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An Act for amending an Act of His present Majesty, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor, within the Hundreds of *Colneis* and *Carlford*, in the County of *Suffolk*. [3d June 1813.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor, within the Hundreds of Colneis and Carlford, in the County of Suffolk*: And whereas it is become expedient, in some Respects, to amend and render more effectual the same Act, and to alter and enlarge the Powers and Provisions thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much and such Part and Parts of the said recited Act, as relate to the letting and placing out, by the Directors and acting Guardians appointed under or by virtue of the same Act, of any poor Children maintained in the House of Industry for the Hundreds of *Colneis* and *Carlford*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and for binding such Children to be Apprentices, shall be and the same are hereby repealed: And, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Directors and acting Guardians of the Poor for the said Hundreds, present at any Quarterly or Weekly Meeting under the said recited Act, to let or place out for One Year any of the poor Children maintained in the said House, and it shall also be lawful for

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Repealing so much of former Act as relates to placing out poor Children, and providing more effectual Regulations for that Purpose.

the said Directors and acting Guardians present at any such Quarterly or Weekly Meeting, or for the Clerk for the Time being of the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any Time or Times (being thereunto duly authorized by an Order of the said Directors and acting Guardians present at any such Quarterly or Weekly Meeting, such Order to be in Writing, and entered in the Book or Books to be kept for the Purpose of entering the Proceedings of the said Directors and acting Guardians, and signed by such Directors and acting Guardians) with the Consent of any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, to bind by Indenture under the Common Seal of the Corporation of the "Guardians of the Poor of the Hundreds of *Colneis* and *Carlford* in the County of *Suffolk*," any such poor Children, as also any poor Children residing out of the said House, and belonging to any Parish within the said Hundreds, whose Parents shall, in the Judgement of the said Directors and acting Guardians, be unable to maintain them, to be Apprentices for any Term not less than Three Years nor more than Seven Years (except where the Child being a Male, shall be above the Age of Eighteen Years, or being a Female above the Age of Fifteen Years, at the Time of such binding; and no such Child shall in any Case be bound to serve as an Apprentice after the Age of Twenty-one being a Male, or after the Age of Eighteen being a Female) to any Person or Persons occupying Lands or Tenements, or using any Trade in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundreds, whom the said Directors and acting Guardians shall think proper Persons to take Apprentices (whether such Person or Persons be resident within the said Hundreds or either of them, or elsewhere) due Regard being had to apportion the Number of Children which shall be bound Apprentices according to the annual Sum at which the Persons to whom they are hereby directed to be bound, shall respectively be assessed by a Pound Rate, to the Relief of the Poor in any Parish within the said Hundreds; or (with the like Consent) to bind any such Children Apprentices to the Governor of the said House, and his Successors in such Office, or to any other proper Person willing to take such Apprentices; or to bind any such Male Children Apprentices to any Captain, Master, or Owner of any Ship or Vessel in the Sea Service willing to take such Apprentices; and such Directors and acting Guardians aforesaid, are by this Act empowered to put out and bind Apprentice such Children, in like Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Assent of Two Justices of the Peace, are by the Laws now in being empowered to bind poor Children, whose Parents are not able to maintain them, to be Apprentices; and the Persons to whom such Children shall by the said Directors and acting Guardians (with such Consent of Two Justices of the Peace as aforesaid) be appointed to be bound Apprentices, shall be obliged to receive and provide for such Apprentices, and to execute a Counterpart of the Indentures of Apprenticeship, in like Manner, and under the like Penalties, as Persons are now obliged by the Laws in being to provide for Apprentices appointed to be bound by Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Assent of Two Justices of the Peace; and no Apprentice so bound as aforesaid shall (except with the Consent of the Directors and acting Guardians under the said Common Seal) be assigned or turned over to any other Person whomsoever; and all Persons to whom such Apprentices shall be assigned or turned over, shall be obliged to receive and provide for them, and to execute a Counterpart of the Assignment, in like Manner as the Persons to whom they were first bound as aforesaid were obliged to receive.

receive and provide for them, and to execute a Counterpart of the original Indentures of Apprenticeship, and in like Manner, the Persons to whom such Children shall be let or placed out for One Year as aforesaid, shall be obliged to receive and provide for such Children in like Manner, and under the like Penalties, as they are now obliged by the Law to provide for Apprentices appointed to be bound by Churchwardens and Overseers, with the Assent of Two Justices of the Peace; and no such Child or Children, so let and placed out for One Year shall, (except with the Consent of the Directors and acting Guardians at some Quarterly or Weekly Meeting) be assigned or turned over to any other Person whomsoever; and all Persons to whom any such Child or Children shall be so assigned or turned over, shall be obliged to receive and provide for them in the same Manner, and under the same Penalties, as the Persons to whom such Children were first let or placed out, were obliged to receive and provide for them.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Children who have been bound Apprentices by virtue of the said recited Act of the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the Terms of whose Apprenticeships are unexpired, shall, for the Remainder of such Terms, be deemed and taken to be Apprentices bound in pursuance of this Act; and the Production of such Indenture or Assignment under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, shall be sufficient Proof of the due Execution thereof.

Children apprenticed by virtue of former Act, deemed Apprentices under this Act.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians to find and provide for all and every such poor Children or Child, who shall and may be bound out as Apprentice or Apprentices, to any Person or Persons residing out of the said incorporated Hundreds, all such Clothing, of every Sort, as the said Directors or acting Guardians shall think proper, and to charge the Expence thereof to and upon such of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, within the said incorporated Hundreds to which such poor Children or Child, who shall be so apprenticed as aforesaid, shall respectively belong; but such Expence shall in no Case exceed the Value of the Clothing usually given with Children apprenticed out of the House, to Occupiers within the Hundreds; and the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being, or any Three or more of them (whereof Two shall be Directors) are hereby authorized and required to issue their Warrants to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of such last-mentioned Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, requiring Payment of such Expences; and the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are hereby authorized and required to pay the same to the said Directors and acting Guardians, or their Treasurer; and the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and also the said Directors and acting Guardians, are hereby empowered to raise and levy the same within the respective Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, liable to pay the same, in the same Manner and by the same Means, and with the same Powers and Remedies for enforcing the Payment thereof, as are by the said recited Act provided with respect to the average Assessment thereby directed to be made.

For defraying Expences of clothing Children placed Apprentices out of the Hundreds.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all such Penalties as by any Law or Statute now in force are imposed, and shall or may be recovered by the said Directors and acting Guardians, after the passing of this Act, for

Penalties paid in lieu of taking Apprentices shall be considered or

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or by reason of any Person or Persons refusing to take any poor Child or Children of or belonging to any Parish, Hamlet, or Place, within the said incorporated Hundreds, who shall be appointed by the said Directors and acting Guardians to be bound Apprentice to him, her, or them, so that not more than Two Penalties shall be paid for any one Child, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be considered as a Fund, and be from Time to Time applied and disposed of by the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being as they shall think proper, for and towards the binding and placing out Apprentices any poor Child or Children to any Person or Persons whomsoever.

Repealing  
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V. And whereas by the said recited Act it is provided, that in case any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of any of the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundreds, shall refuse or neglect to aid or assist the said Directors and acting Guardians as therein mentioned, such Churchwardens and Overseers shall be subject to a Penalty of Five Pounds, but such Provision has been found defective and ineffectual; be it therefore enacted, That such last-mentioned Provision shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Churchwardens and Overseers neglecting their Duty, may be summoned to a Weekly Meeting.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in case any of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any of the Parishes, Hamlets, or Places within the said Hundreds, shall at any Time or Times refuse or neglect to aid or assist the said Directors and acting Guardians to the best of their Power, or shall at any Time disobey or neglect or refuse to perform the Order or Orders of the said Directors and acting Guardians, made at any Quarterly or other Meeting of the said Directors and acting Guardians, held under the Authority of the said recited Act or of this Act; or if any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor shall refuse or neglect to raise and levy the Sums of Money assessed, or to be assessed or charged by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, upon his respective Parish, Hamlet, or Place, or to pay the same at the Time and Place to be appointed by the said Directors and acting Guardians, every such Churchwarden and Overseer so disobeying, neglecting, or refusing, may be summoned by Writing under the Hands of any Three Directors or acting Guardians, to appear either at the next General Quarterly Meeting of the said Directors and acting Guardians, to be held pursuant to the said recited Act, as prescribed by the said recited Act, or at any Weekly or other Meeting of the said Directors and acting Guardians, as to them shall seem meet; and such Churchwarden or Overseer so summoned, and neglecting to attend at such Quarterly, Weekly, or other Meeting, or appearing, and not sufficiently justifying or excusing himself, shall, according to the Nature of the Offence, be liable and subject to the following Penalties and Forfeitures respectively; that is to say, to any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for every Refusal or Neglect to aid or assist the said Directors and acting Guardians in Manner aforesaid, or for disobeying or refusing to perform such Order or Orders of the said Directors and acting Guardians; and such Churchwarden or Overseer shall be subject to any Sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds for every Refusal or Neglect to raise and levy the Sums of Money assessed, or to be assessed or charged as aforesaid, or to pay the same at the Time and Place before mentioned; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures shall and may be imposed, raised, levied, and recovered in such Man-

ner, and by such Ways and Means as are in that Behalf prescribed by the said recited Act, with the same or the like Liberty of Appeal in case the said Churchwarden or Overseer, or Churchwardens or Overseers, shall think himself or themselves aggrieved, and under and subject to the same Restrictions, Orders, and Regulations, as are by the said recited Act or this Act prescribed, in respect of the Sums to be paid by any Master or Mistress who shall abuse or ill treat any of the Children which shall be placed with them as Apprentices by the said Directors or acting Guardians, by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the next Quarterly Meeting after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of the Poor of the several and respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, within the said incorporated Hundreds, when and so often as they shall think fit, by, from, and out of the Monies to be raised and levied by the Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor of such respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, according to the Laws now in force for that Purpose, to relieve and maintain any poor Person or Persons, and his Wife, or his or their Child or Children, or any of them, legally belonging to their respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, during such Time and Times, and in such Manner as the said Churchwardens and Overseers, in their Discretion shall deem proper, subject nevertheless to the Regulations and Provisions, and the Laws and Statutes now in force relating to such Relief of the Poor; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for any One of the Directors, acting for the said incorporated Hundreds, under or by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, upon the Complaint of any poor Person or Persons residing and legally settled within any Parish, Hamlet, or Place, in the said incorporated Hundreds, and wanting Relief or Parochial Assistance, to grant such immediate Relief as he may think proper to such poor Person or Persons, and to issue his Warrant or Precept, and thereby to summon the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Place to which such Person or Persons shall belong, or any of them, to appear at the then next Weekly Meeting of the Directors and acting Guardians, to be held in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act; or if there shall not be sufficient Time to summon such Churchwardens and Overseers to appear at such next Weekly Meeting, then such Director may and shall summon such Churchwardens and Overseers to appear at the following or next succeeding Weekly Meeting, to answer the subject Matter of the said Complaint, and the Directors and acting Guardians assembled at such next succeeding Weekly Meeting, are hereby authorized and required to examine into, hear, and determine the subject Matter of the said Complaint, and to make such Order therein upon such Churchwardens and Overseers, for the further Relief, Sustentation, and Maintenance of such poor Person or Persons, and his Wife, or his, her, or their Child and Children, or any of them, as to such Directors and acting Guardians, or the major Part of them so assembled at their weekly Meetings shall seem meet; or otherwise such Directors and acting Guardians may, if they shall think fit, order and direct such poor Person or Persons, and his, her, or their Wife, Child, or Children, or any of them, to be conveyed or sent by the said Churchwardens and Overseers to the said House, erected and built for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the said incorporated Hundreds, there to be maintained and employed

Churchwardens and Overseers may relieve Poor in their own Parishes.

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by and under the Care and Management of the said Directors and acting Guardians; and the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and every of them, are and is hereby required forthwith to obey and perform all and every such Summons of any of the said Directors, and all and every such Order and Orders of the said Directors and acting Guardians so assembled as aforesaid, touching and concerning the Matters aforesaid, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying any Sum of Money not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be recovered, levied, and applied, in like Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by the said recited Act or by this Act, are to be recovered, levied, and applied.

Churchwardens and Overseers may relieve poor Persons residing and settled in the Hundreds, but residing out of the Parish to which they belong.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person or Persons legally settled within the said incorporated Hundreds, but not residing in the Parish to which he, she, or they belong, shall be in Want of Relief, or Parochial Assistance, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the respective Parishes in which such poor Person or Persons shall reside, on Application being made to them for that Purpose, to relieve such poor Person or Persons as they shall in their Discretion deem proper, the said Churchwardens and Overseers making a Report, as soon as conveniently may be to the said Directors and acting Guardians assembled at a Weekly Meeting, of the Amount of the several Sums which they shall have advanced to such poor Person or Persons, and such Relief not exceeding in any case the Sum of Ten Shillings before making such a Report; and the Directors and acting Guardians then present, shall cause immediate Notice thereof to be given to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the respective Parishes to which such poor Person or Persons belong, to grant to such poor Person or Persons such Weekly Allowance as the said Directors and acting Guardians assembled at such Weekly Meeting, or at any subsequent Meeting, shall direct, or otherwise to remove such Person or Persons to the said House of Industry; and all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be laid out and expended in such Relief as last aforesaid, shall be repaid to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parishes who shall advance such Relief, by the said Directors and acting Guardians, at the Meeting holden previous to the next Quarterly Meeting of the said Directors and acting Guardians, and charged to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor to which such Person or Persons so relieved as last aforesaid shall belong.

Ascertaining the Settlements of the Poor.

IX. And, in order to enable the said Directors and acting Guardians to ascertain with greater Accuracy the respective Settlements of the several poor Persons relieved, while residing out of the said House; in order to the more accurate taking and ascertaining the Averages herein-after mentioned, as well immediately after the passing of this Act as in Time to come; be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians to find and ascertain the Settlement of the said Paupers in the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, and for that Purpose to call for and examine all Books, Entries, and Parochial Documents whatever, of or belonging to the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, and to summon before them, as well upon Oath as otherwise (which Oath the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any Meeting or Meetings for such Purpose assembled, are hereby empowered to administer) all Parish Officers, Paupers, or other Persons, touching and concerning the Settlement of all and every Pauper relieved out of the said House

House by virtue of this or the said recited Act, or either of them, during the said Period or Periods: Provided always, that in all such Cases where the Settlement of any such Pauper or Paupers cannot be otherwise ascertained, he, she, or they shall be deemed and taken to be settled in that Parish within the said Hundreds, in which such Pauper or Paupers appear, by the Books of the said Corporation, to have resided at the Time of receiving such Relief as aforesaid.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundreds, shall and they are hereby severally required to deliver in upon Oath, to the Directors and acting Guardians, at the General Quarterly Meeting to be held on *Monday* after the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year, a List of the Names of all poor Persons relieved by them in their several and respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, or elsewhere, out of the said House of Industry, in the Course of the Year preceding the said Tenth Day of *October* in every Year; which Oath any One of the Directors then present is hereby authorized and empowered to administer; and in case any of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall refuse or neglect to deliver in the said List of poor Persons so relieved by them as aforesaid, every Churchwarden or Overseer so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit and pay a Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Suffolk*; and such Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Guardians, and added by him to the common Stock for the Use of the Poor.

Churchwardens and Overseers to deliver Lists of the poor Persons who have been relieved.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all or any Persons or Person who shall be entitled under and by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act, to have or receive the Interest or Principal of any Debt, or any Instalment thereof, or any Part of such Principal Money or Instalment, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months, from Time to Time when the same shall have become due, and after Payment thereof shall have been demanded by Notice in Writing subscribed by the Person or Persons entitled to and claiming the same, to commence and prosecute an Action or Suit against the said Directors and acting Guardians, by their Name of Incorporation, and to recover such Sum or Sums so due, or to be due, under and by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act, to them or any of them, together with Costs of Suit, in an Action of Debt or upon the Case, for Money had and received, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and that in every such Action or Suit, the Service of any Writ or Writs, Notice or Demand, or any other Process or Proceeding upon the Treasurer of the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being, shall be deemed to be, and shall be actual and legal Service on the said Corporation.

Persons entitled to Money may prosecute for the same.

XII. And whereas the average annual or other Payments charged and assessed upon each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, by virtue of the said recited Act, are in many Instances unequal; for Remedy whereof, be it further enacted, That from and after the First Quarterly Meeting next after the passing of this Act, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may

All Expences relative to the Corporation to be divided into Two Classes.

may be, all Expences whatsoever which shall be necessary for the Clothing, Maintenance, and Relief of the Poor which shall be under the Care, Management, and Direction of the said Directors and acting Guardians at the Time last aforesaid, or at any Time or Times thereafter, within the said Hundreds, and also the legal and necessary Expences of the Establishment of the said House of Industry, and all other legal and necessary Expences whatsoever attendant upon the said Incorporation, shall be divided and classed in Two several separate and distinct Divisions or Classes; and that the First Division or Class shall comprehend and comprize all the Charges and Expences of providing Meat, Drink, and other necessary Food and Sustenance for the Maintenance and Support of the poor Persons maintained and supported from Time to Time in the said Poor House, and also all the Clothes, Linen, and Apparel of every Kind, to be found and provided for the necessary Use and Convenience of such poor Persons, and likewise all such Sum and Sums of Money, and all other Allowances, which shall from Time to Time be paid or allowed for the Relief, Maintenance, and Support of poor Persons, either residing within the said Hundreds or without the same, and not maintained and supported in the said House; and that the Second Division or Class of Expences shall comprehend or comprize all Charges and Expences paid, laid out, and expended for the Relief and Support of casual Paupers, and for other Casualties, except in Cases where any Expences shall have been incurred or increased by or through any Negligence or Misconduct of Parish Officers, where such Casualties shall or may happen; and in that Event all Expences arising from any such Negligence or Misconduct shall be deemed and considered to be Expences comprized in and comprehended under the First Division or Class of Expences, and paid therewith accordingly; and under the said Second Class or Division, shall be also included all Charges and Expences paid, laid out, and expended, in and about the following Articles; (that is to say), the Interest of Money already borrowed or hereafter to be borrowed, for Beds, Bedding, Household Furniture, Table Linen, and all other Family Articles, Utensils, and Effects, for the necessary Use of the Poor within the said House of Industry, and also Coals and other Fuel, Candles, Salaries to Officers, Law Expences, Rewards to industrious Poor, Building Materials, and Repairs to the said House, and all other Payments, Charges, and Expences, not comprehended in and included under the First Class or Division of Expences which the said Directors and acting Guardians shall pay, sustain, or expend, in and about the legal and necessary Establishment of the said House of Industry, and the general Concern of the said Corporation, and of the necessary Relief, Sustenance, and Support of the Poor belonging to the said Hundreds, and residing either within the same, or elsewhere.

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XIII. And be it further enacted, That from the Quarterly Meeting next after the passing of this Act, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians, and they are hereby required, to assess upon every Parish, Hamlet, and Place, incorporated within the said Hundreds, such Sum and Sums of Money as shall or may be necessary for the Payment, Satisfaction, and Discharge of all such Sum and Sums of Money, Payments, and all other Expenditures which shall be incurred, sustained, and paid under the first Class or Division of Expences aforesaid, in the Proportions and Manner following; (that is to say), that an Account of the whole Expence of  
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the said House of Industry, including the Payment for Interest on Money borrowed, and for Out-relief to Paupers belonging to the said Hundreds, not residing within any of the incorporated Parishes, and whose Settlement in any of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, cannot be otherwise ascertained, shall be taken from the Books of the Corporation for the last Seven Years, ending at *Lady Day* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and after deducting therefrom the Earnings of the Paupers residing in the said House within that Time, together with all other Profits and Advantages arising from the Concern of the said Corporation during that Period, the Amount which shall then remain shall be averaged, and such average Amount shall be divided by the average aggregate Number of Paupers, which, during the same Period, shall have been clothed and maintained in the said House, and each Parish shall be charged such Sum of Money for each Pauper, as shall be in Proportion to the average Number of Paupers belonging to such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively during that Period, to which shall be added the annual Amount, averaged in like Manner, of all Sums paid by the Treasurer for the Relief of the Poor belonging to each Parish, Hamlet, or Place respectively, and not resident in the said House of Industry; and the Amount of the Sums so found being added together, shall be taken and considered to be the Expence which each Parish, Hamlet, and Place, hath annually incurred respectively to the Corporation during the said Period of Seven Years, ending at *Lady Day* aforesaid, and shall be the Sum, Rate, or Assessment, to be annually levied and raised by Quarterly Payments on each of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, until the Time that a new Account and Average shall be made and taken as herein-after is mentioned, for and towards the Charges and Expences of the Clothing, Maintenance, and Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, as comprehended under and included and comprized in the first aforesaid Division or Class of Expences.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and acting Guardians, or the major Part of them present at any of their Annual or Quarterly Meetings to be hereafter holden, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and directed from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, during the said Time, and until a new Account or Average shall be taken as after mentioned, to increase or diminish the said Rates and Assessments in the Proportion aforesaid: Provided also, that the said Directors and acting Guardians are hereby authorized and required, at the End of every Year, and in no Case to exceed Four Years, as they shall see proper or deem meet, from the Time of taking the first Average, to take fresh or new Averages, in like Manner and according to such Proportions as aforesaid, of all Charges and Expenditures comprehended under and included in the said First Class or Division of Expences, from the Time the preceding Account or Average was made and taken, and to make such Alterations in the Assessments of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places accordingly, with respect to the Expenditure and Assessments for and under the said First Class or Division, as on the taking of such new Averages shall appear just and necessary.

Directors and acting Guardians may alter the Rates.

XV. And be it further enacted, That from the said Quarterly Meeting next after the passing of this Act, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting

Assessments to be made for discharging the Second Class of Expences.

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Guardians, and they are hereby required to assess upon every Parish, Hamlet, or Place, incorporated within the said Hundreds, such Sum and Sums of Money as shall and may be sufficient and necessary for the Payment, Satisfaction, and Discharge of all such Sum and Sums of Money, and all other Expenditures which shall or may be incurred, sustained, paid, and comprehended under the Second Class or Division of Expences herein-before mentioned, in the like Proportions and Manner, and according to the like Calculation, Averages, and Account, as is herein-before mentioned and prescribed with respect to the Expenditures, and the Assessments for satisfying the same, of the first before mentioned Class or Division of Expences: Provided always nevertheless, that after the Account and Averages shall be first taken, for the Purposes of ascertaining the Expence which each Parish, Hamlet, or Place, hath annually incurred respectively to the Corporation during the preceding Seven Years aforesaid, ending at *Lady Day* aforesaid, with respect to the Expenditures under the Second Class or Division of Expences, and the Amount of the Assessments on each such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, for satisfying and defraying such last mentioned Expenditures, such Account and Averages, and such Amount of Assessments, shall be deemed, considered, and taken, to all Intents and Purposes, as permanent Accounts, Averages, and Assessments, and shall not be liable to be altered, varied, and regulated, as is herein-before provided with respect to the Accounts, Averages, and Assessments relating to Expenditures under the First Class or Division of Expences.

For punishing  
Persons guilty  
of Perjury.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence in any Examination to be taken by virtue of this or the said recited Act, or where any Oath is required, shall swear falsely, shall be subject to such Penalties and Disqualifications as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject to.

This and the  
former Act to  
be construed  
together.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Provisions contained in this Act shall, in the Execution of the said recited Act, be used, applied, and continued, as if the same Provisions were specifically enacted in the said recited Act, and all the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, (save and except Exemptions from Stamp Duties) Matters, and Things contained in or prescribed or appointed by the said recited Act, and hereby not expressly taken away, altered, or repealed, shall be of full Force and Effect, and extend to this Act, and to the several Assessments, Matters, and Things, herein contained and mentioned, or hereby authorized to be laid and imposed; and that the said recited Act, and the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Exemptions, Matters, and Things therein contained, (except as aforesaid, and except such as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed) shall be construed and executed with this Act as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were herein repeated and re-enacted.

Appeal.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Assessment or Assessments to be made in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them, to appeal to the Justices at the next or Second General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the Division of *Woodbridge*, every such Appellant or Appellants giving Eight Days Notice at the least in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring

bring such Appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof, to the Clerk of the said Directors and acting Guardians, and within Four Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Division, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Sessions; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Cause and Matter of every such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they shall think proper, and their Determination therein shall be final and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

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

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