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An Act for repairing the Parish Church of *Croydon*, in the County of *Surrey*.



WHEREAS the Parish Church of Croydon, in the County of Surrey, is an ancient spacious Stone Building, and the Roof of the said Church, and the Chancels thereto belonging, by Length of Time, being so much decayed, and in so ruinous a Condition, as to deter several of the Parishioners from attending Divine Service therein; the said Parishioners have already caused the North Isle to be repaired, the Expence whereof (which still remains unsatisfied) amounts to the Sum of Two hundred and Eighty Pounds and upwards: And whereas the Expence of such Repair, and of the other necessary Repairs of the said Church and Chancels and Steeple thereof, wanting to be done immediately, cannot be defrayed without the Aid of Parliament: May it therefore please Your most Excellent 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees herein after named, or any Seven or more of them, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to contract and agree with any proper Artificer or Artificers, Workman

Preamble.

Trustees to agree with Workmen for the Repair of the Church, &c.

Workman or Workmen, for the executing and performing such Works as shall be requisite and necessary for the supporting the Roofs of the said Church and Chancels, and putting the said Church, Chancels, and Steeple, in good Repair.

And, for defraying the Expences of repairing the said Church, Chancels, and Steeple, and for effectually securing the Payment of Annuities, by this Act to be granted, for the pious Purposes aforesaid, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty one, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees herein after named, or any Seven or more of them, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, from time to time, to make, or cause to be made, an Assessment or Assessments, on all Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish, so as the same do not exceed in the Whole, in One Year, Eight Pence in the Pound, of the yearly Rent of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as the same shall be ascertained and rated to the Land Tax; and they are hereby authorized and required to order and direct the Receivers and Collectors to be chosen and appointed as herein after is mentioned, for the time being, to collect and receive from the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, such Rates and Sums of Money, so to be assessed as aforesaid; One Moiety of which Rates and Assessments shall be paid by the Landlords or Owners, and the other Moiety by the Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and which said Tenants and Occupiers shall and may deduct and retain, out of the Rents payable to the Landlords and Owners of the same Premises, the said Moiety of such Rates or Assessments so to be made and collected as aforesaid; and the said Landlords, mediate or immediate, according to their respective Interests, are hereby required to allow to such Tenants, such Deductions and Payments accordingly; and every Tenant, paying any such Rates or Assessments, for or upon the Landlord's Account, shall be acquitted and discharged for so much Money as the same shall amount unto, as fully and effectually, as if the same had been actually paid to any such Landlord or Landlords, or other Person or Persons, to whom his or her Rent was or should have been paid or payable; and the Money arising or being due from such Rates or Assessments, shall be raised, accounted for, paid, and applied, in such Manner, and

Trustees may make Assessments.

Half of the Assessments to be paid by the Landlord, and Half by the Tenant.

and for such Purposes, as by this Act is herein after directed and appointed to be paid and applied.

House let in Tenements chargeable.

Provided always, That in case any House or Tenement shall be set, let, or occupied, in different Apartments, Rooms, or Lodgings, to or by distinct and separate Families, Lodgers, or Inmates, the whole House, Tenement, or Premisses, so let or occupied, shall be charged with the whole Rate assessed or to be collected for or in respect of the same; and, in case of Non-payment, shall and may be levied upon and from any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of such House, Tenement, and Premisses, in such and the same Manner, as the other Rates or Assessments directed by this Act to be raised are appointed to be levied.

Arrears to be paid to succeeding Collectors.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be in Arrear, for any of the said Rates or Assessments, to the Collector or Collectors appointed for the Year in which such Rates or Assessments were made, the same shall be paid to the Collector or Collectors for the succeeding Year or Years, or, in Neglect or Default thereof, such Collector or Collectors for the succeeding Year or Years, may levy the same in such Manner as the Collector or Collectors for the Year or Years wherein the same were made might have done: And in case the Money, so to be assessed and collected in any One Year, shall not be sufficient to answer the Purposes for which the same was so rated and assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the next Rate or Assessment: And in case there shall remain, at the End of any One Year, any Surplus of Money collected and received, by virtue of this Act, in that Year, such Surplus shall, from time to time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in Aid of the succeeding Year's Expences.

Deficiencies to be made good out of succeeding Rates;

and Surpluses to be applied in Aid of succeeding Years.

Money lost by Insolvency, or otherwise, to be made good by Re-assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any of the Monies, collected or received by virtue of this Act, shall be lost by Insolvency or otherwise, the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may make a new and additional Rate or Assessment, or Rates or Assessments, for supplying and making good such Deficiencies, and the Charges occasioned by or on account of the same, which shall be collected and levied in Manner aforesaid; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall find himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved, by any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons to appeal

peal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Surrey, aforesaid, who are hereby impowered to summon and examine Witnesses, upon Oath, and to hear and determine the Matter of the said Appeal; and their Determination thereupon shall be conclusive to all Parties.

Empty Houses not to be charged.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall extend to charge or subject any Person to pay to any of the Rates or Assessments, to be made by virtue of this Act, for any House or other Building, which shall be empty and unoccupied, during the Time such House or Building shall be empty and unoccupied; any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Person to gain any Settlement on account of these Rates.

Provided always, and it is hereby further declared and enacted, That no Person shall gain any Settlement in the said Parish, for or in respect of the Rates or Assessments to be imposed by virtue of this Act.

Collectors may inspect Land-Tax Assessments, in order to ascertain the Rates.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Receivers and Collectors to be appointed pursuant to this Act, at all convenient Times, to inspect the Books or Rates of or for Assessments of the Land Tax for the said Parish, in order to ascertain the Rates and Assessments to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take Copies thereof, at the Expence of the said Trustees.

Trustees Names.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Vicar and Churchwardens of the said Parish, for the time being; Samuel Atkinson, Charles Clarke, Roger Drake, John Heathfield, John Parker, Samuel Nicholson, George Huddleston, John Dewye Parker, William Herring, James Moulton, Esquires; Richard Brigstock, William Berault, Robert Smith, William Smith, John Penfax, John Rowles, John Collier, Thomas Bisenden, William Rice, Francis Meager, Allen Chatfield, George Hart, Gentlemen; shall be, and they are hereby appointed, Trustees for putting this Act in Execution; and that they, and the Survivors of them, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are by the Authority of this present Act impowered to demand, receive, and take, the Rates and Assessments herein before mentioned; and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall be by them the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, paid and applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes aforesaid, in such Manner as is herein after mentioned (the necessary Charges expended in applying for and obtaining this Act being thereout first deducted) And in case any Person or

Assessments vested in the Trustees.

Persons

Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay such Rates or Assessments, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, for the time being, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, appoint and authorize, to levy the said Rates and Assessments upon any Person or Persons liable to pay the same, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, by Distress of the Goods and Chattles of or belonging to the Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay the same, and to detain and keep the same, until such Rates or Assessments, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, shall be paid; and that it shall be lawful to and for such Person and Persons so distraining, after the Space of Four Days next after such Distress taken, to appraise and sell the Goods so distrained, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner or Owners thereof, after such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and reasonable Charges, for or by reason of distraining, keeping, and selling the same, shall be deducted.

Rates to be recovered by Distress and Sale.

Distress to be sold after 4 Days.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Parishioners of the Parish of Croydon aforesaid, in their Vestry assembled, and they are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, on Easter Monday next after the passing this Act, to nominate Ten substantial Inhabitants of the said Parish, out of which said Ten Persons the Trustees aforesaid, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to chuse and appoint any Number, not exceeding in the whole Four Persons, to be Receivers or Collectors of such Rates, Assessments, and Sums of Money, as shall be due and payable by virtue of this Act from all Persons, liable to pay the same; and the said Parishioners, in their Vestry assembled, are also hereby authorized, impowered, and required, on Easter Monday in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two, and also on Easter Monday in every succeeding Year, to nominate Ten other like Inhabitants, and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall chuse and appoint, not exceeding in the whole Four of them, and, in Default of such Nomination, not exceeding in the whole Four other like Inhabitants, to be Receivers or Collectors of the same Rates, Assessments, and Sums of Money, for the Purposes contained in this Act; and all Persons who, by virtue of this Act, are charged therewith, or liable thereto, are hereby required to pay the said

Parishioners, in Vestry, to appoint Collectors.

Rates

Rates or Assessments unto such Receivers or Collectors accordingly, the said Receivers or Collectors giving Receipts for the same gratis.

Collectors to pay the Rates to Persons impowered to receive the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Collectors or Receivers, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, from time to time, pay over all and every the Sum and Sums of Money by them respectively collected and received, to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the same, to be applied according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and not otherwise; and every such Collector or Receiver shall fairly enter, in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, all and every Sum and Sums of Money which they, and every of them, shall have respectively received, collected, or paid, by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of any Power or Authority in pursuance thereof, or by reason or means of such their Office respectively, with the respective Times of their receiving and paying the same; and shall upon Oath, as often as required by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Surrey (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer) give a true, exact, and perfect Account, in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, of all Monies which he or they shall have collected, levied, received, or paid, by reason of his or their said Office, for which Oath no Fee or Reward shall be taken, and the same may be taken in Writing without any Stamp thereon.

Rates to be entered in Books by the Collectors.

Collectors to account upon Oath.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Collectors or Receivers shall neglect or refuse to account for any Sum or Sums of Money, by them respectively collected or received, to the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, or to pay the same to such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them shall, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the same, then it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Surrey, to enquire of, and concerning such Neglects, Refusals, Non-payments, and Offences, or any of them, as well by the Confession of the Parties themselves, as by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oaths the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer) and if any such Collectors or Receivers shall be convicted of any such Neglects,

Justices to enquire into the Matter;

lects, Refusals, Nonpayments, or Offences, before such Justice or Justices, then such Justice or Justices shall and lawfully may, upon such Conviction, commit such Person or Persons to the common Gaol of the said County of Surrey, until he or they shall have made a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or shall have compounded for the same, and paid such Composition; which Composition the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby impowered to make; and in case any Person, who shall be so chosen or appointed a Collector or Receiver of the said Rates or Assessments, directed to be raised and levied in pursuance of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to act in or execute such Duty or Office, by the Space of Ten Days after such Appointment and Notice thereof, in Writing, left at his usual Place of Abode, then every such Person, so refusing or neglecting, not being One of the People called Quakers, who are hereby excused and exempted from serving the said Office, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Trustees appointed by this Act, to be applied in such and the same Manner, as the Rates or Assessments, to be raised by virtue of this Act, are herein before directed to be applied; and that upon every such Neglect or Refusal of any Person so to act in such Duty or Office as aforesaid, then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to choose or appoint a new Collector or Receiver, in the Place or Stead of every such Person so neglecting or refusing to act as aforesaid; and such new Collector or Receiver shall be subject and liable to such and the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as the Person in whose Place he shall be chosen was subject and liable to.

and commit the Offender to Gaol, until he shall conform, or compound.

Persons appointed Collectors, not being Quakers, refusing to serve, to forfeit 20 *l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, or of such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorize to receive the same, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand Five hundred Pounds, for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable for the natural Life or Lives of such Contributor or Contributors respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by, or on Behalf of, such respective Contributor or Contributors, at the Time of Payment of their respective

2500 *l.* to be raised by Annuities.

tive Contribution-money, so as the Annuity or Annuities do not exceed the Sum of Nine Pounds per Annum for every One hundred Pounds, and so in proportion for any greater or less Sum to be advanced and paid as aforesaid: All which said Annuity or Annuities, so to be purchased as aforesaid, shall not exceed in the Whole the Sum of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds per Annum, and shall be payable and paid by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the same, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at such Times, and in such Proportions, as shall be agreed upon between the Purchaser or Purchasers and the said Trustees.

Subscribers Names to be entered at Length in Books.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided by the said Trustees, and kept in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly written, in Words at Length, the Names and Surnames, with the proper Additions and Places of Abode, of all such Persons, who shall be Purchasers of any of the Annuities aforesaid, and of all Persons by whose Hands the said Purchasers shall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money upon this Act, together with the Name or Names, and Places of Abode, of such Person and Persons, for whose Life or Lives the said Annuity or Annuities shall be purchased, and also the Sum or Sums so paid for the Purchase of such Annuities, and the respective Days of Payment thereof; and also that it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and to and for any Person or Persons who shall be liable to pay any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, from time to time, at all seasonable Times, to have Recourse to and inspect such Book or Books, without Fee or Reward.

and also the Names of the Annuitants.

Annuities to be charged on the Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Annuity and Annuities so to be purchased, under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable, from time to time, out of the Monies arising by the said Rates or Assessments herein mentioned; and all and every Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase-money for any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be intitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive and enjoy, the respective An-

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nuity or Annuities, so to be purchased, out of the said Rates or Assessments by this Act appropriated or appointed for the Payment thereof, during the Term of the natural Life or Lives of the Person or Persons to be nominated by each and every such Purchaser or Contributor as above mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have good, sure, absolute, indefeasable, Estates and Interests in the Annuities, so by them respectively purchased, or to be purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and that none of the said Annuities shall be subject or liable to any Taxes laid or to be laid by the Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever.

As Money is paid in part of Contributions, Receipts to be given;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Contributor upon the Credit of this Act, for the Purchase of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, his, her, or their Assigns, upon Payment of the Consideration or Purchase-money for the same, or any Part or Proportion thereof, into the Hands of the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall for that Purpose appoint, shall have One or more Receipt or Receipts, importing the Receipt of so much Purchase-money as shall be so paid; and upon Payment of all the Purchase-money, for any such Annuity or Annuities, every such Contributor or Contributors, his, her, or their Assigns respectively, shall have an Order, in Parchment or Vellum, for the said Annuity or Annuities, for and during the natural Life of such Persons as shall be nominated therein as aforesaid, which Order shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and after signing thereof, the same shall, by the Authority of this Act, be firm, good, valid, and effectual in Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof.

and upon Payment of the Whole, each Annuitant to have an Order on Parchment.

Annuities may be assigned.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, or otherwise possessed of and intitled to the same, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hands and Seals, to assign such Annuity or Annuities, or any Part thereof, or Interest therein, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, when and so often as Need or Occasion shall be or require; and a Memorandum, or Entry of every such Assignment, shall be made in a Book, which is hereby required to be kept by such Person or Persons as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall

shall appoint for that Purpose, at the Charge of the said Trustees, in the Vestry Room belonging to the said Parish, which Entry or Memorandum shall be made gratis.

The Assessments chargeable with the Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Rates or Assessments hereby directed to be collected and paid, shall be charged and chargeable with and for the Payment of the said Annuities, and all Arrears thereof, from time to time, and shall upon every Default of Payment of the said Annuities, within the Space of Thirty Days next after any of the Times when the same shall be made payable, vest in the said Annuitants respectively, until the same Annuities respectively shall be fully paid and satisfied, together with Interest, and Costs and Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment of the same; and that the said Annuitants (in case the said Annuities shall be in Arrear and unpaid, for the Space of Thirty Days as aforesaid, and until such Payment thereof, with Interest and Charges as aforesaid) shall have the same Powers, Rights, and Privileges, of assessing, collecting, and levying, the said Rates or Assessments, payable by virtue of this Act, as the said Trustees, their Collectors or Receivers, or any of them, could have had, in case the said Annuities had been regularly and fully paid and satisfied.

Assessments may be assigned for Money borrowed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, at any of their public Meetings, to borrow and take up at Interest, any Sum or Sums of Money which they shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and by Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to assign over the Rates and Assessments arising by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Proportion thereof, to the Persons lending the same, for securing the Repayment of any such Sum and Sums of Money, and Interest thereupon; and in Default of the Payment of such Interest, at the Expiration of every Six Months, if the same shall be demanded, or upon Default of the Payment of such Principal Money, within Twelve Months after Notice shall be given demanding Payment thereof, to the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, at some or one of their public Meetings, by the Person or Persons respectively intitled to the same, such Person or Persons respectively shall have the same Powers, Rights, and Privileges, for the Recovery thereof, as the Annuitants are by this Act invested with, for Recovery of their respective Annuities; but no

Limitation of the Money to be borrowed.

more Principal Money shall be borrowed upon the Credit of this Act, either by Annuities or Assignment of the Rates

or Assessments as aforesaid, than the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pounds.

Money raised by Annuities, to pay off Money borrowed by Mortgage, not to be deemed any Part of the 2,500*l.*

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be raised by Annuities in Manner herein mentioned, and applied to the Discharge of the Money so borrowed upon the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, and the Interest for the same, shall not be deemed or taken to be any Part of the said Two thousand five hundred Pounds.

On Death or Removal of Trustees, others to be chosen.

And, for continuing a sufficient Number of fit and able Persons to be Trustees for putting this Act in Execution, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from time to time, and at all Times hereafter, during the Continuance of the said Annuities, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Seven or more of the Trustees herein before named, upon the Death of any of such Trustees (other than those intitled to be Trustees by virtue of their Offices as aforesaid) or upon their Removal out of the said Parish, or on their or any of their Refusal to act in the said Trust, by any Writing or Writings, under their Hands and Seals, at their then next Meeting, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, to nominate, elect, and appoint, in the room of every Trustee so deceased, removed, or refusing to act, such other fit and able Person, either Landlord or Tenant, inhabiting within the Parish of Croydon aforesaid, to be joined with them in the Execution of all and every the Powers and Trusts in them reposed, by virtue and in pursuance of this Act; and every Person so to be elected, shall and is hereby impowered to act to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and amply as any Trustee herein before appointed is by this Act impowered to do.

And be it further enacted, That no Person shall act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act (other than those intitled to be Trustees by virtue of their Offices as aforesaid) but during such Time as he shall be an Inhabitant of the said Parish, and be assessed and pay to the public Rates thereof; nor shall any Person act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, who shall undertake any Part of the Repairs of the said Church, Chancels, or Steeple, or have any Share or Interest in any Contract relating thereto.

Trustees not to act where interested.

Time and Place of Trustees Meeting.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees shall meet on the Twenty third Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty one, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, and shall then

then proceed to put this Act in Execution, and shall and may adjourn themselves, and afterwards meet there, as often as it shall be necessary for putting this Act in Execution; and if there shall not appear, at any such Meeting, a sufficient Number of Trustees to act, and to adjourn to another Day, then, and in such Case, the Person acting as Clerk to the said Trustees shall appoint the said Trustees to meet in the said Vestry Room upon that Day Sevennight.

In Default of a sufficient Number to act, may adjourn to that Day Sevennight.

Commencement and Continuance of Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Rates and Assessments hereby directed and appointed to be raised and levied as aforesaid, shall take Place and have Continuance from the said Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty one, for and during such Time only as any of the Annuities, or other Sums of Money, and Interest for the same, to be granted and raised pursuant to this Act as aforesaid, shall subsist, be due, and have Continuance, and no longer, and not otherwise; and that after the Determination of all the said Annuities, and Payment of all Sums of Money borrowed as aforesaid, and Interest thereon due, then the whole of the said Rates and Assessments shall cease and determine; and from and after the Determination of each or any of the said Annuities, or Payment of any Part of the Money to be borrowed as aforesaid, with Interest, a proportionable Part only of the said Rates and Assessments shall be raised and levied; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Receipts, &c. to be entered in Books.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees shall take care to have all the Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, and Contracts, made with or by the Artificers and Workmen employed in or about the repairing of the said Church, in pursuance of this Act, or any way relating thereto, and all other their Proceedings, to be fairly entered and written in One or more Book or Books, to be kept for that Purpose; and by or out of the Monies arising from all or any of the Rates or Assessments to be made or levied as aforesaid, or by or out of any other Sum or Sums of Money which shall come to their or any of their Hands, or to the Hands of any Receiver or Receivers to be by them appointed, shall pay and satisfy, or cause to be paid and satisfied, unto the Artificers or Workmen to be employed in and about the repairing the said Church, Chancels, Steeple, and Premisses, all Sums of Money which shall be justly due to them, or any of them, for the same.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all Books of Accounts, concerning Receipts, Payments, Credits, and Contracts, shall, from time to time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of any Person or Persons, who shall pay any Rates or Assessments by virtue of this Act. All Books of Accounts, &c. may be perused by Persons paying to the Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees appointed or to be appointed for the Purposes mentioned in this Act, shall, at all their Meetings, defray their own Charges and Expences, and that such previous Notice shall be given of their several Meetings, as shall, from time to time, be by them, or any Seven or more of them, assembled at any Meeting, thought proper and requisite. Trustees to pay their own Expences. Notice of Meetings.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Suit or Action shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons, for any thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, every such Suit or Action shall be commenced within Six Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be brought and tried in the County of Surrey, and not elsewhere: And the Defendant or Defendants, in such Suit or Action, shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon; and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act: And if it shall appear to be so done, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or discontinue his, her, or their Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if, upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; the Defendant or Defendants shall or may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions. General Issue. Treble Costs.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a publick Act; and all Judges, Justices, and other Persons, are to take Notice thereof as such, in all Courts and Places whatsoever, without specially pleading the same. Publick Act.

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