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An Act for building a Workhouſe for the Liberty of *Saffron-Hill*, *Hatton-Garden*, and *Ely-Rents*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, in the County of *Middleſex*.

WHEREAS the Poor of the Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents, in the Pariſh of Saint Andrew Holborn, in the County of Middleſex, have for ſeveral Years been maintained and employed in a Workhouſe on Saffron-Hill, within the ſaid Liberty, which is now in a very decayed Condition, and is only hired for a ſhort Time: And whereas at a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Liberty it has been reſolved, Preamble.

solved, that Application should be made to Parliament, to enable the said Inhabitants to build a Workhouse for the Use of the said Parish: 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Trustees herein after appointed, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby impowered to purchase, in the Names of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty (who are hereby enabled to accept and take a Conveyance thereof to them and their Successors for ever) any Piece or Parcel of Ground in or near the said Liberty, not exceeding One Acre, together with any Buildings standing and being thereon, and the same Ground when purchased to inclose with a Brick-wall or other Fence; and to alter, repair, fit up, and furnish any Building or Buildings (if any) that may be standing upon the Ground so to be purchased, for the better receiving, harbouring, employing, and maintaining the Poor of the said Liberty; or may erect and build on such Ground One or more House or Houses, and provide Furniture for the same; and to that End may pull down, carry away, and dispose of all or any Part or Parts of any House or Houses, or any other Buildings that may be standing on the said Ground; which House or Houses so to be altered, repaired, and fitted up, or to be erected and built as aforesaid, and the Furniture thereof, shall be appropriated, used, and employed as a Workhouse for the said Liberty, and for transacting the necessary Business and Affairs of the said Liberty only; and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, by and out of the Monies to arise by and from the Assessment and Assessments herein after directed to be made, or to be received for the Purchase of the Annuities hereby authorised to be granted, shall pay and satisfy the Purchase-money for the said Ground and Hereditaments, and all the necessary and reasonable Costs and Charges of Conveyance, and other Charges relating thereto, and all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall become due to the Builders, Workmen, Artificers, and others to be employed in and about the erecting and building, or altering, repairing, fitting up, and furnishing such House or Houses for the Poor, and all other Charges and Expences concerning the same.

Trustees enabled to purchase Ground,

and inclose, alter, fit up, and furnish Buildings for employing and maintaining the Poor, or may build a House for the Poor, and transacting the publick Business of the Liberty.

Trustees to pay for the Ground, &c.

And,

And, in order to raise Money to defray the Expences attending the Execution of this Act, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy, 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 Liberty, and they are hereby impowered, 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 or Times of making such Assessment or Assessments, do or shall inhabit or occupy any House, Shop, Warehouse, or Tenement, within the said Liberty, and shall be then rated towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty, in such competent Sum or Sums of Money as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time shall judge necessary (over and besides what such Person or Persons shall be rated towards the ordinary Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty, by virtue of the Laws now in being) so as such Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, do not exceed 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 Assessment and Assessments rated by the Rate then last made for Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty.

Trustees impowered to make Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Overseers of the Poor of the said Liberty for the Time being shall, and are hereby required to attend with the Rates made for Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty, in the Custody or Power of each of them respectively, at every the Time and Times of making the said Assessment and Assessments, 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 as aforesaid (Notice of such Meeting having been previously given or left in Writing for such Overseer and Overseers respectively, at his or their respective Place or Places of Abode, by the Space of Twenty-four Hours, by any Agent, Servant, or Messenger of the said Trustees, or other Person by them or any of them employed for that Purpose); and it shall and may be lawful for the Collector or Collectors to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, or the Clerk

Overseers of the Poor to produce their Assessment to the Trustees:

Collectors or Clerk to the Truſtees to inſpect and take Copies of the ſame.

for the Time being to the ſaid Truſtees, at all convenient Times to inſpect the ſaid Rates made for Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Liberty, and to take Copies of ſuch Rates, or of any Part of any of them, at the Expence of the ſaid Truſtees, in order the better to regulate and

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

aſcertain the Aſſeſſments as aforeſaid; all which Aſſeſſments to be made by the Authority of this Act, and all Arrears thereof, ſhall and may be collected from the Inhabitants and Occupiers ſo to be aſſeſſed as aforeſaid, by the Collector or Collectors of ſuch Aſſeſſments, on giving Receipts gratis to the Perſon or Perſons paying the ſame; and every ſuch Collector and Collectors is

Truſtees impowered to appoint Collectors.

and are hereby required ſo to do: 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 and 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 Liberty as have not ſerved the Office of Surveyor of the Highways in and for the ſaid Liberty, and ſhall and may, from Time to Time, diſplace ſuch Collector or Collectors, and chooſe and appoint any other Perſon or Perſons to be a Collector or Collectors in the Room or Stead of him or them who ſhall be ſo diſplaced; and likewiſe ſhall and may, if they ſhall think fit, out of the Monies to be collected by and out of any 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, 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 within the ſaid Liberty ſhall be occupied in different Apartments, Rooms, or Lodgings, by diſtinct and ſeparate Families, Lodgers, or Inmates, the whole Houſe, or any Tenement or Place thereof ſo occupied, ſhall be charged with the whole Aſſeſſment, to be rated or aſſeſſed in One Sum, for or in reſpect of and in proportion and according to the ſeveral Rents of all ſuch Families, Lodgers,

and collected of any One of the Tenants.

or Inmates; and ſhall be collected together and in One Sum of and from any One Perſon of or belonging to any One of ſuch Families, Lodgers, or Inmates; and in caſe of Nonpayment, the Sum ſo aſſeſſed ſhall and may be levied upon and recovered from any One or more of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of ſuch Houſe or Tenement, in the like Manner as any other

ther Sum or Sums to be assessed by virtue of this Act can or may be levied and recovered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Churchwarden of the said Parish for the Time being being an Inhabitant of the said Liberty, the Overseers of the Poor appointed for the said Liberty for the Time being, William Jones, Mathew Howard, Robert Wainwright, Richard Lateward, Philip Burton, Joseph Warner, Samuel Bonham, Joseph Debaufre Patience Thomas Adams, Henry Bostock, John Hawkins, Thomas Birch, Thomas Hanby, Richard Hall, Cornelius Denne, John Stanley, Pinsen Bonham, Edward Buckley Batson, William Ward, John Boldero, Richard Swainston, Daniel Booth, Richard Neale Badcock, Lomax Rider, John Perry, Joseph Partington, Thomas Baskerfield, Samuel Milward, William Smith, John Spencer, William Fox, Edward Whitefoot, Edmund Prideux, Thomas Simpson, John Duddel, Thomas Sawtel, William Hunter, Stephen Hoare, Joseph Hodges, Daniel Maddox, Alexander Leythem, John Foxall, Richard Ellard, John Roberts, George Brown, and Thomas Clayton, 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 Assessments herein before mentioned and directed to be made; and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be by them, or any Seven or more of them, paid and applied to and for the several Uses and Purposes of this Act (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 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 same upon every or any of the Person and Persons liable to pay the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons neglecting or refusing to pay the same, and the Goods and Chattels so distrained to detain and keep, until all such Assessments, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, shall be fully paid; and that it shall and may be lawful to

Trustees Names.

Assessments vested in the Trustees,

and to be levied by Distress and Sale,

and

and may be sold after Four Days.

and for the Person and Persons so distraining, after the Expiration of Four 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 Assessments, and all the reasonable Charges for or by reason of distraining, keeping, and selling the same, shall be deducted.

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

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Goods and Chattels of every Person residing in any House let furnished, or in any separate Apartment, Room, or Lodging in any House let furnished, or to several Families or separate Tenants, shall be liable to be distrained and sold for Payment of the 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 upon the Person paying the same, or upon any other Tenant or Occupier of any separate Apartment, Room, or Lodging, Part of such House, or upon the Landlord or Landlords of such House or Houses, or any Person upon whose Goods or Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, may and is hereby authorised to deduct the same out of the Rent due and payable from Time to Time to his or her Landlord or Landlords; and all and every the Receipt or Receipts for the Payment of such Assessment or Assessments, shall be a sufficient Discharge from 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.

Assessments to be deducted out of the Rents.

Collectors to pay over their Collections to the Receiver.

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 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, with the respective Times of his receiving the same; and shall upon Oath, as often

Receiver to give Security.

Collectors to enter in a Book all Monies received,

often as required by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, (which Oath such 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 no Fee or Reward shall be taken; and the same may be taken in Writing without any Stamp thereon. and to account upon Oath.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Collector shall neglect or refuse to account to the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, 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 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 any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, by Summons, Warrant, or otherwise, to cause such Collector to be brought before him, and to enquire of and concerning such Refusal, Neglect, 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 Justice is hereby impowered and required to administer); and if such Collector shall be convicted of any such Refusal, Neglect, or Nonpayment, by and before such Justice, then such Justice lawfully may, and shall immediately, on such Conviction, commit such Collector to One of the Common Goals in and for the said County, 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 every Person so chosen or appointed a Collector of any of the Assessments to be made in pursuance of this Act, refusing or neglecting to act in and execute the Duty or Office by the Space of Ten Days after his Appointment thereto, and Notice thereof in Writing left at his usual Place of Abode, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to the said Trustees, or their Receiver, to be levied, recovered, and applied in the same or like Manner as the Monies to be raised by any Assessment to be made in pursuance of this Act are directed to be levied, recovered, and applied; and upon the Refusal or Neglect of any such Person to act in Collectors not making Account and Payment, to be committed.

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

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

the Duty of his Office of Collector as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful 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.

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

Provided always, That every Person who shall have served the said Office of Collector for the full Time he shall have been appointed thereto, and shall not have had or received from the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, or in any other Manner, any Allowance or Reward for his Trouble therein, shall be thenceforth for ever afterwards exempted and discharged from serving the Office of Surveyor of the Highways for the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents; 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 usual Place of Meeting for transacting the publick Business of the said Liberty, on Wednesday next after the passing of this Act, or within Fourteen 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 Liberty, as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time judge most convenient; and if at any such Meeting 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 to 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 from 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 the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, 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

the said Liberty, and shall be rated and pay to or towards every the Quarterly Rates, for Relief of the Poor of the said Liberty, and shall have paid the same for at the least Three Years next preceding, and up to the Time of his acting as a Trustee; but no Person whatsoever shall act as a Trustee for any of the Purposes of this Act, who shall enjoy any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act in any Manner howsoever, or who shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract, or in any of the Affairs, or Business, to be done by virtue of this Act.

Trustees not to enjoy Employments of Profit.

And whereas it will be necessary to borrow Money for the most speedy accomplishing the Purposes of this Act, 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 Three 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 Contributor or Contributors at the Time or Times of Payment of his, her, or their 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 altogether the Sum of Three hundred Pounds per Annum; and the same Annuity or Annuities shall be payable and paid by the said Trustees, from Time to Time, in the Vestry-Room of the said Parish, or some other Room within the said Liberty, wherein the publick Business and Affairs of the said Liberty are and shall be most commonly done and transacted, to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the same, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at such Times and in such Sums and Proportions as shall be agreed upon, between the Purchaser or Purchasers and the said Trustees.

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

Not to exceed 10*l. per Cent.*

And

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

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, 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 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 so paid for the Purchase of such Annuity or Annuities, and the Day or Days of Payment thereof; to which Book or 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 pay any Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, at all reasonable Times, to have Recourse, and inspect the same 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 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 Assessment 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, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, 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 to be raised by the said Assessment or Assessments, 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 or Contributor as above mentioned; and that every such Purchaser, his and her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have a good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estate and Interest in each and every Annuity so by him and her respectively purchased, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act;

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

and that none of the said Annuities shall be subject or liable to any Taxes laid or to be laid by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever. 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 or her 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 the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall for that Purpose appoint, shall have a Receipt or Receipts for the Purchase-monies so paid; and, upon Payment of all the Purchase-money for any such Annuity, every such Contributor, his or her Assigns respectively, shall have an Order in Parchment or Vellum for the Payment of every such Annuity for and during the natural Life of such Person 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. Contributors to have Receipts for the Monies they pay, &c. and Orders signed by the Trustees for Payment of the Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for every Purchaser of any such Annuity or Annuities, his or her Executors, Administrators, or 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 Persons whomsoever, when and as often as he, she, or they shall think fit; 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 said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall appoint for that Purpose, at the Charge of the said Trustees. Annuities to be assignable.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Assessments herein directed to to be made, collected, and paid, upon every Default of Payment of the said Annuities, or any of them, within the Space of Sixty Days next after any of the Times when the same shall be made payable, shall vest in the Annuitants, until the said Annuitants shall be fully paid and satisfied, together with Interest and all Costs and Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof; and the Annuitants, in case On Default of Payment of the Annuities, the Assessment to vest in the Annuitants, &c.

the said Annuities shall be in Arrear and unpaid for the Space of Sixty Days, until full Payment thereof, with the Interest and Charges as aforesaid, shall have the same Power, Rights, and Privileges of assessing, collecting, distraining, and levying the said Assessment or Assessments payable by 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.

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 enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, during the Continuance of this Act, when and as often as the Number of Trustees herein appointed, or hereafter to be elected in pursuance of this Act, shall be reduced to Twenty-four, it shall and may 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, yearly, upon Wednesday in Easter Week, or within Fourteen Days after, in the Room or Place commonly used for transacting the publick Business of the said Liberty, to nominate, elect, and appoint, other fit and proper Persons, being substantial Inhabitants and Householders of the said Liberty, to be Trustees with them; and the Person or Persons who shall be so nominated, elected, and appointed a Trustee or Trustees, shall and may, and is and are hereby impowered to act, in all Things and to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and amply as any Trustee or Trustees herein appointed, is and are by this Act impowered to do.

Trustees may sell Materials.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall have full Power and Authority, and they, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time for that Purpose appoint, are and is hereby authorised and impowered to sell and dispose of the Materials of any Building or Buildings which shall or may be standing upon the Ground to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid (if the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall so think fit) to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to purchase the same; and the Monies to arise by such Sale shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act, and to no other Purpose whatsoever.

Provided

Provided always, That if any Person or Persons hereby appointed, or hereafter to be chosen a Trustee or Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, shall have any Interest in the Ground to be purchased pursuant to the Powers in and by this Act given, or shall have any Share or Interest in any Contract for inclosing the said Ground, or for altering, repairing, fitting up, or furnishing any Building or Buildings for the Purposes aforesaid (if any) that may be standing on the Ground so to be purchased, or in the Purchase of any Materials of any such Building or Buildings, or in erecting or building, or any Contract or Agreement for erecting or building on such Ground any House or Houses, or providing Furniture for the same, or any other Business, Matter, or Thing whatsoever to be done in, about, or any way relating thereto; every such Person or Persons shall thenceforth be utterly disqualified and disabled from acting in the said Trust. Disqualification of Trustees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees shall, and are hereby required to take Care that all Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, and Contracts made with or by the Artificers, Workmen, and others to be employed in or about the inclosing or fencing the Ground to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and in and about the pulling down, clearing, and carrying away the Materials of any Building or Buildings (if any) that may be standing on the Ground so to be purchased, or with or for any Person or Persons to whom such Materials shall be sold, or for the altering, repairing, fitting up, or furnishing any Building or Buildings that may be on the said Ground, and making the same fit for the harbouring, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the said Liberty, or for the erecting, building, and furnishing any new House or Houses on the said Ground for the harbouring, maintaining, and employing the said Poor, and all other the Proceedings of the said Trustees, shall be fairly entered and written in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and that all Books of Accounts concerning the said Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, and Contracts, shall from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of every Person who shall pay to any of the Assessments to be made by force of this Act. Proceedings to be entered in Books. Books to be kept open for Inspection.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the Ground to be purchased by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof, shall happen to lie out of the Bounds or Ground when purchased to be Part of the Liberty.

Limits of the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents, such Ground, when purchased, and every Part thereof, shall for ever afterwards be deemed and taken to be Part of the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents, and as lying within the same and not elsewhere, to all Intents and Purposes; and shall be for ever discharged from any Rates or Taxes, Tithes, Duties, or Payments, to or in respect of the Parish, Precinct, or Place out of which it shall be so taken, or to any Person, Parish, or Place whatsoever out of the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents.

Commencement and Continuance of the Assessments.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Assessments to be made as aforesaid, shall take Place and have Continuance from the Day next after the passing this Act, for and during such Time only as any of the Annuities to be granted in pursuance of this Act (if any such shall 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 Ground to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and all Charges incident thereto, and the Expences of applying for and obtaining and passing this Act, and the Charges of erecting and building a House or Houses, and providing Furniture for the same, for Employment and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Liberty, 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 such shall be granted) and from and after 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; any Statute, Law, Usage, or Custom, or any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Distress for the Assessments may be made out of the Liberty

And, for the more effectually levying Monies to be assessed for the Purposes of this Act; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons assessed as aforesaid, and neglecting or refusing to pay the Sum or Sums assessed by him, her, or them respectively payable as aforesaid, shall and may be levied in Manner aforesaid, not only within the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents, where the Assessment or

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Assessments was or were made, but in any other Place within the City of London or County of Middlesex, in the same or like Manner as if the said Goods and Chattels had been found in the said Liberty of Saffron-Hill, Hatton-Garden, and Ely-Rents.

Distress not unlawful for want of Form;

And, for preventing any vexatious Actions or Suits against the said Trustees, or the Collectors of the Assessments hereby directed to be made, or other Person or Persons concerned in any Distress or Distresses to be made by virtue or force of this Act; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money assessed and justly due for any of the Purposes of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Appointment of the Collector or Collectors of any such Assessment or Assessments, or in such Assessment or Assessments, or in any Warrant or Warrants of Distress for the Sum or Sums assessed; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers ab initio, on account of any Irregularity which shall afterwards be done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Party or Parties aggrieved by such Irregularity, shall or may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage which he, she, or they shall have sustained thereby, and no more, in any Action of Trespass, or on the Case, at the Election of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

nor the Parties distraining deemed Trespassers, *ab initio*.

Plaintiff not to recover, if Tender of Amends hath been made.

Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action or Actions for any such Irregularity as aforesaid, if Tender of Amends hath been made by the Party or Parties making the Distress before such Action or Actions was or were brought; nor if Tender of Amends shall be made at any Time after the said Action or Actions shall have been brought, and before the Trial thereof, together with Costs of Suit to the Time of such last mentioned Tender.

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 or by force of this Act, every such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and shall be brought and laid in the County or City where the Fact was committed, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in

General Issue. 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 or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared or pleaded, or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedies for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

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 required to take Notice thereof as such in all Courts and Places whatever, without specially pleading the same.

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