



ANNO QUARTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. xxiii.

An Act for uniting into One Parish the Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*.

[22d May 1834.]

WHEREAS the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset* consists of Two distinct Parishes, known respectively by the Names of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict*: And whereas it would tend greatly to the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town and the Public, and be the Means of removing and preventing Inconveniences and Difficulties in the Administration of the Parochial Affairs of the said Parishes, if the same were united into One Parish; but the same cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* shall become and be united into One Parish for all Purposes whatsoever (except as herein-after mentioned or provided), and shall be called, known, and distinguished by the Name of "The United Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*."

The several Parishes in *Glastonbury* united into One Parish.

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Nothing herein to extend to Ecclesiastical Matters.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or vary the present Mode of electing, nominating, or appointing Churchwardens or other the Officers or Servants of and belonging to the Churches of the aforesaid respective Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict*, or either of them, or to alter, vary, or interfere with the Celebration of Divine Service in such Churches or either of them, or with the Performance therein of any of the Rites, Ceremonies, Offices, and Ordinances of the Church of *England* as by Law established, but that as to such Purposes the same Parishes shall remain as distinct and separate as if this Act had never been passed.

Vestry Room.

Notices of Meetings, &c.

Chairman of Vestry Meetings.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Vestry Room of the Church of the aforesaid Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* shall, for the Purposes of this Act, be the Vestry Room of the said Parish called "The United Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*"; and that all Notices of Vestry Meetings, and all other Notices relating to the parochial Concerns of the said Parish, shall be published in the Churches of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in *Glastonbury* respectively, in the usual Manner prescribed by Law; and that at all Vestry Meetings of the Parish established by this Act, the perpetual Curate of the aforesaid Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* shall be entitled to act as Chairman, and if he shall not be present, or shall decline to act, then the perpetual Curate of the aforesaid Parish of *Saint Benedict* shall be entitled to act as Chairman.

Churchwardens of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* to act collectively under this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Churchwardens of the aforesaid Parish of *Saint John the Baptist* and the Churchwardens of the aforesaid Parish of *Saint Benedict* shall, for the Purposes of this Act, collectively be Churchwardens of the said Parish called "The United Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*," and shall collectively be and act as Churchwardens of the said Parish, in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as Churchwardens of any Parish in *England* can or may or are authorized or empowered to act by Law.

Present Officers may act until Expiration of their Term of Office or until Removal.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers and all other Persons who before the passing of this Act shall have been lawfully appointed, or who at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be lawfully holding any Office or Employment in either of the aforesaid Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* or *Saint Benedict*, shall or may hold, enjoy, and execute their respective Offices and Employments in the said Parish called "The United Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*," until the Time for which such Officers or Persons may have been appointed respectively shall have expired, or until they shall have been removed therefrom by due Course of Law; and such Churchwardens, Overseers, and other Persons, or any or either of them, shall be removable in like Manner as they or any or either of them might have been removed by

Law if appointed to their respective Offices or Employments after the passing of this Act; and all such Officers and Persons shall have the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages in the said Parish established by this Act, and shall be subject to the same Liabilities as if they had been respectively appointed after the passing of this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to prevent or hinder the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, and other Officers of the said Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* respectively, from collecting and levying all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be due from any Person or Persons on any Rates or Assessments which shall have been made before the passing of this Act for the Relief of the Poor, or any other parochial Purpose, within the said Parishes respectively, but that for such Purpose the said Parishes shall remain as distinct and separate as if this Act had never been passed.

Act not to prevent the collecting Arrears of Rates.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences of preparing, applying for, and obtaining this Act, or incident thereto, shall be paid out of the first Money which shall come to the Hands of the Overseers of the said Parishes for any Arrears to be received after the passing of this Act, or out of the first Monies which shall come to the Hands of the Overseers of the said Parish called "The United Parishes of *Saint John the Baptist* and *Saint Benedict* in the Town of *Glastonbury* in the County of *Somerset*".

Expences of Act.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Occupier of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Woods, Tithes, or Hereditaments within the said Parishes respectively, or the said united Parish, being a Tenant or Tenants at Rack Rent, and paying any Sum or Sums towards the Costs, Charges, and Expences aforesaid, shall and lawfully may deduct the same out of the first Payment thereafter to be made by him on account of Rent; and all Landlords, mediate and immediate, their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, according to their respective Interests, shall allow such Deductions and Payments upon Receipt of the Residue of the Rents, and the Tenants paying such Sum or Sums as aforesaid shall be acquitted and discharged of so much Money as if the same had actually been paid to his, her, or their respective Landlords; but no such Tenant or Occupier shall at any Time be compelled to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of such Costs, Charges, and Expences, than the Amount of the Rent actually due or payable by such Tenant or Occupier to the Landlord of the Premises held by him as such Tenant or Occupier.

Tenants paying Expences of Act may deduct the same from their Rents.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to alter or affect the Tenure or Trusts of any Estates belonging to the Churches in the Town of *Glastonbury*, or either of such Churches.

Not to affect Estates belonging to Churches.

X. And

Public Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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