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That



That the Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth herein-before recited or referred to and the present Act, except so far as any of the Provisions in that Act are altered and amended by this present Act, shall be construed as One Act.

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this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That in construing this Act Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall be understood to include the Singular Number; and Words importing the Masculine Gender shall be understood to include Females; and the Word "Person" shall be understood to include Corporation, or any public or private Company, whether registered or not; the Expression "the Corporation" or "the said Corporation" shall mean the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians of the Poor of the City and County of *Norwich* and Liberties of the same; the Word "Rate" shall include Assessments and Shares or Parts of Rates; and the Word "Tenement" shall include and mean any Dwelling House, Room, or Apartment in which Persons shall dwell or reside, and which shall be used as a Place of Residence and Domicile, but shall not extend to any Shop, Warehouse, Counting House, Stable, or Coach-house, Cellar, Coal-bin, or other Building used for the Purpose of any Trade or Business; and that the Word "Overseers" shall mean and include Overseers of the Poor and Assistant Overseers; and the Word "Churchwardens" shall include Assistant Churchwardens; unless in any of the Cases aforesaid there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

Interpreta-  
tion of Terms  
in this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the Owner of any Tenement or Tenements situate within the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties of *Saint Peter of Mancroft, Saint Peter per Mountergate, Saint Stephen, the Liberty called The Town Close, Saint Giles, Saint Andrew, Saint George of Tombland, Saint George of Colegate, Saint Peter of Southgate, Saint Etheldred, Saint Julian, Saint John of Sepulchre, Saint Michael at Thorn, Saint John of Timberhill, All Saints, Saint Benedict, Saint Swithin, Saint Margaret, Saint Lawrence, Saint Gregory, Saint John of Maddermarket, Saint Michael at Plea, Saint Peter of Hungate, Saint Simon and Jude, Saint Martin at Palace, Saint Helen, the Hamlet of Thorpe, Saint Michael of Coslany, Saint Mary of Coslany, Saint Martin at Oak, Saint Augustine, Saint Clement, Saint Edmund, Saint Saviour, Saint Paul, Saint James, the Hamlets of Pockthorpe, Eaton, Earlham, Hellesdon, Lakenham, Heigham, Trowse Millgate, Carrow, and Bracondale, within the City of *Norwich* and County of the same City, the yearly Rent or Value whereof, ascertained according to an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate Parochial Assessments*, respectively shall not exceed the Sum of Six Pounds, shall hereafter be rated to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties in respect of such Tenement or Tenements instead of the actual Occupier or Occupiers thereof respectively, and whether the same shall be occupied or not, and such Owner shall be so rated at One Third of such yearly Rent or Value ascertained as aforesaid: Provided always, that in making the Assessments authorized to be made*

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by virtue of this Act no Assessment shall be made upon any Owner or Owners in respect of a smaller fractional Part of a Pound than One Fourth.

Reserving  
Rights of  
Occupier to  
be rated if  
he so desire.

IV. And be it enacted, That if the Occupier of any Tenement whereof the Rates are hereby made payable by the Owner shall signify in Writing to the Officers authorized to collect the Rates his Desire to be subjected to the Payment of Rates, and shall tender, or on Demand pay, to such Officers the full Amount of Rates which shall from Time to Time become due in respect of such Tenement, such Occupier shall thereupon be and thenceforth continue entitled to have and enjoy all Rights and Privileges which as a Ratepayer he would have been entitled to have and enjoy if this Act had not passed: Provided always, that in case such Occupier shall make default in Payment on Demand of any Rate, the Owner of such Tenement shall thereupon become and shall thenceforth remain liable to the Payment of Rates in respect of such Tenement, and shall on such Payment be entitled and continue to have and enjoy all Rights and Privileges which by virtue of this Act he would have been entitled to have and enjoy if no such Desire as aforesaid had been signified.

Rates how to  
be assessed  
and appor-  
tioned.

V. And be it enacted, That in assessing and apportioning the Share to be raised by each of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties of the Money from Time to Time required to be levied for the Purposes of the said recited Act or this Act, the rateable Rent or yearly Value of any Tenement or Tenements, the Owner or Owners whereof are by virtue of the Provisions of this Act to be rated and assessed instead of the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, shall be estimated at One Third of the yearly Rent or Value of such Tenement or Tenements ascertained as aforesaid.

Power for  
Owners rated  
to appeal.

VI. And be it enacted, That every Person rated as the Owner of any such Tenement as aforesaid, who shall think himself aggrieved by any such Rate, shall have such and the like Remedy by Appeal against the same as any other Person thereby rated.

Goods, &c.  
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VII. And be it enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of every Person renting or occupying any such Tenement as aforesaid, whereof the Owner is by this Act made liable to pay such Rates as aforesaid, shall be liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of so much of the said Rates, and of all Arrears thereof, as shall be due in respect of the same Premises during the Time of his Occupancy only, but no such Occupier shall at any Time be required to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of any such Rate or Arrears than the Amount of the Rent actually due by such Occupier to the Owner of the Premises so occupied by him at the Time when the said Rate shall be made or demanded: Provided also, that every such Occupier who shall pay any such Rate or Arrears, or any Part thereof, or upon whose Goods and Chattels the same shall be levied, may, from Time to Time, deduct the Amount of such Rate which shall be so paid or levied, and the Costs and Charges of recovering and levying the same, from the Rent then due or at any Time thereafter to become due

due from him to the Owner of the Premises, and the Payment shall be a good and sufficient Discharge to such Occupier against such Owner for so much Money as he shall have paid in the Manner directed by this Act, and such Costs and Charges as aforesaid.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if on the Request of any Officer of the said Corporation, or any Churchwarden, Overseer, or other Person or Persons appointed to make and assess the said Rates, or of the Collector of such Rates, or any One of them, the Tenant or Occupier of any such Tenement as aforesaid within the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties, or any of them, shall refuse or wilfully omit to disclose or shall wilfully mis-state to such Officer, Churchwarden, or Overseer, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid making such Request, the Name of the Owner of such Tenement, or of the Person receiving or authorized to receive the Rents of the same, or the Rent or Sum of Money which such Tenant or Occupier shall pay or shall have agreed to pay to such Owner or Person, or the Amount of the Rent actually due by such Tenant or Occupier at the Time of any Rate being made or demanded, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said City and County, on Oath made before him of such Request, and of such Refusal or wilful Omission or Mis-statement, to summon the Person who shall have so refused or wilfully omitted or mis-stated as aforesaid to appear at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons before such Justice, or before some other Justice for the said City and County; and if the Person so summoned shall neglect or refuse to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in the Summons, or if he shall attend and not show good Cause to the Justice then present for such his Refusal or wilful Omission or Mis-statement, it shall be lawful for such Justice forthwith, or in case of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person to attend as aforesaid, upon Proof of the due Service of such Summons, to impose a Penalty upon such Person who shall have so refused or wilfully omitted, or have made such wilful Mis-statement, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered as the Rates or Compositions are by this Act made recoverable, the said Penalty to be paid to the said Corporation in aid of the Poor Rates of the Parish, Hamlet, or Liberty within which the Tenement is situate in respect of which such Offence has been committed.

Tenant or Occupier refusing to give Name of Owner, or Amount of Rent, liable to a Penalty.

IX. And be it enacted, That in case any Person shall make default in Payment of any Rate for the Relief of the Poor in respect of any Tenement for which he shall be rated in pursuance of the Provisions herein contained, it shall be lawful for any One or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, on Proof made before him or them by any Officer of the said Corporation, or by any Churchwarden or Overseer, or Person or Persons appointed to make or collect such Rate, of his having demanded the same of the Person liable for the Payment thereof, or of the Occupier of the Premises for or in respect of which such Rate shall be due, and of the Nonpayment thereof, to summon by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, the Person who shall have so made default as aforesaid to appear, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Sum-

Arrears of Rate how to be levied.



mons, before Two or any more Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County; and it shall be lawful to and for any Officer of the said Corporation, or for any Churchwarden or Overseer, or Person or Persons authorized as aforesaid, or for any Constable or other Person to whom the same shall be addressed, to serve such Summons either by delivering the same to the Person thereby intended to be summoned, or by leaving the same at his usual or last known Place of Abode, or at or upon the Premises in respect whereof the Rate mentioned in such Summons shall remain due; and if any such Person so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons in obedience thereto, then, upon Proof of the Service of the Summons, and that such Rate remains due and unpaid, or if such Person shall attend and not show good and sufficient Cause to such Justices why the same is not justly due and owing from him, or why the same should not be paid, then and in every such Case the Rates so in arrear, together with the Costs and Charges of such Summons, shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person, with all and every the Costs and Charges attending the same or incident thereto, or the same may be recovered from such Person making default by Action of Debt at the Suit of the Party authorized to make or recover such Rate, with Costs, in any Court of Law having competent Jurisdiction.

Warrants of Distress may include several Persons and Sums.

X. And be it enacted, That every Summons or Warrant of Distress for Nonpayment of any Rate or Composition payable by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act may include several Persons as well as one Person, and several Sums in respect of Tenements of which the same Person may be Owner or the same Person may be Occupier.

Compositions under former Act to be recoverable as Rates payable under this Act.

XI. And for the Purpose of removing any Doubts which may exist concerning the Collection and Recovery of the Compositions which the said Corporation are under the said recited Act empowered to make with the Owner of any House, Buildings, or Premises within the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties, the annual Rent whereof shall not exceed Eight Pounds, be it enacted, That the several Powers and Authorities, Rights and Remedies, herein-before contained and hereby granted for the Collection and Recovery of the Rates hereby authorized to be made shall, from and after the passing of this Act, extend and be applicable to the collecting, recovering, and enforcing Payment of the Compositions made under the said recited Act, and every Officer of the said Corporation, Churchwarden, Overseer, or other Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, shall and may from thenceforth have and be empowered to exercise the same Powers and Authorities, Rights and Remedies, for the Purpose of collecting, recovering, and obtaining Payment of the Compositions authorized to be made under and by virtue of the said recited Act as are hereby given for the Collection and Recovery of the Rates hereby authorized.

Definition of Owners.

XII. And in order to prevent Disputes touching the Person intended to be made liable by this Act as Owner, be it enacted, That the Person actually receiving the Rent of any Tenement from the Occupier thereof, either for his own Benefit or as Mortgagee or as  
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Trustee, Agent, or Receiver for any other Person or Purpose, shall be deemed and taken to be the Owner of the same for the Purposes of this Act, and shall be liable to the Payment of all such Rates as aforesaid, notwithstanding he shall have ceased to be the Owner of the Tenement in respect whereof he shall be rated, until some other Person shall be rated in his Stead in respect of such Tenement.

XIII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall, as between any Landlord and his Lessee or Tenant, alter, affect, or make void any Covenant, Contract, or Agreement relating to the Payment of any Rates made for the Relief of the Poor within the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties aforesaid, or any other Rates to which the Provisions of this Act are herein-after extended.

Not to affect Agreements between Landlords and Tenants.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Churchwarden, Overseer, Surveyor, or Inspector of Highways, or other Person or Persons authorized by Law to make and assess the Borough and Watch Rates, the Rates for the Repairs and Services of the several Churches, and the Repairs for the several Highways of and in the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties within the said City and County, or such of the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties as shall or may be liable to the Payment of such Rates, or any or either of them, shall make and assess the said Rates last mentioned upon the same and no other Person, and upon the same and no greater Amount or Proportion of yearly Rent or Value than the Rate for the Relief of the Poor shall, under the Provisions of this Act or the said recited Act, be rated and assessed, and that such Churchwarden, Overseer, Surveyor, Inspector, or other Person or Persons last mentioned, shall accordingly have and be empowered respectively to exercise the same several Powers and Authorities, Rights and Remedies, for collecting and recovering the said several Rates last mentioned as are herein-before contained and hereby granted with reference to the Rates and Compositions for Rates for the Relief of the Poor; and all the Clauses and Provisions herein-before contained, with reference to or in connexion with the Rates for the Relief of the Poor and Compositions for Rates, shall extend and apply to the said Borough, Watch, Church, and Highway Rates.

Power to Churchwardens, &c. to assess under this Act extended to other Rates.

XV. And whereas by the herein-before recited Act of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth it was provided that all and every Treasurer or Treasurers, Officer or Officers, and other Person or Persons who should be appointed or continued by virtue of that Act, or the therein recited Acts, and also all and every other Person and Persons to whom the Collection and Receipt of the Rates thereby authorized to be made should, under the Provisions therein contained, belong, or to whom any Monies should be issued or paid by or on account of the said Corporation thereby constituted, for the Purposes of the said Corporation or of that Act, should from Time to Time whenever thereunto required by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being of the said Corporation, or by Order of any Court or Assembly respectively, make out and deliver to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or the Clerk or Clerks of the said Corporation, a true and perfect Account in Writing under his or their Hand or Hands

So much of 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 51. as requires Treasurers and other Officers to account repealed.



Hands of all Monies which should have been by him or them had, collected, or received for or on account or for the Use of the said Corporation, or for the Purposes of that Act, and how and to whom and for what Purpose the same and every Part thereof had been disposed of, together with the Vouchers and Receipts for all such Payments, Disbursements, and Dispositions which should have been or should be alleged to have been made thereof, and every such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, and Person respectively should and was thereby required to pay to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or such other Person as the said Corporation should at any General Court appoint to receive the same, all such Monies as upon the Balance of such Account should appear to be due and owing from him or them on account of the Monies ordered to be raised for the Purposes of that Act, or the said therein recited Acts, to the said Corporation, and if any such Treasurer, Officer, or Person should refuse or neglect to render and deliver such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same, or to pay the Balance thereof when thereunto required, or should neglect or refuse to deliver to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or to such Person or Persons as the said Corporation should in manner aforesaid appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or by any Order of a General Court, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power belonging to the said Corporation relating to the Execution of that Act, then and in every such Case, Complaint being made by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or by any other Person or Persons on the Behalf of the said Corporation, to any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place where such Treasurer, Officer, or Person so neglecting or refusing should live or reside or carry on Trade or Business, such Justices were thereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Treasurer, Officer, or Person to be brought before them, or any other Two Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, and such Justices were thereby authorized and required upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and settle the said Account, if produced, in such Manner as the said Corporation might have done; and if upon the Confession of such Treasurer, Officer, or Person against whom such Complaint should be made, or by the Account if produced, it should appear to any such Justices that any of the Monies which should have been collected or received should be in the Hands of or owing from such Treasurer, Officer, or Person, such Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place might, and were thereby authorized, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Officer, or Person respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer or satisfy the said Monies, and the Charges of taking and making such Distress, and of selling the same, or if such Treasurer, Officer, or Person should not appear (without sufficient Excuse), or, if appearing, should neglect or refuse to make out and deliver to the said Justices such Account in Writing as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver to the said Justices the  
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several Vouchers and Receipts, or to deliver up as aforesaid all such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid the said Justices, or any Two other Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, were thereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit such Treasurer, Officer, or Person to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place where he or they should live or reside, or carry on Trade or Business as aforesaid, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they should have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, and should have paid all the Money which should appear to be in the Hands of or owing from him or them, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale (if any) as should in that respect have been made, or until he or they should have compounded with the said Corporation, and paid the Composition Money to the said Corporation, or to such Person or Persons as they should appoint to receive the same, (and which Composition the said Corporation were thereby empowered to make,) and should have delivered up as aforesaid such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or have given Satisfaction in respect thereof, to the said Corporation; provided always, that no such Person who should be committed for Want of a sufficient Distress only should be detained in Prison by virtue of that Act for any longer Time than Six Calendar Months: And whereas the Powers and Provisions contained in so much of the said Act last herein-before recited have been found inadequate for the Purposes thereby intended, and it is expedient to alter and amend the same; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said Act as is last herein-before recited be and the same is hereby repealed.

XVI. And be it enacted, That every Treasurer, Collector, Officer, and other Person appointed or employed or to be appointed or employed by virtue of this Act and of the said Act of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth herein-before recited, or the Acts therein recited, or any or either of them, or to whom any Monies shall be issued or paid by or on account of the said Corporation for the Purposes of the said Corporation, or of this Act and the said Act herein-before recited, or either of them, shall from Time to Time when required by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being of the said Corporation, or by Order of any Court or Assembly respectively, make out and deliver to the said Governor or Deputy Governor or to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Corporation a true and perfect Account in Writing under his Hand of all Monies received by him on behalf of the said Corporation, or for the Purposes of this Act or the Act herein-before recited; and such Account shall state how and to whom and for what Purpose such Monies have been disposed of; and, together with such Account, such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person shall deliver the Vouchers and Receipts for all such Payments as shall have been or shall be alleged to have been made thereof; and every such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, and Person shall pay to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or such other Person as the said Corporation shall at any General Court appoint to receive the same, all Monies which shall appear to be owing from him upon the Balance of such Accounts.

Officers to  
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XVII. And be it enacted, That if any such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person fail to render such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up all the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same in his Possession or Power, or to pay the Balance thereof when thereunto required, or if for Five Days after being thereunto required by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or by any Order of a General Court, he fail to deliver up to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or any Person appointed by the said Corporation at any General Court to receive the same, all Books, Papers, and Writings, Property, Effects, Matters, and Things, in his Possession or Power relating to the Execution of this Act and of the said Act herein-before recited, or either of them, or belonging to the said Corporation, then and in every such Case, on Complaint thereof being made by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or any Person on behalf of the said Corporation, to any Justice of the Peace acting for the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place where such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person shall live or reside, or carry on Trade or Business, such Justice shall summon such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person to appear before any Two or more Justices acting for the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, at a Time and Place to be set forth in such Summons, to answer such Charge; and upon the Appearance of such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person, or upon Proof that such Summons was personally served upon him or left at his last known Place of Abode, such Justices may hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and may adjust and declare the Balance owing by such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person, and if it appear, either upon Confession of such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person, or upon Evidence, or upon Inspection of such Account, that any Monies of the said Corporation are in the Hands of such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person, or owing by him to the said Corporation, such Justices may order such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person to pay the same, and if he fail to pay the Amount it shall be lawful for such Justices to grant a Warrant to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person, and if no Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer or satisfy the said Monies, and the Charges of taking and making such Distress, and of selling the same, such Justices, or any Two other Justices acting for the said County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, are hereby empowered to commit the Offender to Gaol, there to remain without Bail for a Period not exceeding Six Months, unless the same be sooner paid, or unless such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person shall sooner compound with the said Corporation, and shall sooner pay the Composition Money to the said Corporation, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, and which Composition the said Corporation are hereby empowered to make.

Where  
Officer about  
to abscond,  
a Warrant  
may be issued  
in the first  
instance.

XVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being of the said Corporation, or other Person acting on behalf of the said Corporation, shall make Oath that he has good Reason to believe, upon Grounds to be stated in his Deposition, and that he does believe that it is the Intention of any such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person as aforesaid to abscond,  
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the Justice before whom the Complaint is made may, instead of issuing a Summons, issue his Warrant for bringing such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person as aforesaid before such Two Justices as aforesaid ; but no Person executing such Warrant shall keep such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person in Custody longer than Twenty-four Hours without bringing him before some Justice of the Peace ; and such Justice may either discharge him, if he think there is no sufficient Ground for his Detention, or may order him to be detained in Custody, so as to be brought before any Two or more such Justices as aforesaid at a Time and Place to be named in such Order, unless such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person give Bail, to the Satisfaction of the Justice, for his Appearance before such Justices to answer the Complaint of the said Corporation.

XIX. And be it enacted, That if any such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person summoned as aforesaid refuse or fail to make and deliver to such Justices such Account in Writing as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver to them the several Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, or to deliver up any Books, Papers, or Writings, Property, Effects, Matters, or Things, in his Possession or Power belonging to the said Corporation, such Justices may commit such Offender to Gaol, there to remain until he shall have made out and delivered to such Justices such Account in Writing as aforesaid, and shall have delivered up all the Vouchers and Receipts in his Possession or Power relating to such Account, and all the Books, Papers, Writings, Property, Effects, Matters, and Things in his Possession or Power belonging to the said Corporation.

Officers refusing to make out Account, and deliver up Documents, may be committed to Prison.

XX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Proceeding against or Dealing with any such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person as aforesaid shall deprive the said Corporation of any Remedy which they might otherwise have against any Surety of such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or Person.

Proceedings against Officers not to discharge Sureties.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or in any way affect any Act or Acts of Parliament for paving, lighting, cleansing, or otherwise improving the said City of *Norwich*, or any of the Powers or Authorities therein contained.

Act not to affect Powers of Improvement Act.

XXII. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments or Proceedings, and in other Documents, it shall be sufficient to describe it as "The *Norwich* Small Tenements Act, 1847."

Short Title.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all preliminary and other Charges and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining thereof, or in any Manner relating thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies to be received by the said Corporation for and towards the Relief of the Poor for the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Liberties next after the passing of this Act.

Expences of Act.

XXIV. And



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Public Act.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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