching use their best Endeavours to prevent, as well all Mischiefs by Fires, as Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and all other Outrages and Disorders, and to that End shall arrest and apprehend all Night Walkers, Malefactors, disorderly and suspected Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves, and shall carry all such Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, to One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and shall Twice or oftener, at convenient Times in every Night, go about the said Liberty, and take Notice whether all the Watchmen perform their Duties in their several Stations, according to such Orders and Regulations as shall have been made for that Purpose by the said Directors and Governors; and in case any such Watchman shall misbehave himself, or neglect his Duty, the said Constables and Headborough respectively shall as soon as conveniently may be give Notice thereof to the said Directors and Governors, to the End that such Offence may be examined into and punished.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar shall knowingly and willingly harbour or entertain any Constable, Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman belonging to the said Liberty, or permit or suffer any such Constable, 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.

Inhabitants
having served
Offices to
make a List
of Persons fit
to serve Office
of Constable
and Head-
borough.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the said Liberty, having served the Offices of Overseer and Constable or Headborough for the said Liberty, or fined for the same, and they are hereby required, at some Meeting to be held in the Month of *September*, or as soon after as conveniently may be in every Year, to make a List of a sufficient Number of Inhabitants, to be returned to Two or more Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex* for them to appoint, and who are hereby required to appoint thereout such a Number, as shall be directed by the said Directors and Governors hereby appointed or to be appointed, not exceeding Two Constables and One Headborough for the said Liberty for the ensuing Year; and if any One or more of the said Constables or Headborough shall die or remove out of the said Liberty within the Year, it shall and may be lawful for the said Inhabitants, at a Meeting assembled by Two Days Notice, at any intermediate Time of the Year to make a List of a sufficient Number of Inhabitants, to be returned to Two or
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Magistrates
to appoint
Constables.

more Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex* for them to appoint thereout One or more Constable or Constables or Headborough to supply the Place of those so dying or removing out of the said Liberty for the remaining Part of the Year: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person appointed to be a Constable or Headborough as aforesaid, to appoint a Person to be his Substitute, to serve in his Room or Stead, such Person being a Householder within the said Liberty, and being approved of by the said Inhabitants in Public Meeting assembled, and afterwards to be sworn by the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*; but no such Deputy shall be so accepted or sworn in until he shall have been so approved as aforesaid.

Constable or Headborough may serve by Deputy.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who now is or shall be appointed a Constable or Headborough for the said Liberty, shall neglect or refuse to be sworn and to take upon himself the Execution of such Office, or to provide a Substitute as aforesaid, every such Person shall, for every such Neglect or Refusal, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds, and if any Constable or Deputy, Constable or Headborough, shall neglect to attend in his Turn to keep Watch and Ward in Manner and during the Times herein before mentioned, or shall otherwise neglect his Duty or misbehave himself, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Constables and Headboroughs refusing to be sworn or to provide a Substitute, or neglecting Duty, shall be liable to Penalty.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Watch Boxes now erected, and all such as shall or may hereafter be erected for the Use of the said Liberty, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Directors and Governors for the Time being, and shall not be taken down or removed, or altered without the Order in Writing of Seven or more of such Directors and Governors at some or One of their Public Meetings to be holden by virtue of this Act; and that if any Person or Persons shall take down or remove any Watch Box belonging to the said Liberty, without the Consent of the Directors and Governors at any Meeting, or shall wilfully break or damage any such Watch Box, every such Person shall for every such Offence, being thereof duly convicted by Confession or the Oath of any One Witness before any Justice of the Peace of the said County, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Watch Boxes vested in the Directors and Governors, &c.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a true Copy or Transcript of all Nominations, Appointments, Acts, Rules, Orders, and Regulations respecting or relating to the Watchmen or Constables, as shall be made by the said Directors and Governors from Time to Time in pursuance of this Act, shall be fairly written and signed by the Clerk to the said Directors and Governors, and shall be stuck up in some conspicuous Part of the Watch House of the said Liberty.

All Orders and Nominations, &c. relating to Constables or Watchmen to be copied and stuck up in the Watch House.

XI. And, for the better raising and levying of Monies for paying the Wages of the said Watchmen and Beadles, and the erecting, maintaining, and repairing the Watch House and Watch Boxes by this Act authorized to be erected and kept in Repair, and the other Charges and Expences which may be incurred in the carrying into Execution and Effect the Purposes of this Act, so far as the same relate to establishing and maintaining a Nightly Watch and Beadle within the said Liberty, and for de-

Assessment may be made by Meeting of Inhabitants to defray the Expences of the Watchmen, &c.

fraying the necessary Charges and Expences of passing this Act; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That within Twenty-one Days after the said Watchmen and Beadles shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid, the Inhabitants of the said Liberty having a Right to attend the Public Meetings of the said Liberty, being convened by Notice to be given in the Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan in the West* on the Sunday next preceding such Meeting, shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered yearly to make an equal Rate or Assessment, according to the Pound Rate, upon all and every Person or Persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, or enjoy any House, Shop, Warehouse, Cellar, or other Building, and the Occupier of the Ground Floor or the Owner or Owners of any House or Building which shall be let in Tenements within the said Liberty, in respect of such House or Building so let in Tenements, and the Occupier of any Ground or Land, for and towards raising the full Sum of Money by them judged necessary to be charged upon the said Liberty for the Purposes last herein-before mentioned; which said Rate or Assessment so to be made (being first allowed and confirmed by Two or more Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*), and all Arrears due upon the same, shall be collected quarterly from the said several Persons so to be rated as aforesaid by such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the said Directors and Governors to collect and receive the same.

No Rate to be more than 1s. in the Pound on the annual Value.

XII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That no such Assessment or Assessments to be made in any One Year shall exceed the Rate of One Shilling in the Pound of the yearly Value of any Houses, Shops, Warehouses or other Buildings, Ground, or Land so assessed or charged by virtue of this Act.

Collectors of the Rate to pay Watchmen and such other Payments as the Directors and Governors shall order.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons who shall be appointed by the said Directors and Governors to collect and receive the Monies due upon the said Assessment within the said Liberty, shall from Time to Time pay over the Monies arising from the same to such Watchmen, Beadles, or other Persons, and in such Proportions as the said Directors or Governors shall direct and appoint.

Inhabitants exempted from Watch and Ward under 13 Ed. 1. or any other Rate.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person or Persons who shall be rated to and pay any Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act shall be liable to Watch or Ward by virtue of the Statute commonly called the Statute of *Winchester*, made in the Thirteenth Year of King *Edward* the First, or any other subsequent Statute relating thereto, but shall be and are discharged of and from the same.

Persons rated, &c. not there by to gain a Settlement.

XV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons who shall be charged with or pay any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, or who shall be chosen a Patrole or Watchman, shall be deemed or construed thereby to gain any Settlement in the said Liberty; and no Person who shall be a menial or hired Servant shall be capable of being chosen a Beadle, Patrole, or Watchman, during the Time of his continuing in such Service.

XVI. And

XVI. And whereas by an Act made and passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of Westminster, the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George, Bloomsbury, that Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew's, Holborn, which lies in the County of Middlesex, the several Liberties of the Rolls and Savoy, and that Part of the Duchy of Lancaster which lies in the County of Middlesex, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and by an Act made and passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes, within the City and Liberty of Westminster, the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George, Bloomsbury, that Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew's, Holborn, which lies in the County of Middlesex, the several Liberties of the Rolls and Savoy, and that Part of the Duchy of Lancaster which lies in the County of Middlesex, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*'; and by an Act made and passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual Two several Acts of Parliament made in the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and other Places therein mentioned, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and by an Act made and passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Powers of, and to render more effectual the several Acts passed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and otherwise regulating the Squares, Streets, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and other Parts in the said Acts mentioned, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to the Surrey Side of Westminster Bridge, and for enlarging the Powers of the said Act with respect to Squares*; and by an Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual several Acts made relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster and Parts adjacent*; and by an Act made and passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to alter, explain, amend, and render more effectual several Acts made for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster and Parts adjacent; and for putting certain Streets therein mentioned, commonly called Optional Streets, under the Management of Parochial Committees, subject to the Controul of the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of the said several Acts; and for removing and preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, Obstructions, and Encroachments in the said Streets and other Places, and for other Purposes*; divers Powers and Authorities were given to certain Commissioners thereby appointed for carrying the Purposes of the said Acts into Execution, which several Acts included the several Streets, and other Places within the said Liberty of the Rolls: And whereas the several Streets and other Places within the said Liberty of the Rolls might be better and more effectually paved, cleansed, lighted, and kept free from Nuisances, and Annoyances, if the Powers and Authorities

Recital that the Paving and Lighting the Liberty now under Direction of the Commissioners for Westminster.

may be better effected if vested in a Committee chosen by

necessary

Inhabitants
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Former Acts
repealed as to
this Liberty.

Powers of
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Liberty given
to a Com-
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Property in
the Materials,
Pavement,
Lamp Irons,
Posts, &c.
given to
Trustees until
the Appoint-
ment of a
Committee.

Committee to
be appointed
by a General
Meeting of
Inhabitants.

necessary for those Purposes, were solely vested in the several Persons being Inhabitant Householders of the said Liberty herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said several Acts of Parliament made for paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the City and Liberty of *Westminster* and Parts adjacent, so far as the same relate to the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, shall be and are hereby declared to be repealed and made void; and the Inhabitants of the said Liberty, and the Owners and Occupiers of Houses, Lands, and Tenements within the same, shall be and are hereby exempted, freed, and discharged from all Rates and Assessments whatsoever, (except such as are authorized to be made, raised, collected, or levied, by virtue of this Act), for or towards paving, repairing, cleansing, or lighting such several Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places aforesaid, any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary hereof notwithstanding; and that from and immediately after the passing of this Act the sole Power, Jurisdiction and Authority of paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, and Places within the said Liberty, and of carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution, so far as the same relates to such paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting, shall be and the same are hereby vested in and given to the several Persons hereinafter mentioned; and immediately from and after the passing of this Act the Right and Property of and in all and every the Pavements in all and every the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, and Places within the Limits of this Act, and the Lamp Irons, and Lamp Posts, Stones, Posts, Timber, Materials, and Things of every Kind belonging to the Pavement, as well in the Carriage as Foot Ways within the Limits of this Act, shall be and the same respectively are hereby vested in the Trustees herein-after mentioned, until the Election or Appointment of a Committee for the better carrying the Purposes of this Act, as relating to the paving, cleansing, and lighting the said Liberty into Execution, as herein-after mentioned; and for the better effecting the Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That *John Silvester* Esquire, *Isaac Espinasse* Esquire, *John Hanson* Esquire, and *Alexander Brodie* Esquire, shall be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Trustees, for the Purpose of preserving the Property in the said several Matters and Things aforesaid, until such Committee shall be elected and appointed as herein-after mentioned.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the said Liberty of the *Rolls* respectively rated to and paying Poor Rates within the said Liberty, shall and they are hereby empowered and required to assemble and meet in the Committee Room of the said Liberty, or such other convenient Place as aforesaid, within Twenty-one Days after the passing of this Act, Notice being previously given in Church as aforesaid, and shall afterwards meet on the Second *Wednesday* in the Month of *October* in every Year, or within Ten Days then next after, between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and One in the Afternoon, and shall then and there elect and appoint Twenty-one Persons, being Householders and resident within the said Liberty, and the said Twenty-one Persons, so to be from Time to Time elected and appointed, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a Committee for the better and more effectually carrying this Act into Execution, so far as relates to the better

better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, until the annual Meeting of the said Inhabitants so to be holden as aforesaid next after such Persons shall be so respectively elected and appointed Committee Men.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That after such Committee shall be so chosen as aforesaid, the said Committee shall hold Twelve Meetings in every Year, on the Second *Wednesday* in every Month, at which Meetings all the Matters and Things required to be done and effected by the said Committee for carrying this Act into Execution shall be done and transacted, except in such Cases where the doing or transacting such Matters and Things are by this Act directed or authorized to be done and transacted otherwise or at other Times.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Appointment of the said Committee as herein-before directed, the Right and Property of and in all and every the Pavements in the several Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, and the Lamp Irons, and Lamp Posts, Timber, and all other Materials and Things whatsoever which shall be made use of for the Purposes of this Act (except such Lamps as shall be furnished by any Contractor for providing and lighting the same, or by any private Individual for his own private Convenience), and of and in all Stones, Posts, and old Materials of every Kind belonging to the old or present Pavements, as well of the Carriage Ways as of the Foot Ways within the said Streets and other Places, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Committee for the Time being; and the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall and may, if they think fit, sell and dispose of any of the said Stones and other Materials, to any Person or Persons, who shall pay the Price agreed for before the Delivery of the same; and the said Committee or any Seven or more of them are hereby empowered from Time to Time, if they think fit, to hire or take at a Rent any Piece of Ground either within or without the said Liberty, for the Purpose of laying or depositing any such Stones or other Materials, for such Time as they shall think proper; and in case any Person or Persons shall (without the Consent and Authority of the said Committee, or Seven or more of them), take, carry away, or convert to his, her, or their own Use, or if any Person or Persons shall steal any such Stones, Posts or other Materials, Matters, or Things, the Property whereof is hereby vested in the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any such Seven or more of them, to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or order and direct the preferring of any Indictment or Indictments, against any such Person or Persons; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break or destroy or otherwise damage or spoil any of the said Materials or Things, or any Works done in pursuance of the said former Acts or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or shall take down, remove or alter the Situation of any Lamp Iron, Lamp Post, or other Post, or take up any Pavement within the Limits aforesaid under any Pretence whatsoever, without the Consent of the said Committee, or any such Seven or more of them (except only in Cases of Alarms of Fire, and the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Companies under the Regulations herein-after contained), or shall obstruct, hinder, or prevent any Person or Persons in the Execution of any of the Powers given by this Act, every Person so offendin

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of the Com-
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Property in
Pavements,
Lamp Irons,
&c. vested in
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Committee
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Place to de-
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Irons, Posts,
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&c.

or hindering
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the Execution
of the Powers.

given by this Act.

fending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, over and above the necessary Charges of replacing, repairing, or making good such Materials or Works, Lamp Irons, Lamp Posts or other Posts or Pavements, or any Damage done thereto or Damage sustained by obstructing any Person or Persons, together with all other necessary Charges, to be ascertained and recovered before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in the like Manner as any other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be ascertained and recovered.

Committee may hire Workmen, Carts, &c. for any Work where the Expence shall not exceed 40s.

May contract with fit Persons for the Paving, Lighting, and Cleansing.

Contracts to be entered in a Book, which shall be open to be inspected by all Persons paying Rates, on

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to employ such Workmen and Labourers, Carts, or Carriages with sufficient Horses, as they shall think fit and necessary for carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, where the Expence of the Work shall not exceed the Sum of Forty Shillings, and also from Time to Time, if they think fit, to contract and agree with any fit Person or Persons for paving, keeping in repair, or cleansing and lighting all or any of the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, or for paving and keeping in repair the Pavement over the Water Trenches belonging to any of the Water Companies, or for Materials for any of the Purposes of this Act; which Contract or Contracts shall be reduced into Writing, and shall specify the several Works to be done, the Quality and Size of the Materials to be used, and the Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time or Times when the said Works shall be completed or Materials delivered, and the Penalties to be suffered in case of Non-performance thereof, and shall be signed by the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, and by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Works or furnish such Materials as aforesaid; and that previous to the making any such Contract Twenty-one Days Notice at the least shall be given in some of the daily public Newspapers, expressing the Intention of the said Committee to enter into such Contract, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose to the said Committee, at a certain Time and Place in such Notice to be mentioned; and that in every Proposal for cleansing the said Streets and other Places the Person or Persons offering to contract as Scavenger or Scavengers, shall specify how much he or they will allow on Account of the Benefit to arise from the Dust, Cinders, Ashes, and other Matters which he shall be entitled to carry away by virtue of his said Contract, and how much he or they will demand for the Expence of cleansing the several Streets and other Places aforesaid, without the Benefit of the said Dust, Cinders and Ashes and other Matters; and that all Proposals shall be in Writing, signed by the Party or Parties making the same, and shall specify the Security offered for Performance of the Contract, and all such Proposals shall be filed and preserved, and shall also be entered in the Minutes of the Meeting at which the same shall be taken into Consideration; and that all such Contracts shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk, and such Book and Books shall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times be open to the Inspection of all and every Person or Persons who shall pay to the Paving, Cleansing, and Lighting Rate within the Limits of this Act, on giving One Day's previous Notice, and Payment of One Shilling to the Clerk or Person in whose Custody the same shall be; and that no such

Contract

Contract or Contracts shall be made or entered into in any Year by virtue of this Act but between the First Day of *May* and the First Day of *July*, except in Cases of the Death of the Contractor or Failure of the Performance of any Contract; and that no Contract for paving, cleansing, or lighting any of the said Streets or Places shall be made for a longer Term than One Year; and that in the paving and repairing such Street, Lane or other Passage or Place as aforesaid by virtue of this Act, the Level thereof shall not be altered without the Consent in Writing of the Vestry or Paving Committee of the next adjoining Parishes, or any Materials be used therein which are inferior in Quality to those originally used by virtue of the said former Acts; and a Restriction to this Effect shall be inserted in every Contract to be made for paving or repairing any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages or Places as aforesaid.

paying the Clerk for such Inspection.

Level of Streets not to be altered without Consent of adjoining District.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all such Contracts (if any) as have been heretofore made and entered into by the Commissioners under whose Direction the paving, lighting, and cleansing hath hitherto been by virtue of the said former Acts, shall be and are hereby declared valid and shall continue in Force until the regular Expiration thereof.

Contracts now existing to continue until Expiration.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Householder within the Limits of this Act shall by Writing under his or her Hand, to be left at the usual Place of Abode of the Inspector to be appointed by the said Committee in Manner herein-after mentioned, make Complaint of any Defect of lighting or cleansing, or Want of Repair in the Pavement in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages or Places, the said Inspector in every such Case shall immediately enquire into or examine the Matter of Complaint and give Notice to the Contractor accordingly, and report to the Committee at their next Meeting, and if by such Report it shall appear that the Pavement complained of was bad and defective and not then repaired, (unless arising from a Defect relating to the Water Pipes lying under such Pavement), the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall give Notice to the Contractor or Paviour to repair the same within such Time as the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall judge necessary, which Time shall be specified in such Order; and if the Contractor or Paviour to whom such Order shall be given shall not repair and amend such Pavement within the Time directed by such Order, he shall in every such Case forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day that the said defective Pavement shall remain unrepaired after the Time limited by such Order, and One Moiety of every such Penalty shall be paid to the Inhabitant or Householder so making Complaint, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said Committee to be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if it shall appear by such Report that the Contract for cleansing or lighting shall not have been duly performed, the said Committee shall forthwith give Directions for recovering the Penalty under every such Contract.

Defect in lighting or repairing, &c. how to be remedied.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if, upon any Complaint to be made by any Householder as aforesaid, the Inspector to whom such Complaint shall be made shall think it necessary that a Meeting of the Committee shall be holden, to be informed of and consider the

Power to call a Special Meeting of the Committee upon any such Complaint.

Matter of such Complaint, previous to the Day to which the said Committee shall have adjourned, and shall by Notice in Writing under his Hand acquaint the Clerk to the said Committee thereof, and of the Matter of such Complaint; then and in every such Case the said Clerk shall, and is hereby required forthwith to summon the said Committee to meet at the Place and Time to be mentioned in such Summons, not being more than Four Days from the Delivery of such Notice to the Clerk as aforesaid, and the said Clerk shall in such Summons specify the Purpose for which such Meeting is to be holden, and the said Committee shall and are hereby authorized and required to hold a Meeting according to such Summons, and all Acts and Proceedings of the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them at such Meeting, shall be as valid and effectual as if done at any other Meeting to be holden as before directed by this Act: Provided nevertheless, that no other Business shall be done or transacted at any such Special Meeting than what shall relate to the Matter specified in such Notice, any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

In case of Contract not being duly performed Committee may cause the Work to be done by other Persons.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever any Contract made or to be made as aforesaid, shall not in every respect be duly performed and executed according to the Terms and Conditions thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, to employ some fit Person to perform and execute the Work not performed and executed by virtue of any such Contract, and to deduct and retain the Expence thereof out of any Money then due or to grow due to the Contractor; and every such Contractor shall, over and above, also forfeit and pay a Sum equal to the Amount of One-fourth Part of the Money expended in doing such Work, which Forfeiture and also such Expence as aforesaid, may be recovered in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty, Forfeiture, or Money is directed by this Act to be recovered.

Committee to cause all Work done by Contract to be examined by Inspector, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, and they are required to cause all or any Work done in pursuance of the said former Acts or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or of any Contract now made or hereafter to be made as aforesaid, to be examined by their Inspector or such other Person or Persons as they shall from Time to Time appoint, and in case the same shall not be well and sufficiently performed according to the Intent and Meaning of every such Contract, or shall not be finished or completed at or within the Time or Times thereby required, the said Inspector or other Person or Persons shall report the same to the said Committee at their next or any subsequent Meeting, and the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, shall or may thereupon bring an Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Person or Persons so contracting and neglecting to perform such Contract, for Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties which shall be contained in such Contract, and on Proof of signing the same, and Non-performance thereof, in the Manner or at or within the Time or Times for that Purpose therein mentioned, the said Committee shall be entitled to and shall recover such Penalty or Penalties.

XXVI. Provided

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time to compound and agree with any Person or Persons against whom shall be enforced the Recovery of any such Penalty contained in any such Contract already made or hereafter to be made as aforesaid, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall judge proper, so as the Sum or Sums so compounded and agreed for be not less than the Sum of Twenty Shillings besides the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such Contract, and all Costs, Charges and Expences which shall have been occasioned thereby.

Committee may compound with the Contractor for Penalty.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said former Acts, or any Two or more of them, shall and are hereby required to make up a full and particular Account of all Money by them paid and expended for or on Account of the said Liberty, and of all Money due and owing and unpaid by them on Account of the said Liberty, and of all Money in their Hands, Custody, or Power relating to the said Liberty, and also of all Arrears of the Rates or Assessments which shall have been laid by them, and which shall be then due and unpaid, and shall within One Month next after the passing of this Act cause such Account, together with all Contracts; Rate Books, and other Books, Papers, and Writings in their Hands, Custody, and Power relating to the said Liberty, to be delivered to the Committee to be appointed by virtue of this Act for carrying the same into Execution so far as relates to the paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, and shall also at the same Time pay to the said Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they or any Seven or more of them shall appoint to receive the same, all such Money as shall by such Account appear to be in the Hands, Custody, or Power of the Commissioners appointed by the said former Acts; and if it shall appear, upon the taking such Account, that there is Money due to the Commissioners acting under the said former Acts, or to any Persons who may have lent or advanced the same upon Faith of the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of the said former Acts, then such Money as shall so appear due shall be provided for, paid, and discharged in Manner herein-after directed.

Commissioners under former Acts to account to Committee.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Proportion of the Monies hitherto borne and paid by the said Liberty of the Rolls, for and towards the Salaries of the Officers of the said Commissioners acting under the said recited Acts, and the contingent Expences of the Commission, shall continue to be paid until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and that from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, the Committee hereby directed to be appointed, shall, out of the Rates hereby authorized to be made and assessed, pay to the said Commissioners acting under the said recited Acts, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, One-third Part only of such accustomed Proportion, yearly and every Year until the Whole of the Monies (if any) owing from the said Liberty of the *Rolls* to the said former Commissioners or any Person employed by them, shall be fully paid and satisfied; and that from and after such Payment and Satisfaction of the said Monies (if any) so due and owing, all and every Contribution and Allowance by the said Liberty

Expence of former Commissioners shall be paid by the Liberty.

of the *Rolls*, for and towards the Expences of carrying into Effect the said former Acts, shall cease and determine.

Committee to
make Rates
for Paving,
Lighting and
Cleansing,

not exceeding
1s. 6d. in the
Pound.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That forthwith after the passing of this Act, and afterwards when and as soon as conveniently may be in each and every Year after the said Committee shall have ascertained such Sum or Sums of Money as they in their Discretion shall think sufficient for the current Year, to answer all the Ends and Purposes of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, and Places within the Limits aforesaid, and other Expences incurred by this Act in relation to such paving, lighting, and cleansing, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, and they are hereby required to make one equal Pound Rate or Assessment once in every Year, or oftener if necessary, for repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages or Places within the Limits aforesaid (so as no such Rate or Assessment shall in One Year exceed the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound of the annual Value of the Messuage, Tenement, Hereditaments, and Premises in respect of which such Rate shall be so made) upon all and every Person or Persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, use, occupy, possess, or enjoy any Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stables, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement or other Hereditament within the said Liberty or Limits aforesaid, according to the yearly Rent or Value thereof; which last mentioned Rate so to be made and assessed by virtue of this Act shall be entered in a Book to be provided for that Purpose, in which Book there shall be separate Columns, one Column for the Arrears standing out the preceding Year, one other Column for the Names of the several Persons to be charged in the said Rates or Assessments, and One Column for the Arrears standing out and unpaid at the End of the Year, in order to be carried on to the next succeeding Account, and such Rates and Assessments shall commence on the First Day of *January* in each and every Year.

Rate to be
allowed by
Two Magis-
trates, and
Notice pub-
lished in
Church.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all the said Rates or Assessments (being first allowed and confirmed by Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and Notice thereof being given in the said Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan* on the *Sunday* next after the same shall have been so allowed), and all Arrears due upon the same, and also the Rate now made by the Commissioners under the said former Acts or any of them, and all Arrears due upon the same, shall and may be collected, quarterly or otherwise as the said Committee shall direct, by such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the said Committee to receive and collect the same: Provided also, that no additional Rate or Assessment shall be made, to be current with any Rate already made by the Commissioners under the said former Acts, for any Amount which together with such former Rate shall amount to more than One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound on such annual Value as aforesaid.

Chapels,
Meeting
Houses, Inns
of Court, and
Public Build-
ings not rated

XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Rates or Assessments to be made and laid by virtue of this Act upon or in respect of any Chapels, Meeting Houses, Inns of Court, and Chancery Schools, and other public Buildings, and any Markets, Walls and void Spaces of
8. Ground,

Ground, which shall not be rated to the Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty by a Pound Rate, shall be ascertained according to the Number of Square Yards of Pavement, paved or repaired, cleansed or lighted under and by virtue of this Act; belonging to such Chapels, Meeting Houses, Inns of Court, and Chancery Schools, and other public Buildings, Markets, Walls, and void Spaces of Ground respectively; and the same in case of such Assessment being so made by the Number of square Yards as aforesaid; shall never exceed in any One Year the Sum of Sixpence for every such square Yard; and every Rate or Rates or Assessment or Assessments to be made and laid upon such Chapels shall be paid by the respective Church or Chapel Wardens, and such Rates or Assessments to be made and laid upon such Meeting Houses, Schools, and other public Buildings, Markets, Walls, and void Spaces of Ground, shall be paid by the Owners or Proprietors thereof respectively; and such Rates or Assessments to be made and laid upon such Inns of Court or Chancery shall be paid by the respective Treasurer or Treasurers, Principal or Principals of such Inns of Court or Chancery: Provided always, that no Rate or Assessment shall by virtue of this Act be laid upon, or collected or received for or in respect of any Wall or void Space of Ground, unless the same shall abut upon or front some Street, Lane, or Place to be paved, cleansed, or lighted as aforesaid; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

to the Relief of the Poor by a Pound Rate, to be rated under this Act to the paving Rate by the square Yard of Paving belonging thereto.

XXXII. And whereas several new Streets or other Places may hereafter be made within the Limits of this Act, and it is reasonable that the Expence of first paving such Streets or other Places should be borne and defrayed by the respective Owners and Proprietors of the Houses and Estates abutting upon or adjoining the same or their Lessees: And whereas such paving might be better and more conveniently done if the same were to be under the Direction and Management of the said Committee; be it therefore enacted, That whenever the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall think it proper that the first paving of any such Street, or other Place as aforesaid should be begun and proceeded in, they shall and may cause Fourteen Days Notice at the least in Writing, signed by their Clerk or Inspector, to be given to the Owner or Owners, Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of the Houses and other Tenements abutting upon or adjoining such new Street or other Place, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, requiring him, her, or them to meet the said Committee in order to agree for the Sum to be paid to them for the first paving of such new Street or other Place, and the Money which shall be so agreed upon shall be paid to the said Committee, or to such Person as they or any Seven or more of them shall appoint to receive the same, within One Month next after such Agreement; and after Payment thereof, the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, shall and are hereby authorized and required to cause such new Street or other Place to be paved, and to defray the Expence thereof out of the Money which shall come to their Hands, or be placed to their Account by virtue of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that no such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall be compelled or compellable to undertake or agree to pay towards such new paving any greater Sum than Four Shillings for every square Yard of Pavement, whether Carriage Way or Foot Way: Provided also, that if such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall not meet the said Committee according

New Streets to be first paved at the Expence of the Owners, who may compound with the Committee for paving thereof.

Owner not to pay more than 4s. for every square Yard.

If the Owner shall not on Notice attend to agree with

Committee, or shall not agree, then Committee to pave the Street, &c. and charge Owner with Expence.

according to such Notice, or shall not agree with them as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, to cause such new Street or other Place, or so much thereof as they shall think proper, to be paved as soon as conveniently may be, and all the Charges and Expences attending such paving shall be paid by the said respective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, and in Default of Payment of such Charges and Expences upon Demand, the same shall be levied and recovered in like Manner as any Rates or Assessments are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

Names of Streets and Places to be written at or near the Entrance, and Houses and Lamp Irons to be numbered.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them may, if they think proper, cause to be placed or wrote on a conspicuous Part of some House or Building at or near each End, Corner, or Entrance of the several Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, the Name by which every such Street, Lane, Passage and Place is usually called or known; and also shall and may, if they shall think fit, cause every House, Shop, Warehouse, or Building, within the said Streets, Lanes, Passages or Places, or any of them, and also all Lamp Irons belonging to the said Committee, to be marked and numbered in such Manner as they shall think most proper for distinguishing the same; and if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, pull down, injure, obliterate, alter, cover over, or deface any such Inscription or Number, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Penalty on wilfully breaking any Lamp, or putting it out.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully break any Lamp to be set up by virtue of this Act, or shall extinguish the Light within any such Lamp, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed to apprehend, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in apprehending the Offender, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey him or her before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and such Justice shall examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party accused shall be convicted of any such Offence, either by his or her own Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, he or she shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Lamp so broke, and also for every Lamp the Light whereof shall be so extinguished as aforesaid, and shall also make full Satisfaction to the Person or Persons contracting to furnish such Lamps, for the Damage which shall have been done thereby, and One Moiety of such Forfeiture shall be paid to the Person or Persons apprehending the Offender, and the other Moiety to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid; and in case such Offender shall not on Conviction pay the said Forfeiture, such Justice is hereby required to commit him or her to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid; and if any Person shall carelessly or accidentally break any of the said Lamps, and shall not upon Demand make Satisfaction to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid for the Damages done thereby, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon

Persons carelessly or accidentally breaking Lamps to make good the Damage.

upon Complaint thereof made to him to summon the Party complained of, and upon hearing the Parties on both Sides or Non-appearance of the Party complained of, to examine the Matter of Complaint and award such Sum of Money, by way of Satisfaction to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid, for such Damage as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of neglect or refusal forthwith to pay such Money, then the same may be levied and recovered as any Penalty or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

XXXV. And, for the better preventing Encroachments, Nuisances, Annoyances, Accidents, and Obstructions in the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act; be it further enacted, That all Signs which now are or shall at any Time hereafter be placed or hung in any of the said Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places shall be fixed or placed flat on the Front Walls of such Houses or other Buildings respectively to which the same shall belong; and in case any Encroachments or Annoyances shall be made within any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages or Places, by Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, Spouts, Steps, Cellar Windows, Areas, Inclosures of Areas, Dung Bins, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall cause the same to be removed, repaired, or altered in such Manner as they shall think fit; and shall and may cause all Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Cornices, and Penthouses of all Houses, and other Buildings within the Limits aforesaid by proper and sufficient Pipes or Trunks to be fixed on the Fronts or Sides of such Houses and other Buildings by the Owners or Occupiers thereof; and in case any such Owner or Occupier shall not at his or her own Costs and Charges, within Fourteen Days after Notice in Writing shall be given to him or her, or left at his or her Dwelling House, signed by Three or more of the said Committee or by their Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Officer, remove, repair, or alter all such Encroachments or Annoyances according to such Notice; or in case the Palisado or Area, Fence, Railing, or Inclosure for separating or inclosing the Area of any House or other Building from the Way or Passage, shall be broken down or out of Repair; or in case the Bars of any Grating that shall be laid flat over any Cellar Window, Area, or Steps shall be at a greater Distance from each other than One Inch and an Half, so as to be dangerous for Passengers, and the Owner or Occupier of such House or other Building shall not forthwith (being thereunto required by Writing signed by any Three or more of the said Committee, or by their Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Officer), set up, amend, repair, or alter such Palisado or Area, Fence, Railing or Inclosure, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them from Time to Time to cause all such Encroachments and Annoyances to be removed and altered, and such Palisado or Area, Fence, Railing, and Inclosure to be set up, amended, repaired and altered in such Manner as they shall judge necessary, and to levy the Charges and Expences attending the same from the Owner or Occupier of every such House or other Building in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture is by this Act authorized to be levied.

Signs to be placed flat on Fronts of Houses.

Committee to remove Nuisances.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, within any Square or Squares, Street or Streets, Place or Places within the Limits aforesaid, beat or dust any Carpet or

No Annoyances, Filth, or Obstructions to be

put or placed
in the Streets.

Carpets, or drive any Carriage or Carriages for the Purposes of breaking
ing Horses, or ride any Horse for the Purpose of exercising or airing
such Horse (otherwise than by passing through such Square or Squares,
Street or Streets, Place or Places), and that if any Person shall throw,
cast, or lay, or cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, cast, or laid, any
Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Rubbish, Offal, Dung, Soil or other Filth or Annoy-
ance, or shall set or place any Stall, Board, Wheelbarrow, or other Bar-
row, Chopping Block, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Cask, or Goods of
any Kind whatsoever, or shall hoop, wash, or cleanse any Pipe, Barrel,
Cask, or Vessel in or upon any of the Carriage or Foot Ways within
the Limits aforesaid, or set out, lay, or place, or cause or procure, per-
mit or suffer to be set out, laid, placed, or to remain, any Coach, Cart,
Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge; or other Carriage or Chair upon any of
the said Carriage or Foot Ways (except such Coaches and Chairs as
have been or shall be hereafter licensed by the Commissioners for re-
gulating and licensing Hackney Coaches and Chairs, and which shall
stand for hire according to the Statutes and Bye Laws made for those
Purposes, and also except for the necessary Time of loading or unloading
any Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, or taking up
or setting down any Fare, or waiting for Passengers when actually hired,
or harnessing or unharnessing the Horses from any Coach, Cart, Wain,
Waggon, Dray, Sledge or other Carriage, and also for such Time as
shall be reasonable or necessary for washing Carriages where Carriages
have heretofore been usually washed upon the Pavement), and shall not
immediately remove the same when required so to do by any Person
whomsoever; or if any Person or Persons shall set or place, or cause to
be set or placed in any of the said Carriage or Foot Ways any Timber,
Stone, Bricks, Lime, or other Materials or Things whatsoever (unless the
same shall be inclosed as in and by this Act is directed), and shall not
immediately remove the same, being thereunto required by any Person
whomsoever; then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to
and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon
Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses,
to issue a Warrant requiring such Offender or Offenders to appear
before him at such Time and Place as shall be in such Warrant
specified; and every such Offender or Offenders shall, for every such
Offence, being thereof duly convicted upon the Oath of any credible
Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized and
required to administer), and upon Default of Appearance upon Proof
made of the due Service of such Summons, forfeit and pay any Sum not
exceeding Twenty Shillings; and it shall and may be lawful for any Per-
son or Persons appointed by the said Committee to seize any such Stall,
Board, Wheelbarrow, or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Basket, Wares,
Merchandize, Casks, Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray,
Sledge or other Carriage, together with the Horse or Horses, if any shall
be thereunto belonging, with the Harness, Gears, and Accoutrements
thereof, or any such Timber or other Materials or Things aforesaid, and
cause the same to be removed to such Place or Places as he or they shall
judge convenient and proper, giving Notice to the Owner, Driver, or
other Person having any Interest in the Stall, Board, Wheelbarrow or
other Barrow, Chopping Block, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Cask,
Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other
Carriage, Horses, Materials, or Things so removed, (if he, she, or they
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can be found), of the Place or Places whereunto the same shall be so removed, and the same shall be there kept and detained until such Owner, Driver or other Person interested therein as aforesaid shall cause to be paid the said Penalty, together with the Charges of taking or removing the same, and of keeping such Horse or Horses, if any; and in case the Stall, Board, Wheelbarrow or other Barrow, Chopping Block, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Cask, Goods, Chair, Carriage, Horses, Materials, or other Things so removed shall not be claimed, and the said Penalty and Charges paid within Five Days next after such Removal, then it shall be lawful for the said Committee to order the same to be appraised and sold, and the Overplus of the Money arising by such Sale shall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the said Penalty and the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such seizing, keeping, appraising and selling the same, such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be ascertained and allowed by such Justice of the Peace; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see any Dust, Offal, Dung, Rubbish, Soil or other Filth or Annoyance whatsoever, placed, thrown, cast, or laid in any of the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, to seize and apprehend, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing and apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant to convey such Offender or Offenders before such Justice of the Peace, who upon Oath being made of such Offence as aforesaid shall and may commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, unless the said Penalty shall be sooner paid.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall erect or build, or cause to be erected, built, or continued any Hoard, or erect any Posts, Bars, Rails, Boards, or other Things by way of Inclosure, for the Purpose of making Mortar, and depositing Bricks, Stone, Lime, Sand, or other Materials for building or repairing any House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Tenement or other Works, or for any other Purpose, without Leave or Licence first had and obtained under the Hand of the Surveyor or Inspector to the said Committee, who is hereby required to grant the same forthwith, under such Regulations and Restrictions to be expressed in such Licence as the said Committee or any Seven or more of them shall direct and appoint, upon Payment by the Person applying for such Leave or Licence, to the said Surveyor or Inspector of the Sum of One Shilling and no more; and if any such Hoard or Inclosure shall be erected or built without the Leave of such Surveyor or Inspector so had and obtained as aforesaid, or shall be set up in any other Manner or continued for any longer Time than shall be expressed and allowed in such Licence or in any Renewal thereof, then and in every of the said Cases it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee or any Seven or more of them, or their Surveyor or Inspector, to cause such Hoard, and also all Posts, Bars, Rails, Boards, or other Things to be made use of by Way of Inclosure as aforesaid, to be taken down and removed, and deposited in such Place as he or they shall think proper (giving Notice to the Person or Persons who erected such Hoard or other Inclosure (if he or she can be found), of the Place where the said Materials shall be deposited), and the same shall be there kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof

No Hoards to be erected without Licence from the Inspector for the Committee.

thereof shall pay to the Person in whose Custody the same shall be the Sum of Twenty Shillings together with the Charges of taking down and removing the same; and in case the same shall not be claimed and the said Penalty and Charges paid within the Space of Five Days next after such Removal thereof, then it shall be lawful for the said Committee or any Seven or more of them to order and cause the same to be appraised and sold, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Materials after deducting the said Penalty, and the Charges of taking down, removing, keeping, appraising, and selling the same.

No Lime to be screened or flaked without a Hoard.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall sift, screen, or flake, or cause to be sifted, screened, or flaked any Lime (except within such Inclosure as aforesaid) in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Passage, or Place within the Limits aforesaid, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Penalty on running Wheels or driving Carriages, Horses, &c. on Foot Pavement.

Upon view of such Offence, any Person may apprehend the Offender.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall for the future carry, run, drive, or draw, or cause to be carried, run, driven, or drawn on any of the Foot Pavements within the Limits aforesaid, any Wheel or Wheels, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck, or any Carriage whatsoever, or shall wilfully ride, lead, or drive any Horse, Cow, Ass, or other Cattle, Coach, or other Carriage whatsoever, upon any Part of the Foot Pavements within the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, then and in any such Case, and as often as they or any of them shall happen, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, upon Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, to issue a Warrant requiring such Offender or Offenders to appear before him at such Time and Place as shall be in such Warrant specified; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender or Offenders, 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 of the Peace; and the Party or Parties accused being so brought before such Justice, such Justice shall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Information touching such Offence (which Oath the said Justice is hereby authorized and required to administer), and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his, her or their own Confession, or upon Information as aforesaid, he, she or they so convicted of any such Offences respectively, shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for the First Time of offending; any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for the Second Time of offending; and any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the Third and every other Time of offending; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not upon such Conviction pay such Forfeitures by him, her or them incurred as aforesaid, the Justice before whom such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted is hereby required to commit him, her or them to the House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding Fourteen Days.

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XI. And be it further enacted, That no Scavenger or other Person employed in cleansing the said Streets and other Places shall sweep, rake, or place any of the Slop, Slush, Mud, Dirt, Dust, Rubbish, Ashes, Filth, or Soil found in any of the said Streets or other Places, or brought therein, into any Common Sewer, Drain, or Tunnel thereunto belonging, but shall place, sweep, or rake the same together so as to lie at the Distance of Three Feet at the least from each of the Grates belonging to or placed over the Common Sewers, Drains, or Tunnels, and at the Distance of Two Feet at the least from the Channel, where the Width of the Street, Lane, or Place will admit thereof; and that no Person other than the Scavengers employed by or under the said Committee shall go about to collect or gather, or shall take or carry away any Dirt, Cinders, or Ashes out of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages or Places within the said Liberty; and that no Person shall use or employ any Cart or other Carriage in cleansing any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other Passages or Places, or in carrying any Dust, Dirt, Cinders or Ashes out of the same, unless the Fellies of the Wheels of such Cart or other Carriage shall be of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches at the least; and if any Person shall offend in any of the Cases aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender, and by the Authority of this Act and without any other Warrant to convey him or her before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and such Justice shall examine upon Oath the Person or Persons apprehending the Offender, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Information touching such Offence, and if the Party accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his or her own Confession or upon Information as aforesaid, he or she so convicted shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and One Moiety of every such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender, and the other Moiety to the said Committee; and in case the Person who shall take or carry away any such Cinders or Ashes contrary to the Directions of this Act cannot be apprehended, the Owner of the Cart in which the same shall be carried shall be subject to the said Penalty; and in case any such Offender shall not on Conviction pay the said Penalty, such Justice is hereby required to commit him or her to the House of Correction; there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, unless such Penalty shall be sooner paid: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent or hinder the Owners of any such Dust, Cinders, or Ashes, to carry away the same for their own Use, but not for Sale.

Dirt, Slop, &c. not to be swept into any Common Sewer, nor within a certain Distance of any Grate or Channel.

No Person other than a Scavenger to take away Dust.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall begin to empty any Boghouse, or take away any Night Soil from any House within the Limits of this Act, before the Hour of Twelve in the Night, or shall continue to take away the same after the Hour of Five in the Morning between *Michaelmas* and *Lady Day*, or after the Hour of Four in the Morning between *Lady Day* and *Michaelmas*; and that no Person shall put or cast, or cause to be put or cast any such Night Soil out of any Cart, Tub, or otherwise within the Limits aforesaid, or within Half a Mile thereof, and if any Person shall offend herein it shall be lawful for any Constable, Beadle, or Watchman knowing of such Offence being committed, and he is hereby strictly required and directed, and any other Person or Per-

Night Soil not to be taken away but within stated Hours, and not to be laid within a certain Distance.

Offenders to
be committed
to the House
of Correction.

sons is and are hereby authorized and empowered, to apprehend and convey the Offender or Offenders to the Watch House of the said Liberty, and from thence as soon as conveniently may be before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, who upon Oath being made of such Offence as aforesaid, shall and may commit the Offender to the House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Two Months; and it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Seven or more of them, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of his Act, to order any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings to be paid to the Person who shall detect, apprehend, and convey before any such Justice of the Peace any such Person offending as aforesaid.

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XLII. And be it further enacted and declared, That all and every the Inhabitants, Owners, and Occupiers of Lands, Grounds, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the Limits of this Act shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be absolutely exonerated, freed, discharged, and indemnified of, from and against the Execution and Service of the Office of Scavenger or Surveyor of the Highways within the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, and of and from hanging out of Lights in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places, and all Presentments and Returns of Jurors, Constables, or other Officers (other than and except the Inspector or other Person to be appointed by virtue of this Act) for and in respect of dangerous and defective Pavements, Defaults of lighting, and all Annoyances, Obstructions, and Encroachments within the said Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places, and all Pains, Penalties, Duties, and Services for or concerning any such dangerous or defective Pavements, Defaults of Lighting, Annoyances, Obstructions, and Encroachments; and that the several Acts of Parliament made in the Second Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for paving and cleansing the Streets in the Cities of London and Westminster, and Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and Out Parishes in the County of Middlesex and in the Borough of Southwark, and other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality in the County of Surrey, and for regulating the Markets therein mentioned*; and in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, intituled, *An Act for explaining and enforcing the Act for paving and cleansing the Streets within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, and Streets adjoining thereunto, and for widening the Street at the South End of London Bridge*; shall, so far as relates to the several Streets and other Places comprized in this Act, be and they are hereby repealed and made void.

Scavenger's
Duty.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all Persons contracting with the said Committee for cleansing the said Streets and other Places shall once in every Week at least, between the Hours of Six in the Morning and Six in the Evening, attend in all and every the Streets and Places aforesaid (of which Attendance they shall respectively give Notice by ringing of a Bell), and shall give Three Days Notice at the least in Writing to the Surveyor or Inspector to the said Committee, specifying the particular Day in each Week where they are to attend in each respective Street or other Place for the Purposes aforesaid, of which the said Surveyor or Inspector shall make an Entry in a Book, and the said Surveyor
or

or Inspector shall on that Day inspect the said respective Streets and other Places to see if the Work is performed, and shall make an Entry thereof in the same Book; and the Persons so contracting shall also, upon the Request of any of the Inhabitants, or their Servants or Lodgers, go into all and every the Houses and other Places where any Dust, Cinders, or Ashes shall be deposited, and take and put into Carts and carry away the same; and if any Person so contracting, or any Person employed by him shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall forfeit and pay for every Neglect or Refusal any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and One Moiety of such Penalty shall be paid to the Inhabitant complaining, and the other Moiety to the said Committee.

Penalties on neglect.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the several and respective Paviours or Supervisors now employed or hereafter to be employed by the said Water Companies respectively within the Limits aforesaid, shall within the Space of Two Months next after the said Second *Wednesday* in *October* One thousand eight hundred and ten, or within Ten Days next after they shall be respectively appointed Paviours or Supervisors to such Company or Companies, give Notice in Writing to the Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being of the said Committee of their respective Names and Places of Abode, and of the Names of the respective Company whose Paviours or Supervisors they are, and of the respective District to which they are appointed; and in like Manner the Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being of the said Committee, after having received Notice of such Appointment as aforesaid, shall within Ten Days next after receiving such Notice, give Notice to the respective Paviours or Supervisors of the said several Water Companies of the Names and Places of Abode of the Paviour or Paviours, Contractor or Contractors for the Time being of the said Committee; and if any of the said Paviours or Supervisors or the Inspector or Surveyor of the said Committee for the Time being shall neglect to give such Notice within the respective Times aforesaid, each of them shall for every such Offence severally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Paviours of the Water Companies to give Notice of their Names, Places of Abode, and District to the Committee.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes belonging to any of the Water Companies who now furnish or shall hereafter furnish the Inhabitants within the Limits aforesaid with Water, and which now lie or shall hereafter be laid under Ground within the Limits of this Act, shall happen to break, burst, or decay so as to require Reparation, the Surveyor or Inspector of the said Committee for the Time being, or such other Person or Persons as the said Committee shall appoint for that Purpose, shall forthwith give or cause to be given Notice thereof in Writing, to the Paviour or Supervisor of the Water Company to whom he apprehends the said Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to belong, who is hereby required to take up the Pavement and open the Ground at or near the Place where such Reparation shall appear to be wanting; and if the said Paviour or Supervisor shall, upon taking up such Pavement and opening such Ground, discover that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes so broken, burst, or decayed, does not or do not belong to the Water Company to whom such Paviour or Supervisor does belong, then and in every such Case such Paviour or Supervisor shall forthwith give or cause to be given Notice thereof in Writing to the Paviour or Supervisor to the Company to whom the said Main or Mains, Pipe

Directions for repairing defective Water Pipes.

Pipe or Pipes shall appear to belong, in which Case such last mentioned Paviour or Supervisor is and are hereby required upon Demand, to make Satisfaction for the taking up such Pavement and opening such Ground to the Paviour or Supervisor giving Notice as aforesaid, and the Paviour or Supervisor of such Water Company to whom the said Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes shall belong, is and are hereby required to cause or procure the said Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to be repaired, and afterwards to fill up the said Ground, and ram down the same within Two Days next after such Notice to be given, and as soon as such Main or Pipe shall have been so repaired, and the ground so filled up and rammed down, he or they shall give or cause to be given Notice thereof in Writing to the Paviour or Contractor for the Time being of the said Committee, and if the Paviour or Pavieurs, Supervisor or Supervisors of any of the said Water Companies to or for whom such Notice shall be given or left at his, her, or their last Place or Places of Abode, shall by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after the giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid refuse or neglect to take up such Pavements, and open such Ground, or if upon discovering that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes so broken, burst, or decayed, doth not or do not belong to the Company to whom such Paviour or Supervisor does belong, he or they shall refuse or neglect to give immediate Notice thereof in Writing to the Paviour or Supervisor of the Company to whom the said Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes doth or do belong; or if the Paviour or Supervisor of the Water Company to whom such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes shall belong, shall by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice given to him or them, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, refuse or neglect to cause or procure such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to be amended and repaired, or afterwards to fill up the Ground so taken up, or to give such immediate Notice of his having so done to the Paviour or Contractor of the said Committee for the Time being, then and in every such Case the Person or Persons so respectively refusing or neglecting shall, for every such Offence, severally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, not belonging to any of the Water Companies, shall happen to break, burst, or decay as aforesaid, in any of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, Yards, Courts, Alleys, Passages or Places, then and in every such Case the respective Owner or Owners thereof shall forthwith cause the Ground over the same to be opened, and such Main or Mains, Pipes or Pipes to be repaired, and Notice thereof in Writing to be given to the Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being of the said Committee, or in case of Refusal or Neglect so to do shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any Pavement shall be broken or taken up for the Purpose of making, repairing, or altering any Main, Pipe, Vault or Drain, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, then and in every such Case the Person or Persons so breaking or taking up the said Pavement, or causing the same to be so broken or taken up, shall, as soon as the Nature of the Work will admit, cause the Ground to be filled in, and Notice thereof in Writing to be given to the Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being of the said Committee; or in case of Refusal or Neglect so to do shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and the said Inspector or Surveyor of the said Committee shall forthwith upon every such Notice as aforesaid, given to him or left at the Office of the said Committee, or in case there shall not be any such Office, then with

the Vestry Clerk of the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, transmit such Notice or cause the same to be transmitted to the Paviour or Contractor of the said Committee for the Time being, and if the said Inspector or Surveyor shall refuse or neglect, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice as aforesaid, given to him or left at his last Place of Abode, to transmit such Notice, or cause such Notice to be transmitted to the said Paviour or Contractor for the Time being of the said Committee, or if such Paviour or Contractor to whom any such Notice as aforesaid shall be so transmitted shall, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after the transmitting of such Notice to him as aforesaid, refuse or neglect to relay and repair the Pavement so broken up, then and in every such Case the Person so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day such Pavement shall continue unrelaid or unrepaired, after the Expiration of the said Twenty-four Hours.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if at any Time it shall happen that there shall be no regular or fixed Appointment of a Paviour to any of the said Water Companies within the Limits of this Act, then and in such Case such Notice shall be delivered to or left at the Office of the Clerk or Secretary to such Company, who shall be subject and liable to the like Directions in all Respects, and to the like Penalties for Default, Refusal or Neglect, as the Paviour to such Company is herein-before made subject and liable to.

If no regular Paviour, the Notice to be given to the Clerk to Water Companies.

XLVII. Provided alaways, and be it further enacted and declared, That the Charges and Expences of relaying the Pavement which shall be broken or taken up for the Purposes of laying down, repairing, or amending any such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes shall be reimbursed and paid to the said Committee, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, by the Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being of the respective Water Companies to whom such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes shall belong; or if the same shall not belong to any of the said Water Companies, then by the respective Owner or Owners thereof, and if such Clerk or Treasurer to any of the said Water Companies, or the respective Owner or Owners of such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, liable to reimburse and pay such Charges and Expences, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within Ten Days next after Demand thereof in Writing, signed by the Clerk of the said Committee and left at their respective Dwelling Houses or last Places of Abode, or at the Office of the respective Companies, together with a Bill to be annexed to such Demand containing an Account of such Charges and Expences, then, and in every such Case the Money so expended shall and may be recovered by the said Committee of and from the Company or Companies, Person or Persons so liable thereto, by Action or Actions of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to be commenced within Six Months next after such Demand respectively, in which Action or Actions, Suit or Suits respectively, no Effoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed.

Committee to be reimbursed the Expences of relaying Pavement broken for repairing Water-pipes.

Committee
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and Charge of
relaying of
Pavement.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Committee shall in such Demand state the Charge and Expence of relaying and repairing the Pavement over such Main or Pipe, and the Number of square Yards which shall have been so relaid and repaired, which shall in all Cases be measured as soon as the Ground shall have been filled in and rammed down, and at what Time the Pavement thereof was relaid and repaired, and whether the same was relaid or repaired by Contract or by Day Work; nor shall such Water Company pay more in Proportion for relaying and repairing the Pavement over such Main or Pipe than what the said Committee shall pay or be liable to pay for relaying and repairing any other similar Pavement within the Limits of this Act.

Water Com-
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Pavement by
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Workmen
within Four
Feet of their
Plugs.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend to prevent any of the said Water Companies from Time to Time as Occasion shall require, from taking up and repairing by their own Workmen, Paviours, or Supervisors, any Part of the Pavement within the Limits aforesaid, not exceeding the Distance of Four Feet from the Water Plugs, Drawing Plugs, and Fire Plugs belonging to the said respective Water Companies: Provided nevertheless, that in case such Pavement so taken up by the said Water Companies, their Workmen, Paviours or Supervisors, shall not be properly relaid to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, or their Inspector or Surveyor for the Time being, then upon Notice given to the said Water Companies, or their Paviour or Paviours, Supervisor or Supervisors, the said Pavement shall within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice, be again taken up and relaid at the Expence of the Water Company that shall have so taken up the said Pavement, and in case the said Pavement so taken up shall not be relaid for the Third Time in a proper Manner, and to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, or their Inspector or Surveyors for the Time being, then the Water Company so neglecting to relay the said Pavement in a proper Manner shall forfeit and pay to the said Committee any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and the said Committee shall cause such Pavement to be taken up and relaid by their own Workmen and Paviours, and the Expence thereof shall be borne and defrayed by the Water Company so neglecting to relay the same in a proper Manner; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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L. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee from Time to Time to compound, and agree with any of the said Proprietors or Water Companies respectively, for a certain Sum of Money by the Foot or other Measure, as the said Committee shall think reasonable, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing such Parts of the several Places within the Limits of this Act, as shall be necessary to be taken up by the Workmen of the said Proprietors or Water Companies, for the Purposes of laying down, replacing, altering, or amending any of the Mains or Pipes.

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of Fire.

LI. And, for the more easy obtaining of Water in Cases of Fire, it is hereby further enacted, That the several Water Companies who shall supply any of the Inhabitants within the Limits aforesaid with Water, shall, within the Space of Ten Days after the said Second *Wednesday* in *October*

October One thousand eight hundred and ten, and from Time to Time, within Ten Days after the Appointment or Removal of any Turncock or Turncocks, give Notice in Writing to the Inspector or Surveyor of the said Committee of the Names and Places of Abode of their respective Turncocks, distinguishing the Districts to which they respectively belong; and if any of the said Companies shall neglect to give such Notice within the Times aforesaid, they shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and the said Committee shall and they are hereby required to cause to be printed and distributed in each and every Year, to and amongst the several Householders within the Limits aforesaid, a List of the Names and Places of Abode of the several Turncocks of the District or Districts within the said Limits, and also to cause to be affixed one of each such Lists in every Watch House and Watch Box within the said Liberty.

LII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Charges and Expences of relaying or repairing the Pavement which shall be broken or taken up for the Purpose of repairing or amending any such Pipe or Pipes not belonging to any of the Water Companies, shall be paid to the Committee for putting this Act in Execution, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, by the respective Owner or Owners of such Pipe or Pipes; and that the Charges and Expences of making, repairing, altering, cleansing or emptying any such Sewer, Drain, or Vault, and of making and putting down such new and additional Grates, and altering and repairing such old Grates, and of relaying and repairing the Pavement so broken or taken up for any of the Purposes aforesaid, shall be paid to the said Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, by the Person or Persons who shall take up or cause the Pavement or any Part thereof to be taken up for the Purposes aforesaid; and in case the respective Owner or Owners of such Pipe or Pipes as aforesaid, or other Persons or Person as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to pay what shall have been so laid out and disbursed for the Purposes aforesaid, within Fourteen Days next after Notice thereof in Writing, signed by the Clerk to the Committee for putting this Act into Execution, and left at their respective Dwelling Houses or last Place of Abode, together with a Bill annexed thereto (which Notice shall contain an Account of such Charges and Expences), that then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions against all or any or either of the respective Persons aforesaid, for the Recovery of such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall have so laid out and expended for the Purposes aforesaid; in which Action or Actions no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparance shall be allowed.

Owners of Pipes to relay and repair them at their own Charges.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons acting by and under the Authority of any Water Company or Companies, shall break up or cause to be broken up any of the Pavement within the Limits of this Act, for the Purpose of laying down, repairing, or amending any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or of making, repairing, altering, cleansing or emptying any Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, or of making, changing, altering or repairing any Grate or Grates, and shall not have repaired

Water Companies to fence, &c. when Pavements are taken up.

repaired and laid down the Pavement so as to have rendered the same safe and commodious, before Sun-set in each and every Day, for the passing of all Persons, Cattle and Carriages, then and in every such Case every such Person or Persons acting by and under such Authority shall well and sufficiently fence or rail round such Pavements so broken up as aforesaid, or shall cause the same to be well and sufficiently fenced or railed round, and a Light to be affixed to such Fence or Rail, such Fence or Rail to remain standing, and such Light to be burning from the Setting to the Rising of the Sun; and in Default thereof shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Expence of altering Pipes, &c. in certain Cases to be borne by the Committee.

LIV. Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted, That if at any Time or Times it shall be found necessary to raise, sink, or any otherwise alter the Position of any of the Pipes or Plugs laid down or placed by any of the Companies who furnish the Inhabitants within the Limits aforesaid with Water, or of any leaden or other Pipes belonging to any of the said Water Companies, or to any other Person or Persons, which for the Purpose of conveying Water in or to any House, Area, or other Place have been or shall be laid into or from any such Pipe or Pipes, or to remove or replace the Grates over any of the Common Sewers, for the Purpose of new paving or altering any of the Pavement within the Limits of this Act, the Expence thereof shall from Time to Time be paid out of the Money arising or to arise by the Paving Rate authorized to be made by virtue of this Act, and shall always be done with as little Detriment and Inconvenience to the said respective Companies or Inhabitants, as the Circumstances of the Case will admit: Provided always, that when and so often as any Part of the Pavements of the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, or Places shall, at the Request of the Proprietor of any leaden or other Pipe, be taken up by any Person or Persons for the Purposes of placing, altering, or amending any such Pipe, the same shall with all convenient Speed be repaired by the Paviour or Pavours contracted with or employed by the said Committee, or under the Direction of their Inspector or Surveyors, at the Expence of the Proprietor or Proprietors of the said leaden or other Pipes respectively: Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee from Time to Time to compound and agree with any of the said Proprietors for a certain Sum of Money by the Foot or other Measure as the said Committee shall think reasonable, in lieu and stead of their laying down and repairing such Parts of the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, or Places within the Limits aforesaid, as shall be necessary to be taken for the Purposes aforesaid.

Protecting the Commissioners of Sewers of London and Westminster.

LV. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to abridge, alter, vary, or any Way affect the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners of Sewers in and for the City of *London*, or the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and Part of the County of *Middlesex*, or to subject the said Commissioners or any Person acting by their Authority, to any Penalty under or by virtue of this Act, for or in respect of any Thing to be done or omitted to be done by them or by their Order, as such Commissioners, with relation to the Sewers under their Management and Controul.

LVI. And

LVI. And whereas there may prove to be due and owing from the said Liberty of the *Rolls* to the Commissioners acting under the said former Acts, or to Persons employed by them, or to Persons from whom they by virtue of the Powers contained in the said former Acts, or some of them, may have borrowed Money on the Faith of the Rates by them made and to be made, and the annual Rate for paving the said Liberty by this Act directed to be made may not be sufficient to discharge the same, and also to keep the Pavement in Repair, and to pay for cleansing and lighting the said Liberty, be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, for the Purpose of defraying and discharging such Demand or Debt, Demands or Debts (if any), but for no other Purpose nor on any other Account, to borrow on the Credit of the Paving Rate by this Act directed to be made and assessed, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five hundred Pounds in the Whole.

Committee may borrow Money on the Rate not exceeding 500l. to pay Debt due to commissioners under the former Act.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be entered in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose provided and kept by the Clerk to the said Committee, all Securities for Monies borrowed by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and all Assignments or Transfers thereof, expressing in Words at length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Securities, and the Sums received upon such Securities; to which Book or Books the Persons entitled thereto, and all and every Person or Persons liable to the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments, shall at all seasonable Times have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward.

All Securities to be entered in Book.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That in order to discharge the Principal of any Money that may be so borrowed and the Interest thereof, and also for paying and discharging the Debt which may be due to the Commissioners under the said former Acts, or any Debts which may be now due and owing on Account of paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, and they are hereby authorized and required, yearly and every Year, until the said Monies and Debts shall be fully paid off and discharged, to deduct, appropriate, and set apart One full Fourth Part of the Monies arising and to be collected by the Rate and Assessment to be levied and collected for the Purpose of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places within the Limits aforesaid, and to pay and apply the same for and towards the discharging and paying off such Monies, Interest and Debts, until thereby the Whole shall be wholly paid and satisfied.

Committee to set apart a Proportion of Rate to be applied in Payment of Debt and Money to be borrowed.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, when and as often as there shall be any Surplus of the said Paving Rate, to pay off and discharge the Money (if any) to be borrowed on the Credit of the said Paving Rate by virtue of this Act in Manner as is herein-before directed, and all Interest thereof and all Monies now due and owing as aforesaid, until such Monies, Interests, and Debts shall be wholly paid and satisfied.

And also to appropriate any Surplus of the Rate to like Use.

Form of
Securities.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Securities for the Monies to be raised for the Purposes of this Act shall be signed and sealed by Seven at the least of the said Committee, and shall be in the Words or to the Effect following;

WE whose Names are hereunder written, and Seals hereto affixed, being Seven of the Committee for better paving, lighting and cleansing the Liberty of the *Rolls*, in the County of *Middlesex*, by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [here set forth the Title of the Act] in Consideration of the Sum of _____ paid to us by *A. B.* before the Delivery of these Presents, do assign unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the Rate or Assessment made and to be made for better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, to hold unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, until the said Sum of _____ together with the Interest at the Rate of _____ per Centum per Annum (such Interest to commence and be calculated from the _____ Day of _____), shall be fully paid and satisfied. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____.

And every such Security shall be signed and sealed at some General Meeting of the said Committee herein-before appointed to be holden, and shall be good, valid, and effectual, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to the Payment thereof and to all Profit and Advantage thereto, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, provided the same be not for a less Sum than Fifty Pounds.

Securities
may be
assigned.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person entitled to any of the said Securities at any Time to assign and transfer the same, and their respective Interests to the Principal Money and Interest to any Person or Persons, by Indorsement upon such Security, in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of
Transfer.

I *A. B.* do transfer the within Security, and the principal Money and Interest thereby secured, unto _____ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand and Seal, the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____.

Transfer to
be entered by
Clerk.

And every such Transfer shall be good, valid and effectual, and a Copy of every such Transfer shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Committee, and for the Entry of such Transfer such Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more; and every such Transfer so entered shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, or their Executors and Administrators, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

Inhabitants
may fill up
Vacancies to
happen of

LXII. And be it further enacted, That the Inhabitants of the said Liberty, at any General Meeting of the said Inhabitants, upon due Notice thereof given as herein-before is required, may as often as Occasion shall require,

require, if they shall see fitting, fill up any Vacancies that may have happened in the Number of the said Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch and Beadles, or in the Number of the said Committee for better paving, either by Death, Removal, or Refusal to act; but no such Director or Governor or Committee Man, so to be elected to fill up any Vacancy, shall continue a Director and Governor or Committee Man for any longer Time than the Person in whose Place he shall or may be elected might or ought to have continued by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that the like Notice shall be given of every such Meeting, specifying the Cause of such Meeting, and the Number of Vacancies to be filled up, as is herein-before directed with regard to the annual Election of such Directors and Governors and Committee Men.

Directors and Governors of the Watch and of Committee Men.

Notice to be given of Meeting so to do.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch and Beadles shall and may, at their First or any subsequent Meeting, appoint a Clerk and a Collector of the Rate by this Act authorized and directed to be made for raising and levying Money for Payment of the Wages of the Watchmen and Beadles to be employed by virtue of this Act, and that the said Committee for better paving, lighting and cleansing the said Liberty shall and may likewise at their First or any subsequent Meeting appoint a Clerk, and also a Collector of the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, to raise Monies for defraying the Expences of paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, and also an Inspector or Surveyor and such other Officer or Officers for the Execution of so much of this Act as relates to the better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, and also such and so many Scavengers, Rakers, and Cleansers of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Mews, Courts, Alleys, Markets, and other public Places and Passages in the said Liberty, and also such and so many Keepers and Lighters of Lamps, as the said Committee shall think proper; and that it shall and may be lawful, as well for the said Directors and Governors as also for the said Committee, from Time to Time respectively to discharge and remove any such Clerk, Collector, or other Officer to be by them respectively appointed as aforesaid, and appoint others, as they shall find necessary or convenient, and by and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, they the said Directors and Governors and Committee respectively may and are hereby empowered to appoint and pay such Salaries and Allowances to such Officers, and to all other Persons by them the said Directors and Governors and Committee employed in the Execution of this Act as they shall think reasonable, so as such Allowances, Salaries, and Payments to be allowed and paid by the said Directors and Governors, shall be paid and taken from and out of the Watch Rate, and those which shall be allowed and paid by the said Committee shall be paid and taken from and out of the Paving Rate, and so as that no Allowance or Poundage for the collecting any of the said Rates shall exceed the Sum of Three-pence in the Pound on the Sum to be so collected; and the said Directors and Governors and Committee respectively shall and may take such Security for the due Execution of the respective Offices by such Person and Persons aforesaid as they respectively shall think proper, and such Person and Persons as is or are hereby made liable to pay the several Rates or Sums of Money hereby granted, shall pay the same to such Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time be so appointed to collect and receive the same, according to the true Meaning of this Act; and all such

The Directors and Governors and the Committee may appoint a Clerk and other Officers.

and remove them when they think fit,

and Salaries to be paid out of respective Rates.

Security to be taken for Officers.

Officers to
account.

and to pay
over the
Monies in
their Hands;

also to deli-
ver up all
Books, &c.

Remedy
against them
in Default of
so doing.

such Officers and Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid shall under their Hands at such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Directors and Governors and the said Committee respectively shall direct, deliver to such Directors and Governors and to the said Committee respectively, as the Case may require, or to such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of the Monies which shall have been by such Officer or Officers, and Person and Persons respectively received 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 and legal Receipts or Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their respective Hands to the said Directors and Governors, or to the said Committee respectively, or to such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint; and all the said Officers and Persons so accounting as aforesaid shall, upon Oath if thereunto required, by the said Directors and Governors, or by the said Committee, verify their said Accounts; and if any such Officer or Person shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Directors and Governors, or to the said Committee respectively requiring the same, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required, 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 their respective Hands to the said Directors and Governors or to the said Committee, as the Case may require, or as they shall respectively direct or appoint; then, and in either of the Cases aforesaid such Directors and Governors, and the said Committee, as the Case may be, may and are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions against the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies that shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively, or Complaint shall be made by the said Directors or Governors or the said Committee, or by such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall be and reside, and such Justices may and are hereby authorized and required by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, to be brought before them, and upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, it shall appear to such Justices that any of the Monies that shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, such Justices may and are hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Per-

sons respectively, and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same; and in any or either of the Cases aforesaid, such Justices shall commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Directors and Governors or the said Committee, as the Case may require, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, which Composition the said Directors and Governors, and the said Committee respectively are hereby empowered to make, or until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Directors and Governors, or Committee, as the Case may require: Provided always, that no such Officer or Person shall be detained or kept in Prison by virtue of this Act for want of sufficient Distress only, for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be employed as a Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Receiver or Surveyor, or any other Officer or Servant who shall be any Ways employed in putting this Act, or any of the Powers thereof, into Execution, shall exact, take, or accept any Fee or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as shall be appointed, allowed, and approved of by the said Directors and Governors, or the said Committee respectively, for or on Account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or on any Account whatsoever relative to putting this Act in Execution, or shall any Ways be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract made or to be made for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of ever serving or being employed under this Act, and shall over and above forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Months after the Offence committed; in which said Suit no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That 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 Directors and Governors, and of the said Committee respectively, relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Directors and Governors, and Committee Men respectively, who shall be present at the respective Meetings, and the same shall be subscribed with the Name of the Chairman of such Meeting; and all such Entries being so signed, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever in all Cases, Suits, and Actions, touching any Thing done in pursuance of this Act.

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LXVI. And

Officers not to take Fees except as allowed.

nor to be concerned in Contracts, &c.

Penalty for so doing.

All Rules and Orders to be entered in a Book.

ACTIONS to be brought or defended in Name of Clerk.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch, and also the said Committee, for better paving, lighting, and cleansing respectively, shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk, and that no Action that may be brought or commenced by or against the said Directors and Governors, or the said Committee, or any of them; by virtue or on Account of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk, or by the Act of such Clerk, without the Consent of the said Directors and Governors, or of the said Committee, as the Case may be; but the Clerk to the said Directors and Governors, or to the said Committee, as the Case may be, for the Time being, shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action: Provided always, that every such Clerk, in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs and Charges, as by the Event of any such Proceedings he shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein.

Collector dying his Executors to account,

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person empowered or appointed to receive or collect any Money by virtue of this Act shall die before he shall have fully paid and satisfied all the Monies by him received by virtue of this Act, then and in every such Case the Executors, Administrators, or other legal Representative or Representatives of every such Person so dying as aforesaid shall within Fourteen Days after they shall be required so to do, deliver up to the said Directors and Governors, or to the said Committee, as the Case may require, or other Person authorized by them to receive the same, all Rates, Assessments, Books, Papers, and all other Things concerning his said Office on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds over and above what shall be in his Hands, for refusing or neglecting to deliver the same within the Time before mentioned, which said Penalty shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Executors, Administrators or other legal Representative or Representatives so refusing and neglecting, in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereby directed to be recovered and levied; and shall also pay to such Person or Persons as the said Directors and Governors, or Committee, as the Case shall be, shall authorize and appoint to receive the same, all such Sums of Money remaining due of that which such Person or Persons may have received by virtue of his said Office up to the Time of his Death.

under Penalty.

No Director, Governor, or Committee Man, Constable or Headborough, to sell Goods or do Work for the respective Purposes of this Act.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Director or Governor or Committee Man for the Time being acting in virtue of this Act, nor any Overseer of the Poor of or for the said Liberty, nor any Committee Man being One of the Committee by ancient Custom acting in the Management of the Affairs of the Poor of the said Liberty, nor any Constable or Headborough of or for the said Liberty, shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in any Contract or Bargain, or transact, do, or effect, provide, furnish or supply for his or their own Profit, any Work, Labour, Goods, Chattels,

Chattels, Provisions, Cloathing, Utensils, or Materials for the Use or Accommodation of or any Way incident to the Nightly Watch, Beadles, Constables, or Headboroughs, or for the lodging, maintaining, cloathing, and employing of the Poor, or any Way incident thereto, or for the paving, cleansing, and lighting the several Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, or on any other Account whatsoever relative to putting this Act into Execution, during the Time of his being such Director or Governor, Committee Man (by virtue of this Act or otherwise), Overseer, Constable, or Headborough; and in Case any Person or Persons, so being such Director or Governor, Committee Man, Overseer, Constable, or Headborough, shall offend in any or either of the Particulars or Cases aforesaid, that then every Person so offending shall not only be incapable of ever filling or serving any Office under this Act, but shall also forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence, One Moiety whereof shall go to such Person as shall inform and sue for the same; and the other Moiety shall be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, to be recovered by Action at Law, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, and in which no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

Under Pen-
nalty.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person who shall hereafter be elected and appointed a Director and Governor of the Nightly Watch, or a Committee Man, shall be capable of acting in either of those Capacities in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall be then resident, and an Householder in the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, and shall be assessed to and pay the Rates made for the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty, for and in respect of some Messuage, Tenement, or Hereditament which shall be rated and assessed at the yearly Rent or Value of Thirty-five Pounds at the least; and in case any Person hereby made incapable of acting as such Director and Governor, or as such Committee Man, shall nevertheless presume to act as such in the Execution of this Act, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information; and every such Person so prosecuted shall prove that he is qualified or not incapable of acting as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Forfeiture upon Proof given of his having acted as a Director and Governor or Committee Man, as the Case may be, in the Execution of this Act.

Requiring
Qualification
for Directors
and Govern-
ers of the
Watch, and
for Committee
Men, and in-
flicting Pe-
nalty for act-
ing without
being qualifi-
ed.

LXX. And whereas divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Liberty are let at small Rents, or to Weekly or Monthly Tenants, or entirely let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or let ready furnished, and the Collection of the Poor Rates and other Parochial Rates from such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and has frequently been evaded, so that much Loss on that Account has been sustained by the said Liberty; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That where the yearly Rent or Value of any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament shall not exceed Fifteen Pounds, and

Landlords
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Houses under
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and Landlords
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Houses let in
Tenements or
ready furnish-
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where the Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall be let to Weekly or Monthly Tenants and the Rents thereof shall become payable, and be collected at any shorter Periods than Quarterly, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and to and for the said Directors and Governors, or any Five or more of them, and to and for the said Committee for the better paving, lighting, and cleaning or any Five or more of them respectively, if they shall think proper, to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, and Hereditaments in the said Liberty, for Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, and of any Poor Rate, at such a reduced yearly Rental as the said Overseers, Directors and Governor and Committee (or any such Five or more of the said Directors and Governors and Committee respectively, as the Case may be), shall think reasonable, so that the Money to be paid under such Composition be not less than Two Thirds of the Amount of the Whole of such Rate so compounded for, if assessed on the full annual Value of the said Premises respectively, or on the Rack Rent at which the same shall then be let; and such Landlord and Landlords, Owner and Owners is and are hereby enabled to enter into such Composition, and having entered into such Composition, shall be liable to pay the Sum so compounded for, and the same shall and may be collected, levied, and recovered in the same Manner and with the same Powers for enforcing Payment thereof, as are by this Act directed with regard to any of the Rates hereby authorized to be made, levied and assessed; and that the several Lessors, Lessees, Landlords, Owners and Proprietors of all such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments so let, or which shall hereafter be so let out in Parts or separate Apartments or ready furnished, shall respectively be deemed and taken as the Occupier thereof, and shall be liable and subject to the Payment of the Rates or Assessments directed by this Act to be made, raised, levied and recovered, and also to the Poor Rates to be and assessed within the said Liberty, according to the yearly Rent or Value of such Premises if the same were let as one entire Tenement and unfurnished.

Not to affect
Agreements
between
Landlord and
Tenant.

LXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to affect or make void any Contract, Covenant or Agreement made between any Landlord and Tenant touching or concerning the Payment of the Rates or Assessments to be made, raised, and collected by virtue of this Act or otherwise.

Houses rent-
ed by Am-
bassadors, &c.
to be paid for
by the Land-
lord.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Rate or Assessment which shall be made, rated, or assessed by virtue of this Act on any Person or Persons, and also every Rate or Assessment to be made for the Relief of the Poor within the said Liberty, for or in respect of any House or Tenement in which any Ambassador, Resident Agent, or Public Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, or any Officer or Servant of any Ambassador, Resident Agent, or Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, now doth or hereafter shall inhabit or occupy, shall be paid by the Landlord, or Owner of such House or Tenement, who shall be subject and liable to the Payment thereof in like Manner as

if he, she, or they had been the Occupier or Occupiers thereof and actually named and assessed in such Rate or Assessment, and be recovered and enforced accordingly.

LXXIII. And, for the more easy Recovery of such Rates or Assessments respectively; be it further enacted, That each and every Person so renting or occupying any such Part or separate Apartment aforesaid, shall be liable and compellable to the Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, hereby directed to be made, and to the Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor within the said Liberty, and all Arrears due thereon, to be recovered in Manner herein directed; and the respective Occupiers who shall pay such Rates or Assessments or any Arrears due thereon, or from whom the same shall be recovered in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the next Rent or any other Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to such respective Lessor or Landlord, Owner or Proprietor, and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge for all and every such Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers to his, her, or their Landlord, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay, or as shall be levied and recovered on the Goods and Chattels of him, her, or them respectively by virtue of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that no Lodger or Person occupying any such separate Apartment as aforesaid, shall by virtue of this Act be liable to the Payment of any greater Sum of Money on Account of the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, or on Account of any Poor Rate, than the Amount of the Money really and *bona fide* due and payable from such Lodger or Occupier of such separate Apartment to his or her Landlord, or the Amount of the then current Year, Half-Year, Quarter of a Year, or other Space of Time at which his or her Rent shall accrue and become payable, and into which he or she shall respectively have entered at the Time such Rate or Assessment shall be demanded.

Lodgers liable to the Rates may deduct it from their Landlords.

But not to be liable to more than the Amount of Rent actually due from them or accruing for the then current Quarter, &c.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no such Tenant or Occupier of any Part, Parcel, or separate Apartment of any House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, by Payment of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments in Manner aforesaid, shall be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the said Liberty, but that the Lessor, 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 in anywise notwithstanding.

No Lodger to gain a Settlement by Payment of the Rate.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That, in case any Person shall remove out of, or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament within the Limits of this Act, before the Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act, or any Rate made for the Relief of the Poor within the said Liberty, shall be paid; or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed before Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same as aforesaid shall be empty or unoccupied, then the Person so

When Persons remove,

[Loc. & Per.]

removing

the Person
going out and
the Person
coming in
each liable to
a Proportion.

Disputes to
be settled by
a Magistrate.

removing out of, or from, or quitting the Possession, and the Person entering into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of the Rate or Assessment in Proportion to the Time such Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person so removing or quitting as aforesaid had remained in the Possession and Occupation of such House, Building, Tenement, Ground or Hereditament, or the Person so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed; which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*; and in case any Person or Persons shall come into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament by renting or taking the same from the last immediate Occupier, then and in such Case the Person or Persons so coming into the Occupation thereof, shall be subject and liable to the Rates or Assessments in Arrear by virtue of this Act, and to such Poor Rates in Arrear as if he, she, or they had been originally rated or assessed.

Deficiency of
one Year's
Rate to be
made good
out of next.

LXXVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case there shall be any Deficiency in any One Year's respective Rate or Assessment so to be made by virtue of this Act, as aforesaid, either by any Houses, Rooms, Chambers, Shops, Cellars, Warehouses, Buildings, Coach-houses, Stables, or Tenements being empty, or by the Insolvency or Removal of any of the Inhabitants, Tenants, Occupiers, or otherwise, for which or upon whom the said Rates or Assessments are respectively charged, so that the Expences and Charges incident to the Purposes of this Act cannot be fully performed, satisfied, paid, and discharged in that Year, then and in any such Case the Deficiency so happening shall be carried to the next succeeding Year's Rate, and shall be made good thereout; and if there shall happen to be any Surplus Money collected by such respective Rates and Assessments as aforesaid in any One Year, such Surplus shall be carried on to the next Year's Credit of such respective Rates, and shall be applied for such Uses and in such Manner as the respective Rates or Assessments therein collected are by this Act directed to be laid out and applied.

Arrears upon
former Rates
how recover-
able,

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment, and the Arrears of each and every Rate and Assessment already rated and assessed, or ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected by and under the Authority of the Acts herein-before recited or any of them, or otherwise, within the Limits of this Act, shall and may be levied, assessed, and collected by such Person or Persons in such and the same Ways, by such Means, and under such and the same Powers, Restrictions, and Regulations, as any Rate or Assessment, or Arrears of any Rate or Assessment ordered and directed to be levied, assessed and collected by virtue of this Act, can or may be raised, levied, and collected; and shall and may be paid and applied by the Person or Persons hereby authorized and appointed to collect and receive the same, in the like Manner and for the like Purposes as any other Rate or Rates is hereby directed to be paid and applied: Provided always, that

and Monies
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thereon how
to be applied.

all Chambers, Shops, Sheds, Cellars, Rooms, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, and Chapels which shall hereafter be erected or built within the Limits of this Act, shall be rated, assessed, collected, levied, and raised for the Purposes of this Act in the same Manner, Method, and Proportion, and under such Restrictions and Regulations as other Chambers, Shops, Sheds, Cellars, Rooms, Houses, Buildings, or Tenements within the Limits aforesaid, shall be then rated or assessed, collected, levied, and raised.

All future built Houses, &c. to be liable in like Manner as the present are.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessor or Lessors, Lessee or Lessees of any Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the Limits aforesaid, and herein made liable to pay any Rate or Assessment made, laid, and assessed by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them respectively, or which he, she, or they is or are liable by virtue of this Act to pay, and all Arrears due thereon, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors (appointed by the said Directors and Governors or the said Committee to collect such Rates or Assessments respectively), by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, to recover and levy such Rates and Assessments, and all Arrears due upon the said Rates or Assessments, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either in the said County of *Middlesex* or in any other County, City, or Liberty (such Warrant, if the Distress shall not be made in the said County of *Middlesex*, being first backed or countersigned by some Magistrate for the County, City, or Liberty where the Distress is to be made), which Warrant such Magistrate is hereby required to back or countersign without Fee or Reward; and if within Five Days next after such Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with the reasonable Charges of taking and keeping the same, the said Collector or Collectors shall cause the said Goods to be appraised and sold, or such Part thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reasonable Charges of making such Distress and of keeping and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner and Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively.

How Rates under this Act to be recovered.

LXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and Governors and Committee, or any Seven or more of them, if they shall think fit, where no sufficient Distress can be made for the Recovery of any or either of the Rates or Assessments to be made, levied, assessed, and collected in virtue of this Act, to direct and cause an Action or Actions (in the Name of their Clerk), to be brought and prosecuted in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* for the Recovery of any or either of the said Rates or Assessments, and upon Proof of the Demand made, and Refusal or Neglect of Payment of any or either of such Rates or Assessments, for

Rates may be recovered by an Action at Law, if no Distress be found.

for the Recovery whereof such Action or Actions shall be brought, the said Directors and Governors and Committee shall be entitled to a Verdict against the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments to be duly entered in Books.

Receipts to be preserved in Books.

Books to be kept by Clerk, and to be open to Inspection of Inhabitants.

Accounts to be taken as Evidence.

Magistrates may excuse an Inhabitant from serving the Office of Overseer on paying a Fine.

Fines to go in aid of the Poor Rate.

LXXX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That distinct Accounts of the total Sums respectively assessed, collected, and received within the said Liberty, Precinct, or Place, and of all the Monies paid and disbursed for all or any of the Purposes mentioned in this Act, shall be fairly entered in distinct and separate Books to be provided for that Purpose by the Clerks to the said Directors and Governors, and to the said Committee for the Time being, which Books shall yearly be examined, adjusted, and signed by all such Inhabitants and Householders present at the then next General Meeting in order of Time to be held for making a Rate or Assessment as herein-before enacted and declared; and that all Receipts taken for Money disbursed for all or any of the Purposes of this Act, shall be respectively written in or affixed to a Book to be provided for such Purpose for each separate Rate or Assessment or Account, so as the better to preserve the same; which said Books and Accounts shall be lodged in the Hands of the Clerk to the said Directors and Governors and to the said Committee for the Time being, and shall and may at all reasonable Times be inspected and perused by any of the Inhabitants of the said Liberty who shall desire the same, on giving One Day's previous Notice, and paying the Sum of One Shilling for each Inspection; and all Accounts so signed by the Directors, Governors, or Committee at their Meetings, or by the Inhabitant Householders at their General Meetings to be respectively held pursuant to this Act, shall be and be deemed Originals, and shall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

LXXXI. And, for the better regulating the Appointment of Overseers of the Poor within the said Liberty; be it further enacted, That if it shall happen that any Person or Persons who shall be nominated or appointed to be Overseer of the Poor of the said Liberty (being by Law liable to take upon himself the said Office), shall be desirous of being excused from serving the same before he shall have taken upon himself the said Office, or acted or interfered therein, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex* (if he shall think fit), on hearing the Reasons of such Person to be by him alledged in excuse for his not serving the said Office, and also the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty of the *Rolls* for the preceding Year, to excuse such Person upon his paying such Fine as the said Justice shall think reasonable, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds; upon Payment whereof such Justice may excuse such Person from so serving the said Office of Overseer, and the like Measures shall be thereupon adopted for the nominating and appointing another Person to be Overseer of the Poor of the said Liberty, as if such Person so being excused had not been ever nominated or appointed, any Custom, Law, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, nevertheless, That all and every Fine and Fines to be received on Account of such Excuse as aforesaid, shall be paid to the acting Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty, and shall be by them

them carried to their Account, and be applied in Aid of the Poor Rate of the said Liberty, and not otherwise.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any poor Person maintained in any Workhouse or Workhouses now belonging or hereafter to belong to the said Liberty, shall refuse to perform the Work or Service which he, she, or they shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein (such Work or Service being suited to his, her, or their Age, Strength, and Ability), or shall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel, Materials, or Things provided for or belonging to or in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, or shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, or drunkenness, or of any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, that then in all or any of the Cases aforesaid it shall and may be lawful to and for the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty to cause the Offender or Offenders to be taken before some Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*; which Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required, upon Proof of such Offence or Offences by One or more Witnesses or Witnesses upon Oath, to cause such Person or Persons so offending to be punished either by Distinction of Diet or Dress, or by committing such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction or other Prison, for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days,

Poor Persons refusing to do reasonable Work according to their Age or Ability, or embezzling Goods, or misbehaving by Swearing, Drunkenness, &c.

may be taken before a Magistrate,

who may punish either by Distinction of Diet, Dress, or Commitment.

LXXXIII. And whereas divers Children, deserted by their Parents, are frequently found wandering and begging and not able to give an Account of themselves or the Place of their legal Settlement: And whereas if such Children were properly employed and inured to a Habit of Industry, they might be furnished with Means for their future Maintenance; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty, or any One or more of them, to cause such Child or Children as he or they shall judge to be under the Age of Ten Years, who shall be found wandering or begging in the said Liberty, if they think proper, to be taken and sent to the Workhouse belonging to the said Liberty, there to be detained until he or she can be otherwise provided for.

Children wandering in the Streets, to be taken to the Workhouse.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the Workhouse of the said Liberty, unless with the Permission of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty, or by the special Order of the Apothecary or other Medical Person appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be convicted of such Offence before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

No Spirituous Liquors to be taken into the Workhouse without Order.

Penalty for so doing.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy or receive into Pawn or Secrete any of the Clothes, Wearing Apparel, or Linen of any of the Poor who now are or shall hereafter be received into and maintained in the Workhouse or Workhouses of the said Liberty, having or appearing to

Persons knowingly receiving Goods or Apparel stolen from the Workhouse.

Liabie to
Penalty.

have had the Parish Mark thereon, or any of the Goods and Materials carried into the Workhouse or Workhouses to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor there, or any of the Goods and Furniture of any such Workhouse or Workhouses, or any of the Provisions allotted or provided for the Poor therein; each and every Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, upon Conviction by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, which Penalty shall be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the said Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, One Moiety of the said Penalty to be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Overseers of the Poor, for the Use of the Poor of the said Liberty; and if no Goods and Chattels can be found whereon to make such Distress, or that the said Penalty shall not be forthwith paid, then and in such Case such Justice or Justices shall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, commit such Offender or Offenders to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

Fines and
Penalties,
how to be
levied and re-
covered.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise herein particularly directed), shall upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any One or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Information of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward, and the Informer is hereby rendered a credible Witness), be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant; and the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any be), upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold (the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making such Distress, and the keeping and selling thereof being first deducted), shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Directors and Governors of the Nightly Watch and Beadles, in case the Offence whereof the Party shall be so convicted shall have been committed against that Part of this Act which respects the establishing and regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Liberty, and to the Committee for the better paving, lighting, and cleansing the said Liberty, in case such Offence shall be committed against such Part of the Act as relates to such paving, lighting, and cleansing, and shall by the said Directors and Governors or the said Committee, respectively be applied towards the Purposes of this Act; and where the same shall arise and be incurred by reason of any Offence relating to the Poor of the Workhouse, the same shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty and by them applied in Aid of the Poor Rate; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful

lawful to and for the said Directors and Governors, and for the said Committee and Overseers of the Poor respectively, to pay such Part of the said Penalties to the Informer as they shall judge reasonable, not exceeding One Moiety thereof; and in every such Case where Distress is directed to be taken by this Act and sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom such Conviction shall be made, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, or of such County or Place where such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, there to remain without Bail or Main-prize for any Time not exceeding One Month for the First Offence, and for the Second and every other Offence of the same Kind for any Time not exceeding Two Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reasonable Charges and Expences attending the same shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Liberty shall before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination or otherwise, in, about, touching or concerning any Matter or Thing touching or concerning the said Liberty of the *Rolls*, be deemed an incompetent Witness by reason of his or her paying the Rates of the said Liberty; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Inhabitants deemed competent Witnesses.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or any other Form of Words to the same Effect; (that is to say),

Form of Conviction.

To wit. } BE it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____ in the _____ Year of the Reign of His Majesty King _____ A. B. is convicted before _____ of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the _____ of _____ by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of the Act, and specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed.*] Given under our Hands and Seals [*or, my Hand and Seal*] the Day and Year aforesaid.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on Account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form.

Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage, in an Action on the Case: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action or for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into the Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings or Order and Judgment shall be had, made, or given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Power of
Appeal.

XC. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done in pursuance of this Act; such Person or Persons shall apply for Relief to the Directors and Governors or the Committee for putting this Act into Execution, as the Case may require, at any Meeting to be held within Six Weeks next after Demand made of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or next after any Matter or Thing done and committed, by or by Order of the said Directors and Governors or the said Committee, as the Case may be; and the said Directors and Governors, and the said Committee are respectively hereby authorized and empowered, (if they shall think such Person or Person aggrieved), to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of such Directors and Governors, or of the said Committee, as the Case may be, he, she, or they shall be obliged to pay such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and to comply with such Order of the said Directors and Governors, or of the said Committee, and then he, she, or they may appeal to the Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex* next after such Determination, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing of such his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk to the said Directors and Governors, or to the Clerk to the said Committee, and within Two Days next after such Notice, entering into Recognizance before such Justice of the Peace for such County with two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions, but if there shall not be Time for giving such Notice, then to the next succeeding Quarter or General Sessions; and the said Justices at such Quarter or General Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such

Giving Notice and entering into Recognizance to try the Appeal.

such Justices at their Quarter or General Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

XCI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, nor any Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari* or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

Nor to be removed by *Certiorari*.

XCII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act until Thirty Days Notice shall be thereof given in Writing to the Clerk to the said Directors and Governors, or to the Clerk to the said Committee, as the Case may be, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Six Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits shall be so brought; and all such Actions or Suits shall be laid and tried in the County of *Middlesex*, and not in any other County, City, or Place, and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions, Suit and Suits and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for or on which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits shall be brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Thirty Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein, and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits shall become non-suited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, or if upon a Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in other Cases by Law.

No Action to be brought without previous Notice.

Venue in all Actions to be laid in *Middlesex*.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Monies arising by virtue of this Act.

Charges of Act how to be paid.

[*Loc. & Per.*]

Publick Act.

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

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