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An Act to enable the Parishioners of *Saint Andrew Holborn, London*, to purchase a Workhouse.

WHEREAS in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, the Workhouse wherein the Poor of the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn, London, were employed and maintained, being in a ruinous Condition, it became necessary the same should be rebuilt: And whereas John Payce of the said Parish, Plumber, being possessed of the said House for the then Remainder of a Term of Seventy Years, subject to the Rent of Twelve Pounds per Annum, the then Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish did, in the said Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, contract with the said John Payce to pull down the said House, and to build a new Workhouse in the Place thereof for the Use of the said Parish, and when built to demise the same to the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, for the Term of Forty Years, at a Rent to be ascertained in Manner mentioned in the said Contract: And whereas Preamble.

in pursuance of the said Contract a new Workhouse hath been built at the Expence of One thousand seven hundred Pounds, and a Lease thereof granted accordingly at the yearly Rent of One hundred and thirty-one Pounds, clear of all Taxes and Outgoings whatever; and by such Contract and Lease it is also agreed, that on Payment of the said Sum of One thousand seven hundred Pounds to the said John Payce, at any Time during the Term of Forty Years, in Manner therein mentioned, the Term and Interest of the said John Payce therein should be assigned to the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, and their Successors, for the Use of the said Parish, subject to the said yearly Rent of Twelve Pounds: And whereas at a General Meeting of the Parishioners it was resolved, that Application should be made to Parliament to enable the said Parishioners to raise Money to purchase the said Workhouse, and the said John Payce's Term and Interest therein, for the Use of the said Parish: May it therefore please your Majesty, (at the humble Petition of the Rector, Churchwarden, Overseers of the Poor, and other Parishioners of the said Parish) 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 in order to the raising a Sum of Money, not exceeding in the Whole Two thousand Pounds, for the Purposes herein mentioned, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees herein after appointed, or any Seven or more of them, being Inhabitants of the said Parish, and they are hereby impowered, from and after the Second Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy, from Time to Time, to make or cause to be made an Assessment or Assessments upon all and every Person and Persons who, at the Time of making such Assessment or Assessments, do or shall inhabit or occupy any House, Shop, Warehouse, or Tenement, within the said Parish, and shall be then rated towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, in such competent Sum and Sums of Money as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time shall think fit (over and beside what such Person or Persons shall be rated towards the ordinary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish by virtue of the Laws now in being) so as such Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue and in pursuance of this

Trustees impowered to make Assessments.

Act, do not exceed in the Whole One Shilling in the Pound in any One Year of the yearly Rent of such House, Shop, Warehouse, or Tenement, as the same shall be at the Time of making such Assessments or Assessment rated to the Land Tax.

Collectors of the Land Tax to produce their Assessments to the Trustees.

And, for the more certain and perfect making and collecting every the Assessment and Assessments hereby authorised to be made, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Collectors of the Land Tax rated and charged upon the said Parish, and each and every of them, upon Two Days Notice in Writing to him or them respectively given, or left at his or their respective Place or Places of Abode, by any Agent, Servant, or Messenger to be employed by the Trustees herein after named, shall and are hereby required to attend with the several Land Tax Assessments in the Custody or Power of each of them respectively, at the Time and Times of making the Assessment or Assessments to be made in pursuance of this Act, and to produce and shew the same to the Trustees herein after named, or such of them as shall be assembled and met together for the making any Assessment or Assessments hereby authorised to be made:

Collectors or Clerk to the Trustees to inspect and take Copies of Land Tax Assessments.

And that it shall and may be lawful for the Collector or Collectors to be appointed pursuant to this Act, or the Clerk for the Time being to the said Trustees, at all convenient Times to inspect the Land Tax Rates or Assessments of the said Parish, and to take Copies of such Land Tax Rates or Assessments, or of any of them, or of any Part or Parts of them, or of any of them, at the Expence of the Trust, in order the better to regulate and ascertain the Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act;

Assessments of all Arrears to be collected by the Collectors, who are to give Receipts.

which Assessment or Assessments to be made by the Authority of this Act, and all Arrears thereof that shall or may be unpaid, shall and may be collected from the Inhabitants or Occupiers so to be assessed as aforesaid, by the Collector or Collectors of such Assessment or Assessments, on giving Receipts gratis to Person or Persons paying the same, and they are hereby required so to do:

Trustees impowered to appoint Collectors.

And the Trustees herein after named, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorised and impowered, at the Time of making such Assessment or Assessments, or at any of their publick Meetings to be held for that or any other Purpose at any Time or Times afterwards, to nominate and appoint a Collector or Collectors out of such substantial Inhabitants of the said Parish, who have not served the Office of Overseer of the Poor therein, and shall and may, from Time to Time, remove and displace such Collector or Collectors,

and chooſe and appoint any other Perſon or Perſons to be ſuch Collector or Collectors in the Room or Stead of him or them who ſhall be ſo removed and diſplaced; and likewiſe ſhall and may, if they ſhall think fit, out of the Monies to be collected by and out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made and collected as aforeſaid, make ſuch Allowance or Allowances to ſuch Collector or Collectors reſpectively for his or their Trouble in collecting the ſame, as they, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think fit.

Houſes let in Tenements to be rated to the full,

Provided always, That if any Houſe or Tenement ſhall be occupied in different Apartments, Rooms, or Lodgings, by diſtinct and ſeparate Families, Lodgers, or Inmates, the whole Houſe or Tenement ſo occupied ſhall be charged with the whole Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be rated and aſſeſſed in One Sum, for or in reſpect of and in proportion and according to the ſeveral Rents of all ſuch Families, Lodgers, or Inmates put or added together, and be collected altogether and in One Sum of any One Perſon of or belonging to One of ſuch Families, Lodgers, or Inmates; and in caſe of Nonpayment, the Sum ſo to be aſſeſſed, ſhall and may be recovered and levied upon, from, or againſt any One or more of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of ſuch Houſe or Tenement, in the ſame or like Manner as other Rates or Sums to be aſſeſſed by the Aſſeſſment and Aſſeſſments directed by this Act to be made are herein after appointed to be recovered and levied.

and collected of any One of the Tenants.

And, to the End all Monies which ſhall ariſe and be collected by virtue of the Powers and Authorities in and by this Act created may be duly paid, and faithfully applied, by ſuch Means and in ſuch Manner as herein after directed, to anſwer, ſatisfy, and diſcharge all ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be neceſſary for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Meſſuage called The Workhouſe in Shoe-lane, and all Charges incident thereto, and the Charges of applying for, obtaining, and paſſing this Act, and Monies to be advanced and lent for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and upon the Credit of this Act, and the Intereſt thereof; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Rector and the Churchwarden and the Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, William Jones, John Payce, Richard Pitt, William Winchester, Richard Partington, Thomas Walker, Thomas Manning, William Miſplee, Richard Norris, William Hutton, John Scott, John Franklin, Michael Botham, Samuel Harris, Henry Brougham, John Roberts, Thomas Halfpenny, Francis Buxton, John Bennett, Thomas Tibbs, John

Truſtees Names.

John Hitchcock, Morphew Yarraway, Daniel Richards, Benjamin Cole, Samuel Welchman, Thomas Jefferys, Henry Watkins, and William Gore, shall be and 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 be and are, by the Authority of this Act, impowered to demand, receive, and take the Monies arising from the Assessment and Assessments herein before mentioned and directed to be made; and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees, 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 herein after expressed in such Manner as is herein after mentioned (the necessary Charges of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and other incident Charges, being thereout first deducted); and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay such Assessment or Assessments, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees for the Time being, or any Seven or more of them, or any Person or Persons whom they, or any Seven or more of them, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals shall appoint and authorise, to levy the said Assessment or Assessments upon every or any of the Person and Persons liable to pay the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels belonging to the Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay the same, and the Goods and Chattels so distrained to detain and keep, until such Assessment or Assessments, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, shall be fully paid; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person and Persons so distraining, after the Expiration of Three Days next after such Distress taken, to sell the Goods and Chattels so distrained, returning the Overplus (if any shall be) to the Owner or Owners thereof, after such Assessment or Assessments, and all the reasonable Charges for or by reason of distraining and selling the same, shall be deducted.

Assignments vested in the Trustees,

and to be levied by Distress and Sale,

after 3 Days.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Goods and Chattels of every Person being in any House let furnished, or any separate Apartment, Room, or Lodging in any House let ready furnished, or let to several Families or Tenants within the said Parish, shall be liable to be levied and sold for the Payment of the Assessment or Assessments to be made by the Authority of this Act; and that each and every Person who shall pay any such Assessment or Assessments, whether the same shall have been charged to or on the Person paying the same,

Goods in Houses let furnished or in Tenements, made liable to the Assessments;

same, or any other Tenant or Occupier of any separate Apartment, Room, or Lodging, Part of such House, or on the Landlord or Landlords of such House, or any Person upon whose Goods or Chattels such Assessment or Assessments shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable from Time to Time to his or her Landlord or Landlords; and every Receipt for the Payment of such Assessment or Assessments, shall be a sufficient Discharge from and against such Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as shall have been so paid or levied on his or her Goods and Chattels in pursuance of this Act.

and when paid, &c. to be deducted out of the Rents.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collectors to be appointed as aforesaid, and every of them, shall from Time to Time pay over all and every 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, appoint, authorise, and impower to receive the same (such Receiver giving reasonable Security to any Seven or more of the said Trustees for the due and faithful Execution of his said Office); such Monies to be applied according to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and not otherwise; and every such Collector shall fairly enter in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, all and every Sum and Sums of Money which he shall have received or collected by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of any Power or Authority of the same, or by reason or means of his Office of Collector, with the respective Times of his receiving the same; and shall upon Oath (or, being One of the People called Quakers, upon solemn Affirmation) as often as required by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, before the Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Without in the City of London, or some other Justice of the Peace for the said City (which Oath or Affirmation such Alderman or other Justice is hereby impowered and required to administer) give a true, exact, and perfect Account in Writing of all Monies which he shall have collected, levied, or received by reason of his said Office; for which Oath or Affirmation no Fee or Reward shall be taken; and the same may be taken in Writing without any Stamp thereon.

Collectors to pay over their Collections to the Receiver.

Receiver to give Security.

Collectors to enter in a Book all Monies received,

and to account upon Oath, or Affirmation being a *Quaker*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Collector shall neglect or refuse to account to the said Trustees for any Sum or Sums of Money by him collected, or to pay the same, or any Part thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall have been by

Collectors not making Account and Payment, to be committed to the Compter.

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the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, under their Hands and Seals, authoriſed or impowered to receive the ſame; it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Alderman or other Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City of London, by Summons or otherwiſe, to cauſe ſuch Collector to be brought before him, and to enquire of and concerning ſuch Neglect, Refuſal, or Nonpayment, as well by the Confeſſion of the Party, as by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes (which Oath and Oaths the ſaid Alderman or other Juſtice is hereby required and impowered to adminiſter); and if ſuch Collector ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Neglect, Refuſal, or Nonpayment, by and before ſuch Alderman or Juſtice, then ſuch Alderman or other Juſtice lawfully may, and ſhall immediately, upon ſuch Conviction, commit ſuch Collector to One of the Compters of the ſaid City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he ſhall have made a true and perfect Account and Payment of all Monies by him collected or received by virtue of his ſaid Office of Collector: And in caſe any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo as aforeſaid choſen or appointed a Collector of any Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be made in purſuance of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to act in and execute the Duty or Office the Space of Ten Days after his Appointment thereto, and Notice thereof in Writing left at his uſual Place of Abode; every ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to the Truſtees appointed by this Act, or their Receiver, to be levied, recovered, and applied in the ſame or like Manner as the Money to be raiſed by the Aſſeſſment and Aſſeſſments to be made in purſuance of this Act are herein mentioned to be levied, recovered, and applied; and upon every ſuch Refuſal and Neglect of any and every Perſon or Perſons ſo to act in the Duty or Office of a Collector as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authoriſed and required, to chooſe or appoint a new Collector in the Place and Stead of every Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting to act as aforeſaid; and every ſuch new Collector ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch and the like Penalties and Forfeitures as the Perſon in whoſe Place he ſhall be choſen was ſubject and liable to.

Perſons choſen Collectors refuſing or neglecting to act, to forfeit 10*l.*

Upon every ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, new Collector to be choſen.

Provided always, That every Perſon who ſhall have ſerved the ſaid Office of Collector of the Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments herein directed to be made, for all the Time for which he ſhall have been thereunto appointed by virtue of this Act, and ſhall not have had or received from the ſaid

In what Caſe Collector may be exempted from ſerving his Office.

Trustees, or otherwise, any Allowance or Reward for his Trouble therein, shall be thenceforth intirely exempted and discharged from serving the Office of Collector of the Tax or Assessment commonly called The Orphans Tax, in and for the said Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn, London; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Time and Place of Trustees Meeting.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall meet at the Inquest Room of the said Parish on the Second Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, or within Ten Days next after, and proceed to put this Act in Execution; and shall then, and from Time to Time afterwards, adjourn themselves to meet at the same or any other Place within the said Parish, as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time think most convenient; and if at any Meeting appointed to be held by virtue of this Act, a sufficient Number of Trustees shall not appear to act, and to adjourn to another Day, the Trustee or Trustees then present, or the Clerk of the said Trustees, shall, by general Summons to all the Trustees, appoint a Meeting of the said Trustees at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, upon some Day not exceeding Ten Days next after the Day upon which such last Meeting was appointed; and the said Trustees, at all their Meetings, shall defray their own Expences.

In Default of a sufficient Number to act,

Clerk to give Notice of another Meeting.

Trustees to defray their own Expences.

Qualification of Trustees.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, other than those intitled to be Trustees by virtue of their Offices or Stations as aforesaid, shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, unless such Person shall be then resident and an Householder in the said Parish, and shall be rated and pay to or towards every the Quarterly Rates, for Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, the full Sum of Ten Shillings at the least, and shall have so paid for at least One whole Year next preceding, and up to the Time he shall act as a Trustee; nor shall any Person appointed or to be appointed a Trustee for any of the Purposes of this Act, be appointed to or enjoy any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act, in any Manner howsoever, nor have any Share or Interest in any Contract, Affairs, or Business, to be done by virtue of this Act, save and except the said John Payce, Richard Norris, and John Scott, so far as and in relation to the said Sum of One thousand seven hundred Pounds to be paid to them for the Consideration or Purchase-money for their Estate,

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Term, or Interest, in the said Messuage called The Workhouse in Shoe-lane, and not otherwise.

Contributors may advance, not exceeding 2000*l.* on Annuities for Lives.

And forasmuch as borrowing Monies upon the Credit of this Act, will or may be the most speedy and effectual Method of accomplishing the Purposes aforesaid; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Trustees, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorise to receive the same, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life or Lives of such Contributor or Contributors respectively, or during the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such respective Contributor or Contributors at the Time or Times of Payment of his, her, or their respective Contribution-monies, so as the Annuities do not exceed Ten Pounds per Annum for every One hundred Pounds, and in proportion thereto for any greater or lesser Sum to be advanced and paid as aforesaid; all which Annuity or Annuities shall not exceed in the Whole the Sum of Two hundred Pounds per Annum; and the same Annuity or Annuities shall be payable and paid by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, in the Inquest 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 and Purchasers and the said Trustees.

Not to exceed 10*l. per Cent.*

Application of the Monies.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be so contributed, advanced, and paid, for the Purchase of such Annuity or Annuities as aforesaid, shall, by the said Trustees, or Seven or more of them (the necessary and reasonable Charges for and attending the applying for and obtaining this Act, and other incident Charges, being first paid as aforesaid) be forthwith paid and applied in Payment of the said Sum of One thousand seven hundred Pounds to the said John Payce, Richard Norris, and John Scott, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as and for the Consideration or Purchase-money for their Estate, Term, and Interest, of and in the said Messuage called The Workhouse in Shoe-lane, for all the Remainder which shall be to come

and unexpired of the said Term of Seventy Years, under and subject to the before-mentioned Rent of Twelve Pounds a Year, as agreed or mentioned in the before-recited Contract and Lease, and according to the Intent and Meaning of the Covenants in the said Contract and Lease contained; such Term, Estate, and Interest, to be, upon Payment thereof, assigned to the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn, London, for the Time being, and their Successors, for the Use of the said Parish only, at the Expence of the Trust; which Assignment the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish are hereby impowered and required to take and accept, and afterwards of the necessary and reasonable Charges of, and incident to, the executing the Powers of this Act.

Book to be kept for entering the Names of, and Sums paid by the Purchasers.

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

Books to be inspected *gratis*.

Annuities charged upon and to be paid out of the Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased under and by virtue of this Act, shall be, and are hereby charged upon, and shall be payable, and paid from Time to Time out of the Monies to arise by the Assessment and 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, or such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint

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his, her, or their Executors, Administrators and Assigns respectively, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and shall be intitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the respective Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, out of the Monies arising by the Assessment and Assessments herein directed to be made, and by this Act appropriated or appointed for the Payment thereof, during the Term of the natural Life of the Person to be nominated by each and every such Purchaser and Contributor; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Executors and Assigns respectively, shall have good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estates and Interest in the Annuities so by them respectively purchased; and that the said Annuities, or any of them, shall not be subject or liable to any Taxes laid or to be laid by the Authority of Parliament, or otherwise.

Annuities to be for the Life of the Person nominated by each Contributor.

Annuities not to be liable to Taxes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Contributor upon 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 into the Hands of the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall for that Purpose appoint, shall have a Receipt or Receipts for the same, and an Order on Parchment or Vellum for the Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities for and during the natural Life or Lives of such Person or Persons as shall be nominated therein; every such Order to be signed by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them; which being so signed 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 every Default of Payment of the said Annuities, by the Space of Sixty Days next after the Time or Times when the same shall be payable, the Assessment and Assessments to be made by Authority of this Act shall vest in the Annuitants, until the same Annuities, together with the legal Interest, and all Costs and Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

Contributors to have Receipts for the Monies they pay,

and Orders signed by the Trustees for Payment of the Annuities.

On Default of Payment of the Annuities, the Assessment to vest in the Annuitants, &c.

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, and his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, 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, to any Person or

Annuities to be assignable.

Persons whomsoever; all which Assignments shall be made known to the said Trustees or their Clerk or Receiver; and the same Assignments, or some Abstract or Memorandum thereof, shall be made and entered by such Clerk at the Charge of the Trust.

Abstracts of Assignments to be entered.

New Trustees to be elected.

And for Continuance of a sufficient Number of fit and proper 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 this Act, as often as the Number of Trustees appointed by this Act, or hereafter to be elected in pursuance thereof, shall be reduced to Twenty, it shall be lawful to and for the surviving and remaining Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, upon Wednesday in Easter Week, as often as Occasion shall be, in the Inquest Room of the said Parish, to nominate, elect, and appoint, other fit and proper Persons (being substantial Inhabitants and Householders in the said Parish) to be thenceforward Trustees with them; and such Person and Persons so nominated, elected, and appointed a Trustee or Trustees, shall and may act, and is and are hereby impowered to act, in all Respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as amply, and in the same or like Manner, as any Trustee or Trustees, herein before named, is and are by this Act impowered to do.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees shall, and are to take Care to have all Receipts and Payments, and all other the Proceedings of the said Trustees, fairly entered and written in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and by or out of the Monies arising out of or from all or any the Assessment or Assessments to be made as aforesaid, or by or out of any other Sum or Sums of Money which shall come to their or any of their Hands as Trustees as aforesaid, or to the Hands of any Receiver to be by them appointed, may and shall pay for the Purchase of the said Messuage called The Workhouse, and the Charges of preparing, making, and executing such Assignment thereof as aforesaid, and all other necessary and reasonable Charges and Expences incident to the said Trust.

Books for Inspection to be kept open.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That all Books of Accounts concerning any Receipts and Payments of the said Trustees, or their Receiver or Receivers, shall, from Time

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to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of every Person and Persons who shall pay to any Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Commencement and Continuance of the Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Assessments hereby directed to be made, shall take Place and have Continuance from the Thirtieth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, for and during such Time only as any of the Annuities to be granted in pursuance of this Act (if any such be granted) shall have Continuance; and in case no such Annuities shall be granted, then during and until the whole Purchase-money to be paid for the Purchase of the said Messuage called The Workhouse in Shoe-lane, and the Charges of assigning the same as aforesaid, and all other Charges incident thereto, and the Charges and Expences of applying for and obtaining this Act, shall be fully paid and satisfied, and when and as often as there shall be Occasion to raise any Money for the Purposes aforesaid, and no longer, or otherwise; and from and after the Determination of all the said Annuities (if any shall be granted) and from and after such Payment and Satisfaction of the Purchase-money, and other the Charges and Expences last before-mentioned (in case no such Annuities shall be granted) such Assessments shall cease and determine; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing to be done in pursuance of this Act, every such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Three Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be brought and tried in the City of London, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit 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 of and by Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to be so done, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants: And upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuit, or shall 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 and may recover Treble Costs, and

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have the like Remedies for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

Publick Act. 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 hereby directed and required to take Notice thereof as such in all Courts and Places whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.