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CAP. LXI.

An Act for repealing an Act, paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual aſſeſſing and collecting of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor in the Pariſh of* Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate, *in the Liberties of the City of* London; for providing a Workhouſe for the Reception of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and for the Employment, Maintenance, and Regulation, of the ſaid Poor therein.

[5th *May* 1795.]

Preamble. Act 12 *Geo.* III, recited,

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual aſſeſſing and collecting of the Rates for Relief of the Poor in the Pariſh of* Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate, *in the Liberties of the City of* London: And whereas the Powers of the ſaid Act have been found defective and inſufficient, and it is neceſſary the ſame ſhould be wholly repealed, and new Powers granted: And whereas the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate*, in the Liberties of the City of *London*, are very numerous, and are maintained and ſupported at a very great Expence by the ſaid Pariſh: And whereas the granting of proper Powers for

for the better governing, maintaining, and regulating, of the ſaid Poor, and for providing a Place for their general Reception, will tend to the more effectual Relief of ſuch as by Age or Infirmities are rendered incapable of ſupporting themſelves by their Labour, to the better Employment of the able and induſtrious, to the proper Correction and Puniſhment of the profligate and idle, and to the Education of poor Children in Religion and Induſtry: 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 the ſaid Act, ſo paſſed in the Twelfth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual aſſeſſing and collecting of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor in the Pariſh of* Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate, *in the Liberties of the City of* London, ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be, and the ſame is hereby declared to be wholly repealed.

and repealed.

Truſtees appointed.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Reverend *William Conybeare* Doctor in Divinity, *James Lawſon*, *Joſeph Cator*, *Stephen Clark*, *John Hovatt*, *Ebenezer Johnſton*, *Thomas Sharwood*, *Richard Good*, *Robert Bullcock*, *Arthur Windus*, *Thomas Draper*, *Benjamin Wood*, *William Barnfield*, *Richard Mould*, *Launcelot Hoggart*, *John Viven*, *Joſeph Taylor*, *Richard Woodyer*, *Henry Stent*, *John Richards*, *George Paterſon*, *Thomas Davis*, and *Richard Wild*, ſhall be, and they and their Succeſſors, to be elected in Manner herein-after mentioned, ſhall be, and they are hereby appointed Truſtees for putting this Act in Execution.

If Truſtees die, &c. others to be appointed.

III. And be it further enacted, That, when any of the Truſtees named in or appointed by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall die, or refuſe or be diſabled to act, or ſhall remove out of the ſaid Pariſh, it ſhall be lawful for the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor, and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them, in Veſtry aſſembled, to elect, nominate, and appoint, ſome other Perſon or Perſons, being a Pariſhioner and Houſeholder of the ſaid Pariſh, to be a Truſtee or Truſtees, in the Room of each and every Truſtee or Truſtees ſo dying, or refuſing or being diſabled to act, or removing out of the ſaid Pariſh, as aforeſaid; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo choſen and appointed ſhall and may, and is and are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed in the Execution of this Act, to all Intents and Purpoſes, in as full and ample Manner as the Truſtees herein-before named and appointed are by this Act authorized and empowered to do.

Firſt Meeting of the Truſtees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to meet together in the Veſtry Room belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, or in ſome other convenient Place in the ſaid Pariſh, within One Calendar Month next after the paſſing of this Act, or as ſoon after as conveniently may be, and proceed to put this Act in Execution, and ſhall and may adjourn themſelves, and afterwards meet there, or at any other Place within the ſaid Pariſh, as they, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think proper, as often as ſhall be thought neceſſary for putting this Act in Execution; and ſhall, at their Firſt or any other Meeting or Meetings aſcertain and

direct what Money ſhall be raiſed within the Limits of the ſaid Pariſh from Time to Time, in order to defray the Expence of the Purchaſe of the Piece or Parcel of Ground and Premiſes herein-after mentioned, and of building a new Workhouſe, and other neceſſary Buildings and Conveniences thereon, for the Reception, Relief, Maintenance, and Employment, of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for all other the Purpoſes of this Act.

No Contractor to be a Truſtee.

V. Provided always, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Truſtee for the Purpoſes of this Act, during ſuch Time as he ſhall have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract, or enjoy any beneficial Employment under or by virtue of this Act; and that the ſaid Truſtees ſhall at all their Meetings to be held for the Purpoſes of this Act defray their own Expences.

Truſtees to pay their own Expences.

Power to raiſe Money by Annuities.

VI. And, in order more ſpeedily and effectually to accompliſh the ſeveral Ends and Purpoſes of this Act; be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, to raiſe any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds, upon Annuities for Lives, and that it ſhall be lawful 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 to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the ſaid Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds, for the abſolute Purchaſe of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every ſuch Contributor, or the natural Life of ſuch Perſon as ſhall be nominated by or on the Behalf of ſuch reſpective Contributor at the Time of Payment of his or her reſpective Contribution Money; which Annuity or Annuities ſhall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds *per Annum* for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Perſon not under the Age of Forty-five Years; nor ſhall the ſame exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Annum* for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Perſon not under the Age of Fifty Years; nor ſhall the ſame exceed the Rate of Twelve Pounds *per Annum* for every One hundred Pounds advanced on the Life of any Perſon not under the Age of Sixty Years, and ſo on in Proportion for any greater or leſs Sum to be advanced as aforeſaid; but no Sum of Money ſhall be advanced on the Life of any Perſon under the Age of Forty-five Years; which Annuity and Annuities, and every of them, ſhall be paid and payable up to the Day of the Deceaſe of ſuch Contributor or Contributors, or to the Day of the Deceaſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be nominated by and on the Behalf of him or them reſpectively.

Power to raiſe Money for Term of Years.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think it adviſeable or more advantageous to raiſe all or any Part of the ſaid Sums of Money for the Purpoſes aforeſaid by Annuities to be granted for a certain Term or Number of Years, then it ſhall be lawful 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 to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole (with the ſaid Sum or Sums ſo raiſed as aforeſaid, if any) the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds,

for the abſolute Purchaſe of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable for and during ſuch Term and Terms of Years, and upon ſuch Conditions, and at ſuch Rate of Intereſt for the ſame reſpectively, as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fit and proper, and which ſaid Annuity or Annuities for Lives or Terms of Years ſhall be payable and paid in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh, or ſuch other Place in the ſaid Pariſh, as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall from Time to Time appoint, by Four equal Quarterly Payments in the Year, the firſt of which Payments to begin and be made to the reſpective Purchaſers, or their Aſſigns, at the Expiration of the firſt Three Calendar Months next after Payment of his or her reſpective Purchaſe Money; which Annuities, and every of them, ſhall be publickly ſold in the Veſtry Room belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, to the beſt Bidder for the ſame, on Twenty-one Days Notice thereof being firſt given in *The London Gazette*, or ſome other publick Newſpaper, and a like Notice affixed upon the principal Door of the ſaid Pariſh Church, ſignifying ſuch Intention, and the Money ariſing by the Sale of the ſaid Annuities ſhall be applied for and towards the Purchaſe of the ſaid Piece or Parcel of Ground, ſo made as aforeſaid, and for and towards the building of a Workhouſe, and ſuch other Buildings thereon as ſhall be neceſſary for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for and towards furniſhing ſuch Workhouſe, and ſuch other Buildings, and other the Purpoſes of this Act, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Names of Annuitants to be entered in a Book.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby required to provide One or more Book or Books, in which ſhall be fairly written, in Words at Length, the Names, proper Additions, and Places of Abode, of all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be Purchaſers of any of the ſaid reſpective Annuities, and of all Perſons by whoſe Hands the ſaid Purchaſers ſhall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money, and alſo the Sum or Sums ſo paid in for the Purchaſe of ſuch Annuity or Annuities reſpectively, and the Days of Payment thereof reſpectively, and alſo an Account of the Intereſt that ſhall be paid to each Annuitant from Time to Time, and by whom received; which Book or Books ſhall be kept in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh Church, or in ſuch Place in the ſaid Pariſh as they the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall appoint; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid reſpective Purchaſers, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, Agent or Agents, and alſo to and for any Perſon or Perſons paying to the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act, from Time to Time, and at all ſeaſonable Times, to have Recourſe to and inſpect the ſaid Book or Books without Fee or Reward.

Annuities to be charged on the Rates;

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Annuities ſo to be purchaſed ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby charged upon the Rates or Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act, and the Contributor or Contributors 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, and his, her, or their reſpective Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy, and by virtue of this Act be

entitled to have, receive, and enjoy, the ſaid Annuity or Annuities out of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, during the Term of the natural Life of the Perſon to be nominated by each ſuch Purchaſer or Contributor, or for ſuch Term or Number of Years as aforeſaid, as the Caſe may be; and that all and every ſuch Purchaſer and Purchaſers, and his and their Aſſigns reſpectively, ſhall have a good and true Perſonal Eſtate in the Annuities ſo by him, her, or them, reſpectively purchaſed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and that none of the ſaid Annuities ſhall be ſubject or liable to the Tax charged upon Lands by Authority of Parliament, or any other publick or parochial Tax.

and ſhall be exempt from Taxes.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of any ſuch reſpective Annuity or Annuities, and his, her, and their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to aſſign ſuch Annuity or Annuities, or Intereſt therein, to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and a Memorandum or Entry of all ſuch Aſſignments, and the Days the ſame were brought to be entered, ſhall be made in a Book hereby required to be kept for that Purpoſe by the ſaid Truſtees, and the ſaid Entry ſhall be made *gratis*, and ſhall and may, at all ſeaſonable Times, be inſpected by any Perſon intereſted therein, but no ſuch Aſſignment ſhall be deemed good and effectual until ſuch Memorandum or Entry ſhall be made.

Annuities may be transferred.

Memorandums, or Extracts of Aſſignments, to be entered in a Book.

XI. And be it further enacted, 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 Contribution or Purchaſe Money for the ſame into the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they 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 for and during the natural Life or Lives (or for Term of Years, as the Caſe may be) 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 the Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning hereof; and upon every Default of Payment of the ſaid Annuity by the Space of Thirty Days next after the Time or Times when the ſame ſhall become payable, the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be made by Authority of this Act, ſhall veſt in the Annuitants until the ſame Annuities, together with legal Intereſt, and all Coſts and Charges occaſioned by the Nonpayment thereof, ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied.

Annuitants to have an Order ſigned by the Truſtees.

XII. And whereas the Reverend *William Conybeare* Doctor in Divinity, Rector of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph without Biſhopſgate*, *Stephen Clark*, *James Lawſon*, *John Hovatt*, *Ebenezer Johnſton*, *Thomas Sharwood*, *Richard Good*, *Robert Bullcock*, *Arthur Windus*, *Thomas Draper*, *Benjamin Wood*, *William Barnfield*, *Richard Mould*, *Launcelot Hoggart*, *John Viven*, *Joſeph Taylor*, *Richard Sexton*, *Richard Woodyer*, *Thomas Downer*, *John Richards*, *George Paterſon*, *Thomas Davis*, and *Richard Wild*, Pariſhioners and Houſeholders of the ſaid Pariſh, Truſtees named and appointed by and on the Part and Behalf of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid

Purchaſe confirmed.

ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them in Veſtry aſſembled for that Purpoſe, have lately purchaſed of and from *Elizabeth Eeles* and others, a certain Piece or Parcel of Land or Ground, and Premiſes, ſituate, lying, and being, in or near *Dunning's Alley* and *Peter Street*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph without Biſhopſgate*, at and for the Price or Sum of One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-five Pounds; and a Conveyance thereof hath been made to them and their Heirs and Aſſigns for ever; be it therfore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Conveyance of the ſaid Lands and Premiſes ſhall, and the ſame is hereby taken to be an effectual and ſufficient Conveyance in the Law to them the ſaid Truſtees and their Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Pariſh, and the ſame is hereby ratified and confirmed accordingly; and that the Perſon or Perſons who have advanced and lent the Money required to pay for the Purchaſe of the ſaid Piece or Parcel of Land or Ground, and Premiſes, ſhall be reimburſed and repaid the ſame, with Intereſt thereon, out of the Monies to be raiſed by virtue of this Act.

May build a Workhouſe.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required to build and erect, or cauſe to be built and erected, in a plain and durable Manner, on ſome Part of the Land or Ground ſo purchaſed as aforeſaid, One or more Houſe or Houſes for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing, of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate*, in the Liberties of the City of *London*, and from Time to Time to furniſh and provide the ſame with Bedding, and all other neceſſary Furniture and Materials, for the proper and comfortable Support, Maintenance, and Employment, of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; which ſaid Building or Buildings ſo to be erected ſhall be kept by the ſaid Truſtees in good and ſubſtantial Repair; and they, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby empowered to alter or enlarge the ſame from Time to Time, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be thought convenient; and that the Expence of erecting, preparing, and furniſhing, repairing, altering, or enlarging ſuch Houſe or Houſes, and Buildings, ſhall, from Time to Time, be paid out of the Monies to be raiſed and levied by virtue of this Act.

That no Contract ſhall be entered into for building the Workhouſe, until 14 Days Notice be given.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Contract ſhall be made by the ſaid Truſtees for building ſuch Workhouſe, unleſs Fourteen Days Notice ſhall have been firſt given by the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, in ſome Two of the publick Newſpapers, by Advertiſement of the Intention of their making ſuch Contract, and that the Contract or Contracts for building ſuch Workhouſe ſhall be made with the loweſt Bidder, who can give Security to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees, for completing ſuch Contract or Contracts.

All Contracts to be entered in Books.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall cauſe Copies or Extracts of all Contracts and Agreements made by or with the Artificers and Workmen, or others employed or to be employed in or about the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, and other neceſſary Buildings and Conveniences, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and all other Matters and Things relating thereto, and all other their Proceedings in the Execution of this

Act, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be provided and kept for thoſe Purpoſes, which Book or Books ſhall, from Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of all Perſons paying to the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Aſſeſſments to be made.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Rector, Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, are hereby authorized and required to aſſemble and meet together in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and from Time to Time for ever thereafter, Quarterly, or oftener, in every Year, as Occaſion ſhall require, due Notice having been given in the Pariſh Church on the *Sunday* preceding ſuch reſpective Meetings, and they, or the major Part of them ſo aſſembled, ſhall, from Time to Time, make ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, for paying the Intereſt due on the ſaid Annuities, and for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for other the Purpoſes of this Act, upon all and every Perſon or Perſons who do or ſhall inhabit, hold, occupy, poſſeſs, or enjoy, any Land, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, or any other Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph Biſhopſgate*, and on every other Perſon and Perſons who by Law is, are, or ſhall be chargeable or liable to be aſſeſſed for or towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, as they the ſaid Rector, Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them, at ſuch Meeting or Meetings, ſhall think neceſſary and proper to be rated and aſſeſſed; which ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and every of them, ſhall be allowed by the Alderman of the Ward of *Biſhopſgate*, or any Two other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *London*, and Notice thereof ſhall be given in the Church on the *Sunday* next after the ſame ſhall be allowed; which ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall be collected by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the ſaid Pariſh, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed at any ſuch Meetings for that Purpoſe, he or they giving Security, if required, for his or their faithfully collecting and paying over the ſame.

How the Intereſt of Annuities to be paid.

XVII. And, for the better aſcertaining and regulating of the Payment of the ſaid reſpective Annuities, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall by Warrant under their Hands, directed to the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh, order and direct the Payment of the ſaid Annuities, as the ſame ſhall become due; which ſaid Churchwardens are hereby required, upon the Receipt of ſuch Warrant, forthwith to pay the ſame out of the Monies that ſhall, from Time to Time, be paid into their Hands, or be received by them in purſuance of this Act; and ſuch Warrants ſo paid ſhall be allowed to ſuch Churchwardens as a full Diſcharge for ſo much Money paid into their Hands, or received by them, on the Account of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments.

Houſes let out in Lodgings, or ready-furniſhed, how Rates to be paid.

XVIII. And whereas there are divers Houſes and Buildings in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Botolph without Biſhopſgate*, which are let out in ſeparate Lodgings or Apartments, and other Houſes which are let ready-furniſhed to

to Lodgers, and others, let for a leſs Rent than Ten Pounds *per Annum* for each Houſe, whereby the Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments may be evaded; for Remedy whereof, be it further enacted, That every Perſon, whether Landlord or Tenant, who ſhall let out his or her Houſe in ſeparate Apartments, or ready-furniſhed, to a Lodger or Lodgers, or who ſhall be Owner or Tenant of a Houſe which ſhall be let for a leſs Rent than Ten Pounds *per Annum*, ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier thereof, and may be rated or aſſeſſed accordingly, and ſhall be liable and ſubject to the Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments directed to be raiſed and levied by virtue of this Act, and ſhall alſo be ſubject and liable to the Payment of the Arrears of the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments heretofore made upon them for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and now remaining due and unpaid.

May compound for the ſaid Rates.

XIX. Provided always, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, in Veſtry aſſembled, or the major Part of them, if they ſhall think it expedient ſo to do, from Time to Time to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Occupier or Occupiers, of every ſuch Houſe or Tenement ſo let or occupied as aforeſaid, for the Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and to take ſuch Sum and Sums of Money in lieu thereof as they ſhall think proper.

The Goods of Lodgers, &c. liable to be diſtrained for the Rates;

XX. Provided alſo, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Perſon ſo renting and occupying any ſeparate Part or Apartment in ſuch Houſe or Building, or renting or occupying any ready-furniſhed Houſe, or any Part thereof, or renting or occupying any Houſe let for a leſs Rent than Ten Pounds *per Annum*, ſhall be liable to be diſtrained and ſold for the Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, or for the Payment of any ſuch Compoſition ſo agreed to be taken as aforeſaid, together with the Arrears of the ſeveral Rates or Aſſeſſments ſo made as aforeſaid; and that each and every Perſon who ſhall pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments (ſo charged on his or her reſpective Landlord or Landlords), or ſuch Compoſition or Arrears as aforeſaid, or upon whoſe Goods or Chattels the ſame 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 their reſpective Landlord or Landlords, ſo letting out the ſame, and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to his or her Landlord or Landlords for ſo much Money as he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have ſo paid, or as ſhall have been ſo levied on his or her Goods and Chattels, in purſuance of this Act, and ſhall be allowed by ſuch Landlord or Owner of ſuch Houſe or Building as if the ſame was paid to him or her in Specie as and for Rent.

and recovered by Action of Debt.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in Default or Failure of Payment of the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or ſuch Compoſition ſo agreed to be taken in lieu thereof as aforeſaid, or of the Arrears ſo remaining due or unpaid, or any Part thereof as aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall be and remain a Charge upon the Premiſes in reſpect whereof the ſame ſhall be ſo rated or aſſeſſed, or compounded for, and ſhall and may be recovered of and from the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof reſpectively, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or within the City of *London*, to be commenced and proſecuted by the

Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, in which Action or Suit no Protection, Eſſoign, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

XXII. Provided always, That no ſuch Tenant or Occupier of any ſeparate Apartment of any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or ready-furniſhed Houſe, or of any Houſe or Houſes paying a leſs Rent than Ten Pounds *per Annum*, ſhall, by the Payment of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments in Manner aforeſaid, acquire or be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh by ſuch Payment, but that the Landlord or Owner ſhall be deemed or conſtrued, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to have paid the ſame; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Tenant or Occupier ſhall gain a Settlement by ſuch Payment.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſo directed and authorized to be made as aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be collected and recovered, with all and every the Arrears thereof which ſhall or may at any Time or Times hereafter remain unpaid, by ſuch Perſon and Perſons as ſhall, by virtue of this Act, be appointed to collect and receive the ſame, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as Rates and Aſſeſſments made for the Relief of the Poor, and the Arrears thereof, are directed to be collected, levied, and recovered by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, or by any other ſubſequent Act or Acts relating thereto; and that every Perſon aggrieved by any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall have the like Remedy by Appeal as in the ſaid Act, or by any other ſubſequent Act or Acts, is for that Purpoſe given and provided, and that as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch Remedies in the like Caſes were herein at large repeated and ſet forth.

Rates to be recovered as the Poor's Rates by 43 *Eliz.* and ſubſequent Acts.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Diſtreſs or Diſtreſſes ſhall be made for Non-payment of any of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be made for the Purpoſes of this Act, or any Compoſition agreed to be taken, or the ſaid Arrears ſo remaining unpaid, or any Part of either of them, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſtreſs and Diſtreſſes to raiſe and levy the reaſonable Charges of making ſuch Diſtreſs and Diſtreſſes, and of ſelling and diſpoſing of the ſame, (over and above the Sum of Money due upon the Rates or Aſſeſſments for which ſuch Diſtreſs and Diſtreſſes ſhall have been ſo taken); ſuch Charges, in caſe of any Diſpute relating thereto, to be aſcertained and ſettled by the Alderman of the Ward of *Biſhopſgate*, or by the Juſtices granting ſuch Warrant or Warrants of Diſtreſs reſpectively.

In caſe of Diſtreſs Expences may be levied.

Charges of making Diſtreſs to be ſettled by the Juſtices granting the Warrant.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, and Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them, at their Annual Meetings aſſembled, and they are hereby required to elect, nominate, and appoint Twenty-one of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, who, together with the paſt Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh, the Overſeers of the preceding Year, and the Four Common Councilmen for the Time being, ſhall be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to aſſiſt the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor in iſſuing Orders and making Regulations for

Committee to be appointed.

for the maintaining and employing of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for that Year.

For regulating the Poor.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and Committee to be appointed as aforeſaid for the Time being, or the major Part of them, at their uſual Meetings aſſembled, ſhall, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to iſſue ſuch Orders as they ſhall think proper, for maintaining, regulating, and employing, the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe Proviſions and Materials for thoſe Purpoſes, and to take the Benefit of the Work, Labour, and Service, of every ſuch Perſon and Perſons who ſhall be kept and maintained by virtue of this Act, to be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Puniſhing Perſons embezzling Goods, &c. belonging to the Poor.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon maintained in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes belonging to the ſaid Pariſh ſhall embezzle or purloin any Part of the Apparel provided for any of the Poor, or of the Goods or Proviſions provided for or belonging to the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or any Materials for Work, or be guilty of profane curſing and ſwearing, Drunkenneſs, or of any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour, or refuſe to perform the Work or Service which he or ſhe ſhall be required to do, or ſhall be remiſs therein, or otherwiſe miſbehave himſelf or herſelf, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, and Committee, or the major Part of them, to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending to be puniſhed in ſuch Workhouſe, either by Confinement, Diſtinction in Dreſs, Diet, or ſuch other Method as may beſt tend to prevent ſuch Offences for the future.

Former Poor Laws, unleſs hereby altered, to continue in force.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Laws relating to the Overſeers of the Poor, and for the Relief and providing for the Poor, ſhall continue in force within the ſaid Pariſh, except where the ſame are altered by this preſent Act.

Penalty on Perſons buying or receiving into Pawn Cloaths, &c. belonging to the Poor.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy or receive into Pawn any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor who ſhall hereafter be received into and maintained in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes of the ſaid Pariſh, or who ſhall knowingly buy or receive into Pawn any of the Goods or Materials carried into the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes to be wrought up, manufactured, or uſed by the Poor there, or any of the Goods and Furniture of the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, every Perſon ſo offending in any of the ſaid Caſes, and being thereof convicted by his or their own Confeſſion, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before the Alderman of the ſaid Ward of *Biſhopſgate*, or any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the City of *London*, (which Oath ſuch Alderman or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, One Moiety whereof ſhall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be paid to the Upper Churchwarden of the ſaid Pariſh, for the Purpoſes of this Act; and if any Offender ſhall not, on ſuch Conviction, forthwith pay the ſaid Money, the ſaid Alderman or Juſtices reſpectively, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, ſhall cauſe

the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, and the Overplus, after ſuch Forfeiture and Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale are deducted and paid, ſhall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Alderman or Juſtices, and he and they is and are hereby reſpectively authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Offender to be committed to the Houſe of Correction for the City of *London*, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, unleſs ſuch Forfeiture, and all reaſonable Charges, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Expences of this Act to be paid.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all the Expences in and about procuring and paſſing this Act ſhall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Firſt Monies which ſhall be raiſed by virtue of this Act.

General Appeal.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall find himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, aggrieved by any Order, Direction, or Appointment of the ſaid Truſtees, or by Means of the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or any Order or Conviction of One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons to appeal to the next General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, to be held in and for the ſaid City of *London*, before the Juſtices then and there aſſembled, and they are hereby authorized to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath, and to hear and determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal, and to make ſuch Order therein as to them ſhall ſeem meet, which Order ſhall be final and concluſive to and upon all Parties, but ſo as ſuch Appeal ſhall be made within Three Calendar Months next after the Cauſe of Complaint ſhall have ariſen, and ſo as the Perſon or Perſons ſo appealing ſhall firſt give, or cauſe to be given, Ten Days Notice at leaſt, in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention of appealing as aforeſaid; and of the Matter or Cauſe thereof, to the Churchwardens for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh, and ſhall, within Three Days next after ſuch Notice, enter into a Recognizance before One of the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City, with Two ſufficient Sureties, conditioned to try ſuch Appeal, and abide by the Order of Seſſions, and pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be made and awarded thereon; and ſuch Juſtices upon hearing and finally determining the Matter of ſuch Appeal, are hereby authorized to award ſuch Coſts to the Party or Parties appealing or appealed againſt, as they ſhall think proper.

Limitation of Actions.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premiſes, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Action ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be brought in the County, City, or Place, where the Cauſe of Action ſhall ariſe and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Actions to be brought 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, or if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the ſame, or

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or ſhall be brought in any other County, City, or Place, than as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become Nonſuit, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, 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 Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in other Caſes by Law.

Treble Coſts.

Publick Act. XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons whatſoever, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

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