ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act for repealing several Acts, made in the Eighth, Tenth, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, *for regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting, the Parish of* Saint Mary-le-Bone, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof, and for divers other Purposes therein mentioned*; and for making more effectual Provision for those Purposes. [19th *May* 1795.]

Preamble, 8 *Geo.* III, Cap. 46.

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for repealing an Act, made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled, 'An Act for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and cleansing, enlightening, and paving, the Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other Passages, and repairing the Highways and Causeways, and regulating the Poor within the Parish of* Saint Mary-le-Bone, *in the County of* Middlesex;' *and for making more effectual Pro-*

viſion for thoſe Purpoſes: And whereas by One other Act, made in
10 *Geo.* III, Cap. 23. the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the more effectually paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Streets, Squares, Lanes, and other Paſſages, and for regulating Weights and Meaſures, within the Pariſh of* Saint Mary-le-Bone, *in the County of* Middleſex; *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned:* And whereas by One other Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent
13 *Geo.* III, Cap. 48. Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual Two Acts, made, One in the Eighth and the other in the Tenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Pariſh of* Saint Mary-le-bone, *in the County of* Middleſex, *and for other Purpoſes in the ſaid Acts mentioned:* And whereas by One other Act, made in the Fifteenth
15 *Geo.* III, Cap. 21. Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor within the Pariſh of* Saint Mary-le-Bone, *in the County of* Middleſex; *and for building a Workhouſe in the ſaid Pariſh*; certain Powers were given and granted to the Veſtrymen and Commiſſioners of the ſaid Pariſh, for the ſeveral Purpoſes in the ſaid recited Acts mentioned and contained: And whereas the Veſtrymen, Commiſſioners, and Truſtees, of the ſaid Pariſh, nominated and appointed by the ſaid ſeveral Acts, have proceeded in the Execution of the ſaid Acts, to the great Benefit of the ſaid Pariſh, and of the Publick at large: And whereas, if the ſaid ſeveral Acts were repealed, and the ſeveral Powers and Clauſes therein contained were conſolidated and reduced into One Act, it would tend greatly to facilitate the Execution thereof: And whereas, from the great Extent and Population of the ſaid Pariſh, ſeveral Amendments and Alterations have been found wanting in the Proviſions of the ſaid Acts, and further Powers are ſtill required: 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,
The Four Acts repealed. That, from and after the Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts, and all the ſeveral Matters and Things therein contained, ſhall be, and are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever: Provided nevertheleſs, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to revive or to give any Force or Effect to the Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and repealed by the ſaid recited Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty.

Veſtrymen appointed. II. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, the Veſtrymen and Commiſſioners nominated, appointed, elected, or choſen, by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them; and who were qualified to act in the Execution of the ſame, or any of them, on the Sixteenth Day of *May* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and their Succeſſors, to be nominated and appointed in Manner herein directed, together with the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, ſhall be, and are hereby conſtituted and appointed, and ſhall be called, *Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, for carrying this preſent Act into Execution, and the ſeveral Powers and Authorities hereby given and granted.*

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Veſtryman in the Execution of this Act, during the Time he ſhall hold any Office or Place of Profit, or have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract or Work to be made or done in purſuance of this Act; but it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch of the ſaid Veſtrymen, who ſhall be in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, to act as Juſtices of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, notwithſtanding their being Veſtrymen.

Veſtrymen not to hold a Place of Profit.

May act as Juſtices.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, on the Sixth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, meet in the Veſtry Room at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, and ſhall then proceed in the Execution of this Act; and ſhall afterwards meet at the Place aforeſaid, and between the Hours aforeſaid, on the *Saturday* in each and every Week, for the Purpoſe of carrying this Act into Execution, without any Notice being given to the ſaid Veſtrymen of ſuch Weekly Meeting.

Firſt and ſubſequent Meetings.

Veſtrymen to meet on a *Saturday*.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, to adjourn for any ſhorter or longer Space of Time than the *Saturday* immediately ſubſequent to the laſt Meeting, or to any other Place or Places than the Veſtry Room at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh; but then and in every ſuch Caſe, Notice of ſuch Adjournment, in Writing, or printed, to which Notice the Name of the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall be affixed, ſhall be given to or left for ſuch Veſtrymen at their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, Two Days at the leaſt before ſuch next Meeting.

Veſtrymen may adjourn for a ſhorter or longer Space than the next *Saturday*;

but Notice to be given thereof.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time or Times it ſhall ſo happen that there ſhall not appear at any Weekly adjourned or other Meeting a ſufficient Number of ſuch Veſtrymen as are herein enabled to act at ſuch Meeting, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Meeting ſhall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the *Saturday* immediately ſubſequent to ſuch Meeting, and ſo *toties quoties*; and at all their Meetings ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall pay their own Expences.

Further Adjournment of Meetings.

Veſtrymen to pay their own Expences.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful, in the Month of *March* in each and every Year, for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Seven or more of them, then aſſembled at any Veſtry duly called or convened by publick Notice to be given in the Pariſh Church of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, on the *Sunday* before every ſuch Meeting, (which Notice the Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh is hereby required to read and give), and alſo, by Writing, or printed, to be affixed on the Door of the ſame Church, to chooſe, elect, and appoint, by Ballot, One or more fit and ſubſtantial Pariſhioner or Pariſhioners to be a Veſtryman or Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, in the Room or Stead of any Veſtryman or Veſtrymen who may die, or ceaſe to dwell in the ſaid Pariſh, or refuſe to act; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo choſen, elected, and appointed, ſhall be, and he and they is and are hereby veſted with the ſame Power and Authorities in the Exe-

For electing new Veſtrymen.

cution of this Act, as the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Place or Places he or they ſhall ſucceed was or were veſted with: Provided always, that the Numbers of ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall not, together with the Miniſter and Churchwardens for the Time being, exceed One hundred and Twenty-three.

After Abſence of Two Years, to ceaſe to be a Veſtryman.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons herein nominated, or hereby elected or choſen a Veſtryman or Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect to act during the Space of Two Years, ſuch Neglect ſhall be, and be deemed and taken to be, a Refuſal to act, within the Intent and Meaning of this Act.

No Act valid, unleſs at a Meeting.

Majority preſent at publick Meetings may act.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Act of ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall be or be deemed to be good or valid, unleſs the ſame be done at ſome publick Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act; and that all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or veſted in ſuch Veſtrymen, ſhall or may from Time to Time be exerciſed by the major Part of them who ſhall attend at any publick Meeting to be holden as herein directed, the Number of ſuch Veſtrymen preſent at ſuch publick Meetings not being leſs than Seven; and all the Orders and Directions of the major Part of ſuch Veſtrymen preſent at ſuch publick Meetings ſhall have the ſame Force and Effect as if the ſame were made or done by all ſuch Veſtrymen for the Time being; and at every ſuch Meeting of the ſaid Veſtrymen a Chairman ſhall and may be appointed; and when and as often as it ſhall ſo happen that there ſhall be an equal Number of Votes upon any One Queſtion, (including the Vote of the ſaid Chairman), then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Chairman to give the caſting or deciſive Vote.

Chairman to be appointed.

Chairman to adminiſter an Oath.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Chairman, or to and for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex* then preſent, to adminiſter an Oath to any Perſon or Perſons for the more certain Information of the ſaid Veſtrymen in any Matter or Buſineſs then depending; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the ſaid Veſtrymen wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties, as by any Law now in being Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Proceedings not valid, until confirmed at a ſubſequent Meeting.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Proceedings of the Veſtrymen at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act ſhall not be valid until approved of, confirmed, and ſigned by the Chairman at ſome ſubſequent Meeting.

Entries of Proceedings good Evidence.

XII. And be it further enacted, That fair and regular Entries ſhall be made, in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpoſe, of all the Acts, Orders, Rules, Regulations, Directions, and Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtrymen, relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Veſtrymen who ſhall be preſent at the reſpective Meetings, and the ſame ſhall, when ſo approved of and confirmed, be ſubſcribed with the Name

of the Chairman of the next Meeting; and all ſuch Entries, being ſo ſigned, ſhall be deemed Originals, and ſhall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatſoever, in all Caſes, Suits, and Actions, touching any Thing done in purſuance of this Act.

Actions to be in the Name of the Clerk.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and may ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Clerk; and that no Action that may be brought or commenced by or againſt the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act, or of the ſaid recited Acts, in the Name of their Clerk, ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Removal of ſuch Clerk, or by the Act of ſuch Clerk, without the Conſent of the ſaid Veſtrymen, but the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being ſhall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in ſuch Action, as the Caſe may be: Provided always, that every ſuch Clerk, in whoſe Name any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, proſecuted, or defended, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall always be reimburſed and paid, out of the Monies to ariſe by virtue of this Act, all ſuch Coſts and Charges as by the Event of any ſuch Proceedings he ſhall be put to or become chargeable with by Reaſon of his being ſo made Plaintiff or Defendant therein.

For appointing Officers.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and may at their Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting, appoint One or more Clerk or Clerks, Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, of the Rates or Aſſeſſments, Surveyor or Surveyors, and ſuch other Officer or Officers, for the Execution of this Act, and alſo ſuch and ſo many Scavengers, Rakers, Cleanſers, and Waterers of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, Mewſes, Courts, Alleys, Markets, and other publick Places and Paſſages in the ſaid Pariſh, and alſo ſuch and ſo many Keepers and Lighters of Lamps, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper, and from Time to Time remove him or them, and appoint others, as they ſhall find neceſſary or convenient, and by and out of the Monies to be raiſed by virtue of this Act may and are hereby empowered to appoint and pay ſuch Salaries and Allowances to ſuch Officers, and to all other Perſons by them the ſaid Veſtrymen employed in the Execution of this Act, as they ſhall think reaſonable; and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall and may take ſuch Security for the due Execution of the reſpective Offices by ſuch Perſon and Perſons as aforeſaid as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper, and ſuch Perſon or Perſons as is or are hereby made liable to pay the ſeveral Rates or Sums of Money hereby granted ſhall pay the ſame to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall from Time to Time be ſo appointed to collect and receive the ſame, according to the true Meaning of this Act; and all ſuch Officers and Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid ſhall, under their Hands, at ſuch Time and Times, and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall direct, deliver to ſuch Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and alſo of all the Monies which ſhall have been by ſuch Officer or Officers, and Perſon or Perſons, reſpectively received by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and diſburſed, and for what Purpoſes, together with the proper and legal Receipts or Vouchers for ſuch Payments, and

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ſhall pay all ſuch Monies as ſhall remain in their reſpective Hands to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint; and all the ſaid Officers and Perſons ſo accounting as aforeſaid ſhall, upon Oath, if thereunto required by the ſaid Veſtrymen, verify their ſaid Accounts; and if any ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall not make and render, or ſhall refuſe to verify upon Oath any ſuch Account, or to produce or deliver up the Receipts or Vouchers relating to the ſame, or to make Payment as aforeſaid, or ſhall not deliver to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, within Seven Days after being thereunto required by ſuch Veſtrymen, all Books, Papers, and Writings, in his or their Cuſtody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay ſuch Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts ſhall appear to be in their reſpective Hands to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or as they ſhall direct or appoint, then and in either of the Caſes aforeſaid ſuch Veſtrymen may and are hereby authoriſed and empowered to bring or cauſe to be brought any Action or Actions againſt the Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons ſo neglecting or refuſing as aforeſaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies that ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons reſpectively, or if Complaint ſhall be made by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, of any ſuch Refuſal or Neglect as aforeſaid, to any Two or more of the Juſtices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons ſo neglecting or refuſing ſhall be and reſide, ſuch Juſtices may and are hereby authoriſed and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cauſe the Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting, to be brought before them, and upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a ſummary Way, and if, upon the Confeſſion of the Party or Parties, or by the Teſtimony of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtices that any of the Monies that ſhall have been collected or raiſed by virtue of this Act ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons, ſuch Juſtices may and are hereby authoriſed and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Money to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons reſpectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of ſuch Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons, can be found ſufficient, to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money, and the Charges of diſtraining and ſelling the ſame, then, and in any or either of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſuch Juſtices ſhall commit every ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he ſhall compound with the ſaid Veſtrymen, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint, which Compoſition the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby empowered to make, or until he ſhall deliver up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings as aforeſaid, or give Satisfaction in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Veſtrymen.

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XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be employed as a Clerk, Treaſurer, Collector, Receiver, or Surveyor, or any other Officer or Servant, who ſhall be anyways employed by the ſaid Veſtrymen in putting this Act, or any of the Powers thereof, in Execution, ſhall exact, take, or accept, any Fee or Reward whatſoever, other than ſuch Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards, as ſhall be appointed, allowed, and approved of by the ſaid Veſtrymen, for or on Account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or on any Account whatſoever relative to putting this Act in Execution, or ſhall anyways be concerned or intereſted in any Bargain or Contract made or to be made by the ſaid Veſtrymen, for the Purpoſes of putting this Act in Execution, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall be incapable of ever ſerving or being employed under this Act, and ſhall over and above forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall ſue for the ſame by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, in which ſaid Suit no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

Officers taking any Fee or Reward beſides the Salary;

or being concerned in Intereſt in any Bargain or Contract, ſhall be diſqualified to be employed under this Act.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons acting or who have acted under the ſaid recited Acts of the Eighth, Tenth, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, who ſhall have, in his, her, or their Cuſtody or Power, any Money collected by virtue of, or any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall, when thereunto required, deliver up to the ſaid Veſtrymen appointed by this Act, all the Money received by him or them by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, and all the Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the Execution thereof; and in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal ſo to do, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Middleſex* to make Enquiry concerning ſuch Default, either by the Confeſſion of the Party or Parties, or by the Teſtimony of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath, which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter; and if it ſhall be found that any Perſon or Perſons ſhall have any Money, Books, Papers, or Writings in his, her, or their Hands, received or poſſeſſed by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, and ſhall not pay or deliver up ſuch Money, Books, Papers and Writings as aforeſaid, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall commit every ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or ſhe ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he or ſhe ſhall have compounded with the Veſtrymen appointed by this Act, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint (which Compoſition the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby empowered to make) at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, or until he, ſhe, or they, ſhall have delivered up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writing as aforeſaid, or given Satisfaction to the ſaid Veſtrymen.

Perſons acting under the late Acts to account.

Veſtrymen to appoint Churchwardens.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required, to aſſemble and meet together in the Veſtry Room at the Court Houſe, or in ſome other convenient Place to be by them appointed, in the ſaid Pariſh, annually, in *Eaſter* Week, or within One Month after *Eaſter*, and at ſuch Meeting to nominate and appoint One ſubſtantial Pariſhioner to be Churchwarden of the ſaid Pariſh, and alſo One ſubſtantial Pariſhioner to be Sideſman, to aſſiſt the ſaid Churchwarden in the Execution of his Office for the Year next enſuing, and until others ſhall be appointed in their Room; and in caſe of the Death of them, or either of them, before the Expiration of their reſpective Offices, another or others ſhall be in like Manner nominated and appointed.

His Grace the Duke of *Portland* to appoint a Churchwarden, *etc.*

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That nothing herein contained ſhall prevent or hinder his Grace *William Henry Cavendiſhe* Duke of *Portland*, or his Truſtee or Truſtees, or his Heirs and Aſſigns, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint a Churchwarden and Beadle for the ſaid Pariſh as heretofore; but that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Duke of *Portland*, or his Truſtee or Truſtees, or his Heirs and Aſſigns, to appoint ſuch Churchwarden and Beadle, and alſo One ſubſtantial Pariſhioner to be Sideſman, to aſſiſt the ſaid Churchwarden in the Execution of his Office; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Sideſmen may act as Churchwardens.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Sideſmen of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, nominated in and by this Act to aſſiſt the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being in the Execution of their Office, ſhall, by and with the Conſent and Appointment of the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, or either of them, to be ſignified in Writing, ſigned by every ſuch Churchwarden reſpectively, do, perform, and execute, all and every ſuch Matter and Thing as is directed by Law to be done, or as uſually done and performed by Churchwardens, in as full and ample a Manner as if ſuch Matter and Thing had been done, performed, and executed, by ſuch Churchwardens; and ſuch Matters or Things ſo done, performed, and executed, ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in Law.

Appointment of Overſeers.

XX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, aſſembled at ſome Meeting to be held in *Eaſter* Week, or within One Month after *Eaſter*, to make a Liſt in Writing of any Number, not exceeding Eight Perſons, being ſubſtantial Houſeholders in the ſaid Pariſh, whom ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall think fitly qualified, to be nominated and appointed Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, and ſo in like Manner annually for every enſuing Year; which Liſt ſhall be fairly entered in the Minute Books of the Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtrymen, and a true Copy or Copies thereof, atteſted under the Hand of the Veſtry Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be delivered with all convenient Speed to any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, then reſiding in or near to the ſaid Pariſh, who ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required

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thereupon forthwith, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint any Two, whom they ſhall think proper, of the Perſons named in ſuch Copy or Copies of the ſaid Liſt, to be Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Year then next enſuing, and until new Overſeers ſhall in like Manner be nominated and appointed to ſucceed them; which Perſons, when ſo nominated and appointed, and having Notice thereof, ſhall from thenceforth, together with the Churchwardens for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh, be, and be deemed Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, and they and each of them the ſaid Overſeers, ſo nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall, and they are hereby ſeverally required to do, perform, and execute their reſpective Duty and Duties, Office and Offices of Overſeer and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh accordingly; and in caſe they, or either of them, ſhall refuſe or neglect ſo to do, by the Space of Seven Days next after his or their having had ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, then One or more other Perſon or Perſons, named in the ſaid Liſt, ſhall in like Manner be nominated and appointed, under the Hands and Seals of Two Juſtices of the Peace, to be an Overſeer or Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, in Stead of him or them who ſhall ſo refuſe or neglect to act.

Overſeers refuſing or neglecting their Duty, others to be choſen.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon ſo nominated and appointed an Overſeer of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, in Manner aforeſaid, who ſhall refuſe or neglect to take upon himſelf that Office and Duty within the Space of Seven Days next after he ſhall have had Notice of his being ſo nominated and appointed, ſhall, upon Proof thereof by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any Two of ſuch Juſtices of the Peace as aforeſaid, (which Oath or Oaths they the ſaid Juſtices are hereby authorized to adminiſter), reſpectively forfeit and pay for ſuch Refuſal or Neglect the Sum of Ten Pounds, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of his or their reſpective Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the Two Juſtices before whom the Proof of ſuch Refuſal or Neglect ſhall have been made as aforeſaid; (which Warrant or Warrants the ſaid Juſtices are hereby empowered and required to make and iſſue), and all Peace Officers are hereby required to execute every ſuch Warrant accordingly, and with all convenient Speed to pay over all the Monies which ſhall from Time to Time be ſo levied into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being to be appointed in purſuance of this Act, who ſhall reſpectively account for and pay the ſame in like Manner as he or they ought to apply, account for, and pay any other Monies to be aſſeſſed and raiſed for the Maintenance of the Poor by virtue of this Act.

And in caſe of ſuch Neglect or Refuſal to ſerve to forfeit 10*l.*

XXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, and they are hereby required, at ſome Meeting to be held in the Month of *March*, or as ſoon after as conveniently may be in every Year, to make a Liſt of a ſufficient Number of Pariſhioners to be returned to Two or more Juſtices of the Peace in Petty Seſſions, to be held at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh, for them to appoint thereout ſuch a Number as ſhall be directed by the ſaid Veſtrymen hereby appointed or to be appointed, not exceeding Forty Conſtables, for the ſaid Pariſh for the enſuing

Veſtrymen to chooſe, and Juſtices to ſwear, Conſtables.

enſuing Year; and if any One or more of the ſaid Conſtables ſhall die, or remove out of the ſaid Pariſh within the Year, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at a Meeting aſſembled by Adjournment, or upon Two Days Notice given by the Veſtry Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or left at their Places of Abode, at any intermediate Time of the Year, to make a Liſt of a ſufficient Number of Pariſhioners, to be returned to Two or more Juſtices of the Peace in Petty Seſſions, to be held at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh, for them to appoint thereout One or more Conſtable or Conſtables, to ſupply the Place of thoſe ſo dying or removing out of the ſaid Pariſh, for the remaining Part of the Year.

For appointing Conſtables.

Allowing Subſtitutes.

XXIII. Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon appointed to be a Conſtable as aforeſaid, to appoint a Perſon to be his Subſtitute to ſerve in his Room or Stead, ſuch Perſon to be approved of by the Veſtrymen, and afterwards to be ſworn by the Juſtices of the Peace at the next Petty Seſſions to be held at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh.

Fine for not ſerving the Office of Conſtable, or finding Subſtitute.

Penalty on Neglect of Duty.

XXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon who ſhall be appointed a Conſtable by virtue of this Act ſhall neglect or refuſe to be ſworn, and to take upon himſelf the Execution of ſuch Office, or to provide a Subſtitute as aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds; and if any Conſtable or Deputy Conſtable ſhall neglect to attend in his Turn to keep Watch and Ward, in Manner and during the Times hereinafter mentioned, or which ſhall be appointed by virtue of this Act, or ſhall otherwiſe neglect his Duty, or miſbehave himſelf, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Churchwardens &c. appointed by the former Acts to have the ſame Powers.

XXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to remove or diſmiſs from their reſpective Offices any Churchwarden, Sideſman, Overſeer, or Conſtable, appointed by virtue of any of the ſaid recited Acts, but every ſuch Churchwarden, Sideſman, Overſeer, and Conſtable, ſhall continue in ſuch their reſpective Offices, and ſhall diſcharge the Duties thereof, and ſhall have as ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and ſhall have and enjoy the ſame Privileges and Immunities, and ſhall be liable to the ſame Pains and Penalties, until One other Churchwarden or Churchwardens, One other Sideſman or Sideſmen, One other Overſeer or Overſeers, One other Conſtable or Conſtables, ſhall be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead or Place, by virtue of this Act, as if he or they had been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Copy of all Nominations and Orders, &c. ſigned by the Veſtry Clerk.

XXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That a true Copy or Tranſcript of all Nominations, Appointments, Acts, Rules, Orders, and Regulations reſpecting or relating to the Watchmen or Conſtables, as ſhall be made by the ſaid Veſtrymen from Time to Time in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be fairly written and ſigned by the Veſtry Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh, and ſhall be ſtuck up in ſome conſpicuous

cuous Part of the Watch Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh; and that, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, One or more of the ſaid Conſtables for the Time being ſhall attend every Night by Turns, and ſhall keep Watch and Ward within the ſaid Pariſh, from the Hours of Nine in the Evening till Seven the next Morning, from the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* till the Thirtieth Day of *March*, and from the Thirtieth Day of *March* till the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, from Ten of the Clock in the Evening till Five of the Clock the next Morning, and ſhall in their ſeveral Turns or Courſes of watching uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to prevent all Miſchiefs happening by Fires, and to that End ſhall and may arreſt, apprehend, and detain, any ſuſpected Perſon or Perſons, and convey him, her, or them, as ſoon as conveniently may be, before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and ſhall Once or oftener, at convenient Times in every Night, go about the Pariſh, and take Notice whether all the Watchmen perform their Duties in their ſeveral Stations, according to ſuch Orders and Regulations as ſhall be made in purſuance of this Act; and in caſe any ſuch Watchman ſhall miſbehave himſelf, or neglect his Duty, the ſaid Conſtables ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, at any Meeting, for the Examination and Puniſhment of ſuch Offender.

Conſtables to attend in Rotation, and keep Watch and Ward every Night;

prevent Fires, &c.

to take up ſuſpected Perſons, carry them before a Juſtice;

and go the Rounds every Night;

and report the Miſbehaviour of Watchmen.

XXVII. Provided nevertheleſs, That no Perſon who ſhall have ſerved the ſaid Office of Conſtable, or provided a Subſtitute as aforeſaid, or paid the Penalty of Ten Pounds for refuſing to ſerve ſuch Office, ſhall be liable to be appointed to ſerve ſuch Office for the Space of Seven Years then next enſuing.

None liable to be re-elected within Seven Years.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, at any Meeting, to appoint what Number of Watchmen they ſhall judge neceſſary to be kept in the ſaid Pariſh, and ſhall appoint as well ſuch honeſt and able-bodied Men to be employed in that Service as they ſhall think beſt qualified for the ſame, as alſo One or more Beadle or Beadles (not exceeding Ten); and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall from Time to Time at any of their Meetings, direct and ſet down in Writing at what Stands it is fit for the ſaid Watchmen to be placed, in what Manner and how often it is required of them to go their Rounds, how they ought to be armed, how long they are to watch, what Wages and Allowances ſhall be given to the ſaid Watchmen and Beadle or Beadles, for his and their Attendance, and all ſuch other Orders and Regulations, for the Government and Direction of the ſaid Beadle or Beadles and Watchmen, and for the due Execution of this Act, as they ſhall think proper; and if any of the ſaid Watchmen, or ſuch Beadle or Beadles, ſo appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall die within the Year, or ſhall be negligent in his or their Duty, or guilty of any Miſbehaviour, or if it ſhall be found neceſſary to repeal, amend, or alter any of the ſaid Nominations, Orders, and Regulations, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen to nominate and appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons, fitly qualified, in the Room and Stead of him or them ſo dying or guilty of Miſbehaviour, and alſo to make ſuch other Nominations and Appoint-

For chooſing Watchmen and Beadles.

Veſtrymen to make Orders concerning Beadles and Watchmen.

Watchmen or Beadles dying or miſbehaving.

Orders may be varied.

Veſtrymen to meet and nominate other fit Perſons, and make new Regulations.

ments, and such further Orders and Regulations for the better Government and Direction of the said Watchmen and Beadle or Beadles, as they shall think proper.

Watchmen's Power and Duty, &c.

XXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Watchmen, or any of them, and they are also hereby authorized and required, in their several Stations, during the Time of their keeping Watch and Ward as aforesaid, to apprehend and detain any Rogues, Vagabonds, or other disorderly Persons whom they shall find disturbing the publick Peace, or have just Cause to suspect of any evil Designs, and to deliver the Person or Persons so apprehended, as soon as conveniently may be, to the Constable or Constables of the Night, and the said Constable or Constables is and are hereby required to carry him, her, or them, as soon as conveniently may be, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County of *Middlesex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

Victuallers not to suffer Watchmen, &c. to be in their House during the Hours of Duty.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, or Keeper of a Publick House or Cellar shall knowingly and willingly harbour or entertain any Constable, Beadle, or Watchman, belonging to the said Parish, or permit or suffer any such Constable, Beadle, or Watchman, to remain in such his or her Publick House or Cellar, during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty as aforesaid, every such Victualler or Keeper of a Publick House or Cellar shall, for the First Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence, any Sum not exceeding Two Pounds.

Vestrymen may reward Watchmen;

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen to give such Rewards in Money, and to grant such Pensions or Annuities, not exceeding Ten Pounds *per Annum*, to such Beadles or Watchmen, as may be disabled, wounded, or hurt, in the Execution of their Duty, or as may, after a Service of Ten Years, be incapable of discharging such Duty by bodily Infirmities, as they the said Vestrymen shall think reasonable; such Money to be paid out of any Money arising by any Penalties or Forfeitures incurred by this Act.

and may build Watch Boxes.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen to build and keep in Repair, or cause to be built and kept in Repair, any Number of Watch Boxes within the said Parish, as they from Time to Time shall judge proper; and all Expences of building and keeping in Repair the same, shall be paid out of any Money raised or to be raised for maintaining the said Beadles and Watchmen; and if any Person or Persons shall take down or remove any such Watch Box, belonging to the said Parish, without the Consent of the Vestrymen at any Meeting, or shall wilfully break or damage any such Watch Box, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, being thereof duly convicted before any Justice of the Peace of the said County, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

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XXXIII. And

may build a Watch Houſe.

XXXIII. And whereas from the Extent and increaſing Population of the ſaid Pariſh, it may be found neceſſary to rebuild, enlarge, or add to the preſent Watch Houſe; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any of their Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, to purchaſe or leaſe any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Scite of any Watch Houſe or Watch Houſes, and to enter into any Contract or Contracts for building ſuch Watch Houſe or Watch Houſes, and for keeping the ſame in Repair, and for repairing, rebuilding, enlarging, or adding to the preſent Watch Houſe; and all Expences attendant on the ſame ſhall be paid out of any Money raiſed or to be raiſed for maintaining the ſaid Beadles and Watchmen in the ſaid Pariſh.

All Contracts to be adverti-ſed.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, to enter into any Contract for building, paving, keeping in Repair, cleanſing, lighting, or furniſhing Materials, Matters, or any other neceſſary Things whatſoever, or for any other Purpoſe or Purpoſes, in Execution of this Act; but before any ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall be entered into, Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given in ſome of the Publick Newſpapers printed and circulated in the ſaid County, expreſſing the Intention of ſuch Contract or Contracts, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe, to be offered and preſented to the ſaid Veſtrymen, at a certain Time and Place in ſuch Notice to be mentioned.

No Contract to be made for more than Three Years.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That no ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall be deemed good or valid, if the ſame ſhall have been made for a longer Space or Term than Three Years from the Time of entering into ſuch Contracts.

Contracts to be inſpected.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby directed, to cauſe all and every the Works done in purſuance of this Act to be inſpected by their Surveyor or Surveyors, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be well and ſufficiently performed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of ſuch Contract or Contracts, or ſhall not be completed and finiſhed at or within the Time or Times that the ſame is or are agreed to be completed by the ſaid Contractor or Contractors, the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall report the ſame to the ſaid Veſtrymen at their next or any ſubſequent Meeting; who ſhall or may thereon, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, bring an Action of Debt in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Law at *Weſtminſter*, againſt any Perſon or Perſons ſo contracting and neglecting to perform any ſuch Contract or Contracts, and for any Penalty or Penalties which ſhall be contained in ſuch Contract or Contracts, and on Proof of the ſigning of the ſaid Contract or Contracts, and Non-performance thereof at the Time or Times for that Purpoſe therein mentioned, the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall be entitled to and ſhall recover ſuch Penalty or Penalties, which, when recovered, ſhall be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

XXXVII. And

Veſtrymen may compound with Perſons for Breach of Contract, &c.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to compound and agree with any Perſon or Perſons on Account of any Breach or Non-performance of any ſuch Contract or Contracts, for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall think proper, ſo as the Sum ſo compounded and agreed for be not leſs than the Injury or Damage ſuſtained by the Breach or Non-performance of ſuch Contract or Contracts, and all Coſts, Charges, and Expences, which ſhall be occaſioned thereby.

Contracts to be ſigned by *Veſtrymen*.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall ſpecify the ſeveral Works to be done, and the Prices to be received or paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when the ſaid Works ſhall be completed, and the Penalties to be ſuffered in caſe of Non-performance thereof, and ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Veſtrymen, and alſo by the Perſon or Perſons contracting to perform ſuch Works reſpectively, which Contract or Contracts ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen.

Contracts under the former Acts good.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, Aſſignment or Aſſignments, made or entered into by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall be and be deemed to be as good and valid, and Performance thereof and Compliance therewith compelled by the ſame Ways and Means, until the Expiration thereof, as if the ſaid recited Acts had not been hereby repealed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Part of *Tyburn* Road ſubject to Juriſdiction of Veſtrymen.

XL. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That that Part of *Tyburn Road*, or *Oxford Road* or *Street*, which lies in the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint George Hanover Square*, *Saint James*, and *Saint Anne*, within the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, ſhall, for the Purpoſe of paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, be deemed and taken to be within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, and ſhall be ſubject to the Orders, Controul, and Juriſdiction, of the ſaid Veſtrymen; and that the ſole Power and Authority of pitching, paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, and alſo all *Oxford Road* or *Street*, and all the Ground or Pavement belonging to the Corner Houſes or Stables, Walls, or void Spaces of Ground, or other Premiſes, where the ſame, or any Part thereof, front *Oxford Road* or *Street* aforeſaid, and alſo all new Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, which now are or hereafter may be built, or begun to be built on, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be, and the ſame is and are hereby veſted in the ſaid Veſtrymen.

What ſhall be deemed a Houſe in *Oxford Street*.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That every Houſe or other Building, the Front or Side of which ſhall face or form Part of the Line of the ſaid *Tyburn Road*, or *Oxford Road* or *Street*, though another Part of ſuch Houſe or Building may front or face another Street, ſhall nevertheleſs be deemed and taken to be ſituated in the ſaid Road or Street for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

XLII. And

Road from *High Street*, &c. to *Tyburn*, to be under Juriſdiction of Veſtrymen.

XLII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, the ſaid Road or Street leading from *High Street* and *Tottenham Court Road* to the preſent Turnpike Gate at *Tyburn*, ſhall be under the Care, Management, and Direction of the Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, who ſhall cauſe the ſame to be paved, repaired, lighted, and cleanſed, from Time to Time; and that, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, ſo much of the ſeveral Acts paſſed for paving, cleanſing, and lighting, the Squares, Streets, and Lanes, within the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and Parts adjacent, as relate to the ſaid Road or Street, ſhall be, and they are hereby repealed.

Truſtees of the ſaid Road to pay annually 500 *l.* to Veſtrymen.

XLIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, in order to enable the ſaid Veſtrymen effectually to pave, cleanſe, light, and keep the ſame in Repair, and every Part thereof, from *High Street* and *Tottenham Court Road* to the preſent Turnpike Gate at *Tyburn*, in the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Anne*, *Saint James*, and *Saint George Hanover Square*, within the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, in the County of *Middleſex*, the Truſtees for the Time being acting under ſeveral Acts made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, and the Eighth and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and under any future Act or Acts of Parliament for repairing the Road from *Saint Giles's Pound* to *Kilbourne Bridge*, in the County of *Middleſex*, by the ſaid Acts directed to be repaired, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid, yearly and every Year, during the Continuance of the ſaid Acts, and of any future Act or Acts of Parliament for repairing the ſaid Road, to the ſaid Veſtrymen, for putting this Act in Execution, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be by them authorized and appointed to receive the ſame, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free from all Deductions whatſoever, by Four even and equal Quarterly Payments in the Year, that is to ſay, the Feaſt of *Saint John the Baptiſt*, *Saint Michael the Archangel*, the Birth of our Lord *Chriſt*, and the Annunciation of the Bleſſed Virgin *Mary*; and if the ſaid Payments, or any Parts or Part thereof, ſhall be behind and unpaid for the Space of Fourteen Days next after the ſame ſhall become due and payable, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to ſeize and take Poſſeſſion of any Turnpike Gate or Gates upon any Part or Parts of the ſaid Road or Truſt, and to collect and receive the Tolls by the ſaid Acts, or any ſubſequent Acts, any or either of them, authorized to be taken thereat, until the Sum or Sums ſo remaining due and unpaid, and all reaſonable Charges attending ſuch Seizure, taking Poſſeſſion, and Collection, ſhall be fully paid, ſatisfied, and diſcharged, and no longer.

On Default of Payment may take Poſſeſſion of Turnpikes.

Application of the ſaid 500 *l.*

XLIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Annual Sum of Five hundred Pounds, together with the Rate herein-after directed to be aſſeſſed and levied, ſhall be applied by the ſaid Veſtrymen in paving and keeping in Repair, cleanſing, lighting, and regulating the ſaid Road or Street from *High Street* and *Tottenham Court Road* to the preſent Turnpike at *Tyburn*, in the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Anne*, *Saint James*, and *Saint George Hanover Square*, within

within the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and the ſeveral other Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, under the Care and Management of the Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, and to and for no other Purpoſe whatſoever.

The ſame may be aſſigned for Monies borrowed.

XLV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Veſtrymen may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of the ſaid Annual Sum of Five hundred Pounds ſo to be paid by virtue of this Act to the ſaid Veſtrymen for putting the ſame into Execution, and to aſſign over and convey the ſame, or any Part or Parts thereof, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, at any Meeting, the Charges of ſuch Aſſignment or Aſſignments, Conveyance or Conveyances, to be paid out of the ſaid Annual Sum of Five hundred Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance or lend their Monies thereon as Security or Securities for the ſeveral Sums that ſhall be borrowed, and the Intereſt thereof as aforeſaid; and Copies of all ſuch Aſſignments and Conveyances ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen; and all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom any ſuch Aſſignment and Conveyance ſhall be made as aforeſaid, is and are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, by Aſſignment under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, to be endorſed on the Back of his, her, or their Security, in the Preſence of Two or more credible Witneſſes, if ſuch Aſſignment or Conveyance be legally ſtamped, to aſſign over and tranſfer his, her, or their Right to the Principal and Intereſt Money thereby ſecured, to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; all which Aſſignments and Transfers ſhall be produced and notified to the Clerk, within Thirty Days next after the Date thereof, who ſhall cauſe an Entry to be made of ſuch Aſſignments and Transfers, which Entry ſhall contain the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sum or Sums of Money therein mentioned to be aſſigned and transferred, in the ſaid Book or Books to be kept for entering the original Aſſignments, for which the Clerk ſhall be paid the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, and which ſaid Book or Books ſhall and may, at all ſeaſonable Times, be peruſed and inſpected without any Fee or Reward; and after ſuch Entry made, ſuch Aſſignment or Transfer ſhall entitle ſuch Aſſignee, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon, and ſuch Aſſignee may in like Manner aſſign or transfer again, and ſo *toties quoties*; and it ſhall not be in the Power of any Perſon who ſhall have made ſuch Aſſignment or Transfer to make void, releaſe, or diſcharge the ſame, or any Monies thereon due.

Aſſignments to be entered in Books.

Aſſignments may be tranſferred.

If the Term of particular Acts are not enlarged, Veſtrymen may erect a Gate near where *Tyburn* Turnpike ſtands.

XLVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe the Term of the ſaid Acts of the Seventh of King *George* the Firſt, and the Eighth and Twenty-ninth of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and the Twenty-third of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall not be further continued by Parliament, from the Expiration of the preſent ſubſiſting Term or Terms thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, immediately after the Expiration of the preſent ſubſiſting Term or Terms, or at the Expiration of any other further Term or Terms,

to cauſe any Gate or Gates to be erected or continued at or near the Place where the preſent Turnpike at *Tyburn* ſtands, and to take and receive the reſpective Tolls authorized or to be authorized by the ſaid Acts, to be taken and received at the ſaid Turnpikes in Manner and under the Penalties, Authorities, and Indemnities, under the ſaid Acts mentioned, and to apply the ſame in paving and keeping in Repair, cleanſing, lighting, and regulating, the ſaid Road or Street from *High Street* and *Tottenham Court Road*, to the preſent Turnpike Gate at *Tyburn*, in the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Anne*, *Saint James*, and *Saint George Hanover Square*, within the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, in the County of *Middleſex*.

Property of Pavements, &c. veſted in Veſtrymen.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the Property of the Pavements, Stones, Bricks, Poſts, Lamps, Carts, Horſes, Iron, Timber, Furniture, and all other Materials and Things which ſhall be made uſe of for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby veſted in the Veſtrymen for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring, or cauſe to be brought, any Action or Actions, in the Name of the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to prefer, and order and direct the preferring of Indictments, againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſteal, take, or carry away, any or any Part of ſuch Materials or Things; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly break up, injure, deſtroy, or otherwiſe damage or ſpoil, any of the ſaid Materials or Things, or any of the Works done in purſuance of this Act, or of the ſaid recited Acts, or any Part or Parts thereof, every Perſon ſo offending therein, and being thereof convicted by the Oath of One or more Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, or for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe ſhall be, ſhall, for the Firſt Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor leſs than Ten Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence any Sum not exceeding Three Pounds, nor leſs than Twenty Shillings, to be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every ſuch Offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Conviction ſhall be made, and which Forfeiture ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act; and in caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending and convicted ſhall have no Goods or Chattels whereupon the ſame can be levied, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace as aforeſaid, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively to the Houſe of Correction, there to remain for any Space not exceeding Two Calendar Months, nor leſs than Ten Days, to be reckoned from the Day of Commitment; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo incurring, and being convicted of any of the ſaid pecuniary Penalties, ſhall not be diſcharged until he, ſhe, or they, have paid the Sum forfeited as aforeſaid, or until the Expiration of the ſaid reſpective Times.

Penalty on damaging Works, &c.

To be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale.

For Want of Diſtreſs, Offender to be committed.

Old Materials, &c. veſted in Veſtrymen.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Property of all Stones, Poſts, and all and every Part and Parts of the old Materials which ſhall belong to the old Pavement, as well of the Carriage as of the Footways, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſhall be veſted in the ſaid Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, and their Succeſſors;

Old Materials may be ſold.

ceſſors; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or their Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being, by their Order, to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame, or of all or any Part or Parts thereof, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be willing to buy or purchaſe the ſame; and to apply the Purchaſe Money ariſing by ſuch Sale to the Purpoſe of this Act; and if any Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Materials, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be ſold, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay for the ſame within Ten Days after Sale thereof to him, her, or them, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to bring or cauſe to be brought, any Action or Actions, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, for the Recovery of the Money due for ſuch Materials ſo ſold; in which Action or Actions no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

Payments to be made in Ten Days.

Old Materials may be made uſe of, &c.

XLIX. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to order all or any of the ſaid old Materials to be made uſe of in paving or repairing any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mewſe, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, within the Limits aforeſaid; and the ſaid Veſtrymen may from Time to Time hire a Piece of Ground to convey, lay, and diſpoſe of, all or any of the ſaid old Materials as aforeſaid, for and until ſuch Time as they ſhall have Occaſion or judge it neceſſary to uſe the ſame; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Lamps to be ſet up, &c.

L. And, for the better lighting of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places; it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen from Time to Time to cauſe ſuch and ſo many Lamps to be ſet up, in ſuch Places within the Limits aforeſaid, and to be placed in ſuch Manner, and at ſuch Diſtances, as they ſhall judge neceſſary; and may contract or agree with any Perſon or Perſons for ſuch Lamps; or may find and provide the ſame if they ſhall think fit; and alſo may contract or agree with any Perſon or Perſons for the lighting, ſupplying, maintaining, and repairing, ſuch Lamps; or the ſaid Veſtrymen may find and provide any Oil, Cotton, Burners, or any other Materials for the lighting, ſupplying, maintaining, and repairing, the ſame, ſo that the ſame ſhall be lighted at Sun-ſetting and continue burning until Sun-riſing, throughout each and every Year.

Lamp Irons to be affixed againſt Walls, &c.

LI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to order and direct Lamp Irons to be put or affixed againſt the Walls of all or any of the ſeveral Houſes or Tenements within the Limits aforeſaid, or into, upon, or againſt the Rails before the Area, or in ſuch Manner and in ſuch other Place as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper and convenient; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully take away, break, throw down, or damage, any Lamp that ſhall be ſet up for the Purpoſes of lighting any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, or wilfully extinguiſh the Light or Lights within the ſame, or throw down or damage the Irons or other Furniture thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful

Penalty on wilfully damaging Lamps, &c.

to and for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them ſuch Offender or Offenders, at the Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant ſhall be ſpecified; or to and for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed, to ſeize, as alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing, the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey and deliver him, her, or them, into the Cuſtody of a Peace Officer, in order to be ſecured and conveyed before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace; and ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall examine upon Oath any Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear or be produced to give Information or Evidence touching ſuch Offence, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), and if the Party or Parties accuſed ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their, Confeſſion, or upon ſuch Information or Evidence as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they, ſo convicted, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each Lamp or Lamp Iron ſo broken, thrown down, and damaged, or for every Light ſo extinguiſhed as aforeſaid, and moreover ſhall make full Satisfaction to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, for the Damage ſo by him, her, or them, done as aforeſaid; and in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not on Conviction pay ſuch Forfeiture, and make ſuch Satisfaction as aforeſaid, ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to commit him, her, or them, to the Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, nor leſs than Seven Days, and ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not be diſcharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be ſo committed, unleſs ſuch Forfeiture and Satisfaction ſhall be ſooner paid and given.

On Non-payment Offender to be committed.

LII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall careleſsly or accidentally break, throw down, or damage, any Lamp or Lamps hung out or ſet up by Order of the ſaid Veſtrymen within the Limits aforeſaid, or the Irons or other Furniture thereof, and ſhall not immediately, upon Demand, make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, then, and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any One Juſtice of the Peace in and for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty reſpectively, upon Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to ſummon before him the Party or Parties who ſhall be complained of for doing ſuch Damages as aforeſaid; and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or Non-appearance of the Party or Parties ſo complained of, to award ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, by Way of Satisfaction to the Owner of ſuch Lamp or Lamps, or to the ſaid Veſtrymen, as the Caſe ſhall be, for ſuch Damages, as ſuch Juſtice ſhall think reaſonable; and in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal to pay any Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded, within Ten Days after Demand, to cauſe the ſame to be levied and applied as Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, are by this Act herein directed to be levied and applied.

Perſons accidentally damaging Lamps, &c. to make Satisfaction.

On Non-payment, may be levied.

Veſtrymen may pave, &c.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to pave and keep in Repair, or cauſe to be paved and kept in Repair, from Time to Time, or to enter into any Contract for the paving and keeping in Repair, all or any Part or Parts of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, whether Foot or Carriage Way, within the Limits aforeſaid; and for ſuch Purpoſes may cauſe to be dug, carted, and carried out of, or brought into the ſame, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſuch Gravel, Stones, and other Materials, as they ſhall judge neceſſary; and may likewiſe cauſe the Ground thereof to be raiſed or lowered, the Courſe of the Channels running in or through the ſame to be turned or altered, new Grates to the Common Sewers to be added or replaced, and in what Numbers or Places they ſhall think proper, and the Water Pipes which now lie, or hereafter ſhall be laid, under Ground, to be taken up and new laid in ſuch Places, Manner, and Form, as they ſhall judge beſt; and may cauſe all or any Poſts or Rails in ſuch Streets or Places within the Limits aforeſaid, as they ſhall judge uſeleſs, or to be a Nuiſance or Obſtruction either to Foot Paſſengers or to Carriages, to be taken up and removed; and likewiſe all Steps, Bulks, Stalls, Dung Holes, Saw Pits, Shew Glaſſes and Shew Boards, encroaching upon the Footway, as alſo all Steps and Doors opening or leading from the Footway or Carriage Way into Vaults, Cellars, or other Places, to be removed, filled up, or altered, as they the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall judge neceſſary.

Pavement and Water Pipes, when broken, by whom to be repaired.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo often as any Main Pipe or Pipes, belonging to any of the Water Companies who now furniſh or ſhall hereafter furniſh the Inhabitants, within the Limits aforeſaid, with Water, and which now lie, or ſhall hereafter be laid, under Ground in any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, ſhall happen to break, burſt, or decay, ſo as to require Reparation, the Surveyor or Surveyors of the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, ſhall forthwith give or cauſe to be given Notice thereof, in Writing, to the Paviour or Superviſor of the Water Company to whom he apprehends the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to belong, who is hereby required to take up the Pavement, and open the Ground at or near the Place where ſuch Reparation ſhall appear to be wanting; and if the ſaid Paviour or Superviſor ſhall, upon taking up ſuch Pavement, and opening ſuch Ground, diſcover that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſo broken, burſt, or decayed, does not or do not belong to the Water Company to whom ſuch Paviour or Superviſor does belong, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Paviour or Superviſor ſhall forthwith give or cauſe to be given Notice thereof, in Writing, to the Paviour or Superviſor to the Company to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſhall appear to belong, in which Caſe ſuch laſt-mentioned Paviour or Superviſor is and are hereby required, upon Demand, to make Satisfaction for the taking up ſuch Pavement, and opening ſuch Ground, to the Paviour or Superviſor giving Notice as aforeſaid; and the Paviour or Superviſor of ſuch Water Company to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes ſhall belong, is and are hereby required to cauſe or procure the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes to be repaired, and afterwards to fill up the ſaid Ground, and ram down the

the ſame, within Two Days next after ſuch Notice to be given; and as ſoon as ſuch Main or Pipe ſhall have been ſo repaired, and the Ground ſo filled up and rammed down, he or they ſhall give or cauſe to be given Notice thereof, in Writing, to the Paviour or Contractor for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen; and if the Paviour or Paviours, Surveyor or Surveyors of any of the ſaid Water Companies, to or for whom ſuch Notice ſhall be given or left at his or their laſt Place or Places of Abode, ſhall, by the Space of Two Days next after the giving or leaving ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, refuſe or neglect to take up ſuch Pavements, and open ſuch Ground, or if upon diſcovering that the Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſo broken, burſt, or decayed, doth not or do not belong to the Company to whom ſuch Paviour or Surveyor does belong, ſhall refuſe or neglect to give immediate Notice thereof, in Writing, to the Paviour or Surveyor of the Company to whom the ſaid Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, doth or do belong, or if the Paviour or Surveyor of the Water Company to whom ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſhall belong, ſhall, by the Space of Two Days next after ſuch Notice given to him or them, or left at his or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, refuſe or neglect to cauſe or procure ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, to be amended and repaired, or afterwards to fill up the Ground ſo taken up, or to give ſuch immediate Notice of his having ſo done to the Paviour or Contractor of the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being; then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo reſpectively refuſing or neglecting ſhall for every ſuch Offence ſeverally forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; and if any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, not belonging to any of the Water Companies, ſhall happen to break, burſt, or decay as aforeſaid, in any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Yards, Courts, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, then and in every ſuch Caſe the reſpective Owner or Owners thereof ſhall forthwith cauſe the Ground over the ſame to be opened, and ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, to be repaired, and Notice thereof, in Writing, to be given to the Clerk for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen, or in caſe of Refuſal or Neglect ſo to do, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; and if any Pavement ſhall be broken or taken up for the Purpoſe of making, repairing, or altering, any Main, Pipe, Vault, or Drain, or for any other Purpoſe whatſoever, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo breaking or taking up the ſaid Pavement, or cauſing the ſame to be ſo broken or taken up, ſhall, as ſoon as the Nature of the Work will permit, cauſe the Ground to be filled in, and Notice thereof, in Writing, to be given to the Clerk for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen, or in caſe of Refuſal or Neglect ſo to do, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and the ſaid Clerk of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall forthwith, upon every ſuch Notice as aforeſaid given to him, or left at the Office of the ſaid Veſtrymen, at the Court Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, tranſmit ſuch Notice, or cauſe the ſame to be tranſmitted to the Paviour or Contractor of the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being; and if the ſaid Clerk ſhall refuſe or neglect, by the Space of Two Days next after ſuch Notice as aforeſaid given to him, or left at his laſt Place of Abode, to tranſmit ſuch Notice, or cauſe ſuch Notice to be tranſmitted, to the ſaid Paviour or Contractor for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen; or if ſuch Paviour or Contractor, to whom any ſuch Notice as aforeſaid ſhall be ſo tranſmitted, ſhall, by the Space of Two Days next after the tranſmitting of ſuch Notice to him as

Pavement to be relayed by the Space of Two Days.

as aforeſaid, refuſe or neglect to relay and repair the Pavement ſo broken up; then, and in every ſuch Caſe the Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Day ſuch Pavement ſhall continue unrelaid or unrepaired, after the Expiration of the ſaid Two Days.

Proviſo.

LV. Provided always, That if it ſhall ſo happen that at any Time there ſhall be no regular or fixed Appointment of a Paviour or Surveyor of any of the Water Companies, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Notice as aforeſaid ſhall be delivered to or left at the Office of the Clerk or Secretary of ſuch Company reſpectively, who ſhall, in every ſuch Caſe, be ſubſtituted in the Room of ſuch Paviour or Surveyor, to all the Intents and Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Paviours of the Water Companies to give Notice of their Names, &c.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Paviours or Surveyors now employed or hereafter to be employed by the ſaid Water Companies reſpectively, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſhall, within the Space of Thirty Days next after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, or within Three Days next after they ſhall be reſpectively appointed Paviours or Surveyors to ſuch Company or Companies, give Notice in Writing to the Clerk for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen, of their reſpective Names and Places of Abode, and of the Names of the reſpective Company whoſe Paviours or Surveyors they are, and of the reſpective Diſtrict to which they are appointed; and in like Manner the Clerk for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen, after having received Notice of ſuch Appointment as aforeſaid, ſhall, within the reſpective Times aforeſaid, give Notice to the reſpective Paviours or Surveyors of the ſaid ſeveral Water Companies, of the Names and Places of Abode of the Paviour or Paviours, Contractor or Contractors for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen; and if any of the ſaid Paviours, or Surveyors, or the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, ſhall neglect to give ſuch Notice within the reſpective Times aforeſaid, each of them ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, ſeverally forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Water Companies to pay to the Veſtrymen the Expence of new laying the Pavement when Pipes are broken, &c.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That the Charges and Expences of relaying the Pavement which ſhall be broken or taken up for the Purpoſes of laying down, repairing, or amending any ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſhall be reimburſed and paid to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, by the Clerk or Treaſurer for the Time being of the reſpective Water Companies to whom ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, ſhall belong, or if the ſame ſhall not belong to any of the ſaid Water Companies, then by the reſpective Owner or Owners thereof; and if ſuch Clerk or Treaſurer to any of the ſaid Water Companies, or the reſpective Owner or Owners of ſuch Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, liable to reimburſe and pay ſuch Charges and Expences, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame within Ten Days next after Demand thereof in Writing, ſigned by the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtrymen, and left at their reſpective Dwelling Houſes, or laſt Places of Abode, or at the Office of the reſpective Companies, together with a Bill to be annexed to ſuch Demand, containing an Account of ſuch Charges and Expences, then

and in every ſuch Caſe the Money ſo expended ſhall and may be recovered by the ſaid Veſtrymen, of and from the Company or Companies, Perſon or Perſons, ſo liable thereto, by Action or Actions of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, to be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after ſuch Demand reſpectively; in which Action or Actions, Suit or Suits reſpectively, no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

Water Companies may repair the Pavement by their own Workmen, within Four Feet of their Plugs, &c.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to prevent any of the ſaid Water Companies from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall require, from taking up and repairing, by their own Workmen, Paviours, or Superviſors, any Part of the Pavement within the Limits aforeſaid, not exceeding the Diſtance of Four Feet from the Water Plugs, Drawing Plugs, and Fire Plugs, belonging to the ſaid reſpective Water Companies: Provided nevertheleſs, that in caſe ſuch Pavement ſo taken up by the ſaid Water Companies, their Workmen, Paviours, or Superviſors, ſhall not be properly relaid, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Veſtrymen, or their Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being, then, upon Notice given to the ſaid Water Companies, or their Paviour or Paviours, Superviſor or Superviſors, the ſaid Pavement ſhall, within Four Days after ſuch Notice, be again taken up and relaid at the Expence of the Water Company that ſhall have ſo taken up the ſaid Pavement; and in caſe the ſaid Pavement ſo taken up ſhall not be relaid for the Third Time in a proper Manner, and to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Veſtrymen, or their Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being, then the Water Company ſo neglecting to relay the ſaid Pavement in a proper Manner ſhall forfeit and pay to the ſaid Veſtrymen the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall cauſe ſuch Pavement to be taken up and relaid by their own Workmen and Paviours, and the Expence thereof ſhall be borne and defrayed by the Water Company ſo neglecting to relay the ſame in a proper Manner, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Veſtrymen may compound with the Water Companies.

LIX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, from Time to Time, to compound and agree with any of the ſaid Proprietors or Water Companies reſpectively, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Foot or other Meaſure, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think reaſonable, for the Purpoſe of laying down or repairing ſuch Parts of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Mewſes, Alleys, Courts, Paſſages, or Places, as ſhall be neceſſary to be taken up by the Workmen of the ſaid Proprietors or Water Companies, for the Purpoſes of laying down, replacing, altering, or amending, any of the Mains or Pipes.

How Water may more eaſily be obtained in Times of Fire.

LX. And, for the more eaſy obtaining of Water in Caſes of Fire, it is hereby further enacted, That the ſeveral Water Companies who ſhall ſupply any of the Inhabitants within the Limits aforeſaid with Water, ſhall from Time to Time, within the Space of Fourteen Days after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, or within Seven Days after the Appointment of any Turncock or Turncocks, give Notice, in Writing, to the Clerk of the ſaid Veſtrymen, of the Names and Places of Abode of their reſpective Turncocks, diſtinguiſhing

tinguiſhing the Diſtricts to which they reſpectively belong; and if any of the ſaid Companies ſhall neglect to give ſuch Notice within the Times aforeſaid, they ſhall, for every ſuch Neglect, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings; and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall, and they are hereby required, to cauſe to be printed and diſtributed, each and every Year, to and amongſt the ſeveral Houſeholders within the Limits aforeſaid, a Liſt of the Names and Places of Abode of the ſeveral Turncocks of the Diſtrict or Diſtricts within the ſaid Limits.

Commiſſioners of Sewers to repair Drains, &c. which are under their Direction.

LXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when and ſo often as any Sewer or Drain which ſhall or may be under the Direction of the Commiſſioners of Sewers in any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſhall require to be repaired, altered, cleanſed, or emptied, or any new or additional Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, ſhall be neceſſary to be made, or any new Grate or Grates to be made and put over any Sewer in any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, or Places, or any old Grates over the ſame ſhall require to be repaired, removed, or altered, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners of Sewers ſhall, within Three Days next after Notice given to or left for their Surveyor for the Time being, at his laſt or uſual Place of Abode, cauſe ſuch Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, to be made, repaired, altered, cleanſed, or emptied, or ſuch new and additional Grates to be made and put down, or ſuch old Grates to be repaired, removed, or altered; and in Default thereof it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Veſtrymen for the Time being for putting this Act in Execution, or their Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being, to cauſe ſuch Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, to be made, repaired, altered, cleanſed, or emptied, or ſuch new and additional Grates to be made and put down, or ſuch old Grates to be repaired, removed, or altered, as the Caſe may require, or ſo much thereof as ſhall remain unfiniſhed.

Owners of Pipes to relay or repair them at their own Charges.

LXII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Charges and Expences of relaying or repairing the Pavement which ſhall be broken or taken up for the Purpoſe of repairing or amending any ſuch Pipe or Pipes, not belonging to any of the Water Companies, ſhall be paid to the Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, by the reſpective Owner or Owners of ſuch Pipe or Pipes; and that the Charges and Expences of making, repairing, altering, cleanſing, or emptying any ſuch Sewer, Drain, or Vault, and of making and putting down ſuch new and additional Grates, and altering and repairing ſuch old Grates, and of relaying and repairing the Pavement ſo broken or taken up for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall be paid to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, by the Treaſurer or Clerk for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Sewers, or by the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall take up, or cauſe the ſaid Pavement, or any Part thereof, to be taken up for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and in caſe the reſpective Owner or Owners of ſuch Pipe or Pipes as aforeſaid, or the Treaſurer or Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners of Sewers, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay what ſhall have been ſo laid out and diſburſed for the Pur-

Expence of cleanſing Sewers, &c. to be paid by Commiſſioners of Sewers, &c.

poſes aforeſaid, within Ten Days next after Notice thereof in Writing, ſigned by the Clerk to the Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, and left at their reſpective Dwelling Houſes, or laſt Place of Abode, together with a Bill annexed thereto, (which Notice ſhall contain an Account of ſuch Charges and Expences), that then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to bring or cauſe to be brought any Action or Actions againſt all or any or either of the reſpective Perſons aforeſaid, for the Recovery of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall have ſo laid out and expended for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; in which Action or Actions no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

Water Companies and Commiſſioners of Sewers to fence, &c. when Pavements are taken up.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons acting by and under the Authority of any Water Company or Companies, or of the Commiſſioners of Sewers, ſhall break up or cauſe to be broken up any of the Pavement within any Square, Street, Lane, Mews, Alley, Court, Paſſage, or Place within the Limits aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes of laying down, repairing, or amending, any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or of making, repairing, altering, cleanſing, or emptying, any Sewer or Sewers, Drain or Drains, or of making, changing, altering, or repairing any Grate or Grates, and ſhall not have repaired and laid down the Pavement ſo as to have rendered the ſame ſafe and commodious, before Sunſet in each and every Day, to all Perſons, Cattle, or Carriages, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Perſon or Perſons, acting by and under ſuch Authority, ſhall well and ſufficiently fence or rail round ſuch Pavement ſo broken up as aforeſaid, or ſhall cauſe the ſame to be well and ſufficiently fenced or railed round, and a Light to be affixed to ſuch Fence or Rail; ſuch Fence or Rail to remain ſtanding, and ſuch Light to be burning, from the Setting to the Riſing of the Sun; and in Default thereof ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Expence of altering Pipes, *etc.* to be borne by the Veſtrymen.

LXIV. Provided nevertheleſs, and it is hereby enacted, That if at any Time or Times it ſhall be found neceſſary to raiſe, ſink, or any otherwiſe alter the Poſition of any of the Pipes or Plugs laid down or placed by any of the Companies who furniſh the Inhabitants within the Limits aforeſaid with Water; or of any Leaden or other Pipes belonging to any of the ſaid Water Companies, or to any other Perſon or Perſons, which for the Purpoſes of conveying Water into any Houſe, Area, or other Place, have been or ſhall be laid into or from any ſuch Pipe or Pipes; or to remove or replace the Grates over any of the Common Sewers, for the Purpoſe of new paving or altering the Pavement of any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places; the Expence thereof ſhall from Time to Time be paid out of the Money ariſing or to ariſe by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or of this Act, and ſhall always be done with as little Detriment and Inconvenience to the ſaid reſpective Companies, or Inhabitants, as the Circumſtances of the Caſe will admit.

Pipes replaced at Requeſt, Proprietors to

LXV. Provided always, That when and ſo often as any Part of the Pavements of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys,

pay Expence of repairing Pavements.

leys, Paſſages, or Places, ſhall be taken up by any Perſon or Perſons for the Purpoſes of placing, altering, or amending any ſuch Pipe, the ſame ſhall, with all convenient Speed, be repaired by the Paviour or Paviours contracting with or employed by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or under the Direction of their Surveyor or Surveyors, at the Expence of the Proprietor or Proprietors of the ſaid Leaden or other Pipes reſpectively, if ſuch Pipe ſhall be replaced, altered, or amended, at the Requeſt of ſuch Proprietor, and not otherwiſe.

Veſtrymen may compound with ſaid Proprietors.

LXVI. Provided alſo, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen from Time to Time to compound and agree with any of the ſaid Proprietors for a certain Sum of Money, by the Foot or other Meaſure, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think reaſonable, in lieu and ſtead of their laying down and repairing ſuch Parts of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, as ſhall be neceſſary to be taken up for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Inhabitants to give Notice to Surveyors when Pavements want any Repairs.

LXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, if any Houſeholder or Houſeholders, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſhall make Complaint, in Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, and ſhall leave the ſame at the laſt or uſual Place of Abode of the Surveyor or Surveyors to the ſaid Veſtrymen, of any Defect or Want of Repair in any of the Pavements of any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, either before or after the ſame ſhall have been new paved or repaired by virtue of this Act, Three Days before the Meeting of the ſaid Veſtrymen, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors ſhall view the ſaid Pavement, and report the Condition thereof to the ſaid Veſtrymen at their next Meeting; and if the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors, to whom ſuch Notice ſhall be given or left as aforeſaid, ſhall upon ſuch View find the Pavement complained of to be bad and defective, (unleſs it ſhall appear to ariſe from a Defect relating to the Water Pipes lying under ſuch Pavement), the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall or may order their Contractor or Contractors, Paviour or Paviours, to repair the ſame, within ſuch Time as they the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall judge neceſſary for the Repair thereof, which Time ſhall be ſpecified in ſuch Order; and if the Contractor or Contractors, Paviour or Paviours, to whom ſuch Order ſhall be given, ſhall not repair and amend ſuch Pavements within ſuch Time as he or they ſhall be directed by the ſaid Veſtrymen to repair and amend the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Contractor or Contractors, Paviour or Paviours, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Day that the ſaid defective Pavement ſhall remain unrepaired after the Time limited by the ſaid Veſtrymen in their ſaid Order; and One Half of every ſuch Penalty ſhall be applied and paid to ſuch complaining Inhabitant for his or her Loſs of Time and Trouble in and about the Premiſes.

If Surveyors think ſuch Pavements not defective, Veſtrymen, to view the ſame.

LXVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That if the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors ſhall, on any ſuch View or Views, be of Opinion that the Pavement or Pavements mentioned to be bad and defective by ſuch Houſeholder or Houſeholders in ſuch Notice, is not bad and defective, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any

Two or more of them, ſhall forthwith proceed to view the ſaid Pavement; and their Opinion and Order concerning the ſame, after ſuch View, ſhall be final and concluſive; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Streets to be watered,

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Veſtrymen to cauſe all or any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, or other Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, to be watered; and alſo to cauſe any Well or Wells to be dug or ſunk, in ſuch Places, (not being a Vault, Cellar, or other Building, under any of the Streets or Places aforeſaid), and alſo any Pump or Pumps to be erected in or near ſuch Places, and alſo any Pump or Pumps now ſtanding, or which ſhall hereafter be erected for the Purpoſes of watering the ſame, to be removed and altered, and to defray the Expences thereof out of the Monies to be raiſed in Manner herein directed for ſuch Purpoſes.

Wells ſunk,

and Pumps erected.

If Veſtrymen judge any new-built Street, *etc.* proper to be paved,

LXX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Five or more of them, to view and inſpect any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, within the Limits aforeſaid, which now is or hereafter may be built upon, or in building, and if upon ſuch View they ſhall be of Opinion that the ſame, or any Part or Parts thereof, is or are fit and proper to be paved, the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, after ſuch View, ſhall and may order their Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons by them appointed for that Purpoſe, to give Notice to the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees of any ſuch Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Tenement, or Hereditament, in any ſuch Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, or leave the ſame at his, her, or their, laſt or uſual Place of Abode, or with his, her, or their, known Servant or Servants, or if no ſuch Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, can be found, then ſuch Notice ſhall be ſtuck againſt the ſaid Premiſes or any Part thereof, which Notice ſhall require ſuch Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, to meet ſuch Veſtrymen at the Time and Place therein mentioned, not being leſs than Ten Days from the Date of ſuch Notice, to compound for the paving thereof, at any Sum not exceeding Three Shillings for every Square Yard of ſuch Pavement, whether Carriageway or Footway, which Compoſition the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby authorized to make; and if ſuch Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, ſhall not attend, or ſhall not compound or agree with the ſaid Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, or having compounded or agreed ſhall not pay the ſame within Ten Days after Demand made by the Clerk, in Writing, to the Collector authorized to receive the ſame, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to order the ſame to be paved as ſoon as conveniently may be, and all the Charges and Expences attending ſuch paving ſhall be paid by the reſpective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, and ſhall be recovered and levied upon the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, or in caſe of Bankruptcy upon the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, in the Poſſeſſion or Cuſtody of his or their Aſſignee or Aſſignees,

they are to require Inhabitants to meet, and compound for the paving.

On Neglect, Compoſition may be levied.

or upon the ſaid Premiſes, in like Manner as any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, made by virtue of this Act, is or are herein made recoverable.

Owners of vacant Grounds, *etc.* how to be charged.

LXXI. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to empower the ſaid Veſtrymen to charge or make chargeable any One Proprietor, Owner, or Leſſee, of ſuch vacant Ground, with more than Two hundred Square Yards of paving on Account of any ſuch vacant Ground in any One Square, Street, or Place, until the ſame ſhall be built upon, or ſhall be in building.

Paviours and Carters to be appointed.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, from Time to Time, to order and direct ſuch and ſo many Paviours, Artificers, Workmen, Labourers, Carters, and others, in the reſpective Works aforeſaid, as they ſhall judge neceſſary for the due Execution of ſuch Works; and no Perſon or Perſons ſhall, in conſequence of being ſo employed by the Order of the ſaid Veſtrymen, be ſubject or liable to any Action, Indictment, or Information upon the Statute, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act containing divers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servants of Huſbandry, and Apprentices.*

Where Materials for Footways may be lodged.

LXXIII. And it is hereby further enacted, That during the Time any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, ſhall be new paving or repairing, the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall have Power to order the neceſſary Materials to be lodged in that or any adjoining Street or Place, or Streets or Places, according to their Diſcretion, as alſo to ſtop the Way through that or any adjacent Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, ſo long as they ſhall judge neceſſary; and all Perſons acting under their Directions as aforeſaid are hereby indemnified from any Proſecution or Action whatſoever; but no ſuch Materials ſhall be lodged upon, or over, or within Six Feet of the Fire Plug or Cock, and no ſuch Materials ſhall be depoſited in or near the End of any Street or Place, in ſuch Manner as to prevent the Admiſſion of Fire Engines.

Penalty on obſtructing Surveyors.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, at any Time or Times from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, obſtruct, hinder, or moleſt, any Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who are or ſhall be employed by the ſaid Veſtrymen to put this Act in Execution, in the Performance or Execution of their Duty, every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall, for the Firſt Offence, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, for the Second Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings, and for the Third and every other Offence the Sum of Three Pounds.

Penalty on altering the Form of Streets, *etc.* erecting Bulks, placing out Shew Boards, *etc.*

LXXV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall alter or cauſe to be altered the Form of any of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, hereby directed to be paved or kept in Repair by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or the Manner of the Pavement thereof, or in any-

wiſe incroach thereon, or put up any Poſt or Poſts, Step or Steps, or erect any Bulks or Stalls, or place out any Shew Glaſſes or Shew Boards, ſo as to be an Incroachment, or make any Dung Holes or Saw Pits, upon Pain that every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, over and above the Expences of relaying and reinſtating ſuch Pavements, or taking down ſuch Poſts, Bulks, or Stalls, and removing or altering ſuch Shew Boards or Shew Glaſſes, or filling up ſuch Dung Holes or Saw Pits, according to the Direction of ſuch Veſtrymen.

Not to remove the Poſts in the Place leading from *Oxford Street* into *Hanover Square*.

LXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall empower the ſaid Veſtrymen to take down or remove any Rails, Bars, or Poſts, in a certain Place or Space of Ground leading from and out of *Oxford Street* into *Hanover Square*, or ſhall ſubject any Part of the Ground or Pavement thereof to the Order, Controul, or Juriſdiction, of the ſaid Veſtrymen.

Perſons digging Earth, or leaving Holes for making Vaults, &c. to incloſe the ſame.

LXXVII. And whereas, in ſeveral of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, there is a great Quantity of Earth dug up; and large Holes are left in ſuch Streets and Places, for the Purpoſe of making Vaults to the Houſes or Tenements built or in building, longer than is abſolutely neceſſary: And whereas the Areas before Houſes or Tenements built or in building are often left open, and no Fence, Rails, or Timber, properly placed or fixed up, ſo as to prevent Paſſengers from falling down the ſame; by Reaſon whereof the Lives of many of His Majeſty's Subjects are endangered: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons whoſoever, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, ſhall dig out any Earth, or leave any Hole in any Street or Place before any Houſe or Tenement built or in building, within the Limits aforeſaid, for the Purpoſe of making Vaults, or any other Purpoſes whatſoever, and ſhall not incloſe the ſame in a good and ſufficient Manner, to be approved of by the Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or ſhall keep up ſuch Incloſure longer than is abſolutely neceſſary, or ſhall not well and ſufficiently fence or rail before the Area or Areas fronting to any Street or Place, every Perſon or Perſons guilty of any of the Offences aforeſaid ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, and the like Sum of Five Pounds for every Week that ſuch Nuiſance ſhall be continued.

Trap Doors not to be left open.

LXXVIII. And whereas the Holes, Funnels, and Trap Doors, made in the Pavement for the Purpoſe of putting down Coals, Caſks, and other Things into the Vaults beneath, are often left open and inſecure, by Reaſon whereof the Lives and Limbs of His Majeſty's Subjects are greatly endangered, be it therefore enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whoſoever ſhall leave open any ſuch Hole, Funnel, or Trap Door, ſave and except during ſuch Time as any Coals, Wood, Caſks, or other Things ſhall be putting down or taking out of the ſame, or during ſuch Time as the ſame ſhall be altering, repairing, or amending, or ſhall not ſafely ſecure and cover up the ſame, the Owner or Occupier of the Premiſes to which ſuch Hole, Funnel, or Trap Door, ſhall belong, ſhall, for

for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Twenty Shillings.

Projections, &c to be removed.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Veſtrymen as aforeſaid ſhall or may cauſe all Trees, Signs, Sign Poſts, Sign Irons, Dyers, Scowerers, and Barbers Poles, or any other Poles, Porches, or Penthouſes, or any Boards, Spouts, and Gutters, projecting into or over the Highways or Footways, and all other Incroachments, Projections, or Annoyances, whatſoever, within the Limits aforeſaid, to be taken down and removed, (ſave and except a certain Portico in or to the Front of a certain Building or Erection called *The Pantheon*, on the South Side of *Oxford Street*; and alſo ſave and except a certain Portico in or to the Front of a certain Houſe ſituated in *Cavendiſh Square*, now belonging to and in the Poſſeſſion of the Right Honourable *James* Earl of *Hopetoun*, ſo as the ſame do not cauſe any Annoyance to the Footway in the ſaid Street), and ſhall cauſe all Signs, Boards, and Gutters, to be affixed and placed cloſe to or on the Fronts of the Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, or Buildings, whereunto they reſpectively belong, or otherwiſe, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think proper and convenient; and ſhall return or cauſe to be returned to the reſpective Owners all or ſo much of ſuch Signs, Sign Poſts, Poles, Sign Irons, Boards, Spouts, and Gutters, as ſhall not be affixed or put up, or otherwiſe made uſe of in the Alterations directed by the ſaid Veſtrymen in purſuance of this Act; and that for the future all Signs, Sign Boards, and Gutters, ſhall be placed and fixed cloſe to or on the Fronts of the Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, or Buildings, to which they reſpectively belong, and not otherwiſe; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time hereafter hang, place, erect, or build, any Sign, Sign Poſt or other Poſts, Sign Iron, Pole, Porch, Penthouſe, Board, Spout, Gutter, or other Projection, Obſtruction, or Annoyance whatſoever, or cauſe the ſame to be done, contrary to the Directions aforeſaid, and the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, and the Sum of Five Pounds for every Week the ſame ſhall be continued.

Signs, &c to be affixed on the Fronts of Houſes, &c.

Empowering to enforce Obſervance of Building Acts, ſo as to prevent Incroachments.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That no Bow Window or other Projection into any of the ſaid Streets or other Places under the Management of the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall, after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, be built with or added to any Houſe or other Building, ſo as to extend beyond the general Line of the Fronts of the Houſes in ſuch Streets or other Places in which ſuch Bow Window or other Projection is made, except ſuch Projections as may be neceſſary for Copings, Cornices, Facies, Door and Window Dreſſings, or for Porticoes, Steps, or Iron Paliſades, and alſo except the Window of any Shop on the Ground Floor Story of any ſuch Building, the Stall Boards of which Windows ſhall not, in any ſuch Street or other Place Thirty Feet wide or more, project above Ten Inches, nor in any Street or other Place leſs than Thirty Feet wide above Five Inches from the upright Line of the Building in ſuch Street or other Place reſpectively; and no Cornice or Covering thereof to any Shop Window ſhall, in any Street or other Place Thirty Feet wide or more, project more than Eighteen Inches, nor in any Street or other Place leſs than Thirty Feet wide, more than Thirteen

Inches

Inches from the upright Line of the Building to which ſuch Shop Window belongs; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, cauſe any Bow Window or other Projection to be built with or added to any Houſe or other Building within any of the Streets or other Places as aforeſaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay, for every Offence, the Sum of Five Pounds; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen, where any ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, to cauſe every ſuch Bow Window or Projection to be taken down and removed, and all Expences attending the ſame ſhall be paid by the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Bow Window or other Projection ſhall belong; ſuch Expences, being firſt aſcertained by the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſhall be levied and recovered in like Manner as any Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act can or may be levied and recovered, and the ſame, when recovered, ſhall be applied in ſuch Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be applied.

Bodies Politick, &c. may contract for Sale.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunaticks and Idiots, or other Truſtees whomſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their Ceſtuique Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunaticks, Idiots, or Femes Covert, who are or ſhall be ſeiſed in their own Right, and all and every Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who are or ſhall be ſeiſed, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof which ſhall be thought neceſſary to be purchaſed for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to ſell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt, whatſoever, of, in, and to the ſame, to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſons, and their Heirs for ever, as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall direct, in Truſt for them the ſaid Veſtrymen for any of the Purpoſes of this Act; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which ſhall be ſo made, by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Aſſurances in the Law whatſoever, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes, not only to convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of the Perſon and Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand, whatſoever of their ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Ceſtuique Truſts, and all claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, Truſtees, and all other Perſons, are and ſhall be hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue and in purſuance of this Act.

On Refuſal to treat, Value to be ſettled by a Jury.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feme Covert, Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, or other Perſon or Perſons whoſoever, in and by this Act empowered and qualified to treat, contract, or agree for, ſell, convey, and diſpoſe of, any Building or Erections projecting into or upon the Footways, or of any Doors of Cellars, or of any Steps belonging thereto, and all other Projections whatſoever, or of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which the ſaid Veſtrymen may be enabled by this Act to treat for and purchaſe, or any Intereſt therein, or any other Perſon or Perſons whoſoever, ſhall refuſe to treat, contract, or agree, as aforeſaid, or by Reaſon of Abſence or otherwiſe ſhall be prevented from treating and agreeing, or ſhall decline or refuſe to ſell, convey, and diſpoſe of, the Premiſes whereof, or wherein, or whereunto they reſpectively ſhall be ſo ſeiſed, poſſeſſed, intereſted, or entitled, as aforeſaid, or their reſpective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Intereſts, in, to, or upon the ſame, or any Part thereof, unto the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall nominate for the Purpoſes, and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning, of this Act, or ſhall not produce or make out a clear Title to the Premiſes they are in Poſſeſſion of, or to the Intereſt they claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Veſtrymen; or if any Diſpute or Difference ſhall ariſe touching ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes, the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby empowered and authorized to iſſue a Notice in Writing under their Hands to the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or to the High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, thereby requiring him or them, who is and are hereby authorized, directed, and required, accordingly to impannel, ſummon, and return, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be expreſſed in ſuch Notice, Twenty-four ſubſtantial and diſintereſted Perſons, qualified to ſerve on Juries, and out of ſuch Perſons ſo to be impannelled, ſummoned, and returned, or out of ſuch of them as ſhall appear upon ſuch Summons, the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall adminiſter or cauſe to be adminiſtered an Oath to (which Oath any One of the ſaid Veſtrymen is hereby empowered to adminiſter) a Jury of Twelve Perſons of the ſaid Twenty-four, which Twelve Men ſhall be the Jury for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall order ſuch Jury to view the Place in Queſtion, if there ſhall be Occaſion; and in Default of a ſufficient Number of Jurymen, the ſaid Sheriff or High Bailiff, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, ſhall return other honeſt and indifferent Perſons of the Standers-by, or that can be ſpeedily procured to attend that Service, to make up the Number Twelve; which Perſons ſo to be impannelled, ſummoned, and returned, as aforeſaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the ſaid Veſtrymen at ſuch Time and Place as in ſuch Notice or Notices ſhall be directed and appointed, and to attend there from Day to Day, until diſcharged by the ſaid Veſtrymen; and all Perſons concerned ſhall have their lawful Challenges againſt any of the ſaid Jurymen when they come to be ſworn, but ſhall not challenge the Array of the Pannel; and the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby empowered to ſummon or call before ſuch Jury, and examine upon Oath, (which Oath any One of the ſaid Veſtrymen is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter), all Perſons who ſhall be thought neceſſary or proper to be examined as Witneſſes touching the Matters in Queſtion; and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall have full Power, from Time to Time, to impoſe any reaſonable

Juries may be impannelled.

Juries may be challenged.

May ſummon Witneſſes.

Penalty on Sheriffs, Jurymen, and Witneſſes.

reaſonable Fine or Fines on ſuch Sheriff or High Bailiff, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, making Default in the Premiſes, and on any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſummoned and returned on ſuch Jury, and ſhall not appear, or who ſhall in any other Manner neglect their Duty, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and on any Perſon or Perſons who, being required to give Evidence before ſuch Jury, ſhall refuſe or neglect to appear, or appearing ſhall refuſe to be ſworn and give Evidence, ſo as no ſuch Fine ſhall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds upon any One Perſon for One Offence, which Fine or Fines ſhall be applied towards the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall have Power to adjourn ſuch Meeting from Day to Day, as Occaſion ſhall require, and ſuch Jury, Witneſſes, and Parties, ſhall attend until all Matters for which they ſhall be ſo ſummoned ſhall be concluded; and the ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, ſhall enquire of and aſſeſs the Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction, to be paid or made for ſuch Premiſes reſpectively, and aſſeſs and aſcertain the proportionable Sum or Sums to be paid to every Perſon or Perſons for the Purchaſe of their reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts claimed therein, or any Part thereof, and the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall give Judgement for ſuch Sum and Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed; which ſaid Verdict or Verdicts, and the ſaid Judgement, Decree, and Determination, thereon (Notice in Writing being given to the Perſon or Perſons intereſted at leaſt Twenty Days before the Time of ſuch Aſſeſſment, declaring the Time and Place of the Meeting of the ſaid Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, and Jury, by leaving ſuch Notice at the Dwelling Houſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or at his, her, or their, uſual or laſt Place or Places of Abode, or with the Tenant or Occupier of ſuch Premiſes ſo intended to be valued or aſſeſſed) ſhall be binding and concluſive to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, againſt all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or other Perſons whomſoever; and the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtrymen as aforeſaid, and Juries, ſo to be made, given, and pronounced as aforeſaid, ſhall be fairly written or engroſſed, and kept and entered amongſt the Records of the Quarter Seſſions, in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; and the ſaid Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all ſuch other Proceedings, ſhall be deemed and taken to be Records, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and the ſame, or a Copy thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatſoever; and all Perſons may have Recourſe to the ſame *gratis*, and take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy not exceeding Sixpence for every One hundred Words, and ſo proportionably for any Number of Words.

Jury may aſſeſs the Value and proportionable Sums to be paid to every Perſon intereſted.

Which Verdict ſhall be binding;

and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Verdict ſhall be given for a greater Sum or Recompence than ſhall have been offered by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Veſtrymen, before the ſummoning of any ſuch Jury, for or in reſpect of ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, or Damages as aforeſaid, that then all the Expences of ſuch Jury, and the Witneſſes attending in conſequence thereof, and of taking ſuch Inqueſt, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Veſtrymen out of the Monies to ariſe by virtue of this Act; but if any Verdict ſhall be given for no more, or a leſs Sum than ſhall have been ſo previouſly offered by

Expences of the Jury and Witneſſes, by whom to be borne.

or on the Behalf of the ſaid Veſtrymen then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Expences ſhall be paid by the Owners of or Perſons intereſted in the Houſes, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments in Queſtion; which Expences, having been aſcertained and ſettled by ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, not intereſted in the Matter in Queſtion, (who is hereby required to examine and ſettle the ſame), ſhall and may be deducted out of the Money ſo aſſeſſed, and decreed as ſo much Money advanced to and for the Uſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of ſuch Monies ſhall be deemed and taken, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed and decreed, or otherwiſe ſuch Expences in caſe the ſame be not paid upon Demand, after being ſo aſcertained and ſettled as aforeſaid, may be recovered by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen by ſuch Ways and Means as are herein provided for Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

Verdict not binding, unleſs Money paid within Three Calendar Months.

LXXXIV. Provided always, That in caſe the ſaid Sum or Sums ſo aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury, and ordered and adjudged by the ſaid Veſtrymen to be paid as a Satisfaction to the Owners, Occupiers, or others, for their reſpective Intereſts in the ſaid Premiſes, ſhall not be paid, tendered, or left, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, within Three Calendar Months after the ſame ſhall have been ſo aſſeſſed, ordered, and adjudged, then and in ſuch Caſe the Verdict of the ſaid Jury, and Order and Adjudication of the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſhall not be binding upon the ſaid Parties; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Money belonging to Corporations, &c. to be re-inveſted.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That the Principal Money to ariſe from the Sale of any Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be purchaſed for any the Purpoſes of this Act, of any Body Corporate or Eccleſiaſtical, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Guardians, Committees, or other Truſtees, or from any Feme or Femes Covert, ſhall (in caſe the ſame ſhall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds) be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall reſpectively nominate to receive the ſame, in Truſt, with all convenient Speed to be re-inveſted in the Purchaſe of other Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to and upon, and ſubject to the like Uſes, Truſts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies as the Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be purchaſed from them reſpectively by the ſaid Veſtrymen as aforeſaid were reſpectively ſettled, limited, or aſſured, at the Time of ſuch the purchaſing of the ſame, or ſo many thereof as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyances and Settlements ſhall be exiſting and capable of taking Effect.

On Payment of Purchaſe Money Premiſes to be conveyed.

LXXXVI. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That every Sum of Money to be agreed for or aſſeſſed as aforeſaid ſhall be paid, out of the Monies to be raiſed by virtue of this Act, to the Parties or Perſons reſpectively entitled to ſuch Monies, or their Agents, and upon Payment thereof, or in caſe of Refuſal to accept the ſame, or, the Parties not being to be met with, on leaving the ſame in the Hands of the Treaſurer for the Time being of the ſaid Veſtrymen, for the Uſe of ſuch Parties

or Perſons, all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Uſe, Truſt, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Perſon or Perſons reſpectively for whoſe Uſe the ſame was paid, in, to, or out of ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ſhall veſt in the ſaid Veſtrymen for the only Uſes and Purpoſes of this Act, and they ſhall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Poſſeſſion thereof, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as fully and effectually as if every Perſon having an Eſtate in the ſaid Premiſes had actually conveyed the ſame by Leaſe and Releaſe, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery and Seiſin, Fine, and Recovery, or any other legal Conveyance whatſoever, and ſuch Payments ſhall not only bar all Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim, and Demand of the Perſon or Perſons to whoſe Uſe ſuch Payment was made, but alſo ſhall extend to, and be deemed and conſtrued to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and all Eſtates Tail in Reverſion or Remainder, and the Iſſue or Iſſues of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and every Perſon claiming under them, as effectually as a Recovery or Fine would do, if levied or ſuffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Premiſes veſted in the ſaid Veſtrymen.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons who ſhall have any Mortgage or Mortgages on any ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Erections, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be purchaſed in purſuance of this Act, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, reſpectively, not being in Poſſeſſion thereof by virtue of ſuch Mortgage or Mortgages, ſhall, on Tender of the Principal Money, and Intereſt due thereon, together with Six Calendar Months Intereſt of the ſaid Principal Money, by the ſaid Veſtrymen, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, immediately aſſign ſuch Mortgage or Mortgages to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint in Truſt for them; or in caſe ſuch Mortgagee or Mortgagees ſhall have Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them, from the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Perſon authorized by them, that they will pay off and diſcharge the Principal and Intereſt Money which, at the Expiration of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, to be computed from ſuch Notice given, ſhall be due on ſuch Mortgage, that then at the End of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, on Payment or Tender of the Principal and Intereſt Money ſo due, ſuch Mortgagee or Mortgagees ſhall convey and aſſign his, her, and their reſpective Eſtates and Intereſts in the ſaid mortgaged Premiſes to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall nominate and appoint in Truſt for them; and if any ſuch Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall refuſe ſo to do on ſuch Tender or Payment, then all Intereſt on every ſuch Mortgage ſhall ceaſe and determine.

Mortgagees to aſſign on Tender of Principal and Three Months Intereſt;

or on Six Months Notice.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Perſon authorized by them, ſhall, after the ſaid Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Premiſes, ſhall be purchaſed by them in purſuance of this Act, give Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing to the Tenants or Occupiers reſpectively of any ſuch Premiſes ſo purchaſed, to quit or deliver up ſuch Premiſes at the Expiration of ſuch Six Calendar Months, then every ſuch Tenant or Occupier ſhall, at the End

Tenants to quit on Notice given.

of such Term, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the Premises so by him or her respectively occupied, whether upon Lease or otherwise, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by the said Vestrymen to take Possession thereof; and if any Person or Persons so in Possession shall refuse to give up such Possession at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months after every such Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Vestrymen to issue a Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex*, to cause Possession thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons as shall be in such Precept or Precepts nominated to receive the same, and to direct the said Sheriff or High Bailiff to levy such Costs as shall accrue by Means of the Issuing and Execution of every such Precept, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons who shall have refused to give up such Possession as aforesaid, and shall refuse or neglect to pay the same Costs, and the said Sheriff or High Bailiff is and are hereby required to deliver Possession, and levy such Costs, in Manner aforesaid.

Vestrymen may purchase other Lands, with the Consent of the Owners, for widening the Streets.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, shall be adjudged by the said Vestrymen to project into or obstruct the Passage of the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, and Places, within the Limits aforesaid, or that, by taking down the same, or any Part thereof, the Passage of the same may be widened, bettered, or improved, and the Owner or Owners thereof shall be willing to sell the same, or so much of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as shall be so adjudged to project into or obstruct the Passage of the same, or that shall be necessary for the widening, bettering, or improving of the same, the said Vestrymen shall and may, and they are hereby empowered to purchase the same for the Purposes aforesaid, and to pay for the same such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon by the said Vestrymen and the Owner or Owners thereof, out of the Money to arise by virtue of this Act, and to take down such Houses or Buildings, and lay the Scites thereof, and also such other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or so much thereof as they the said Vestrymen shall think proper, into the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewses, Alleys, Passages, and Places.

Powers for preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, and Obstructions.

XC. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, within any Square or Squares, or within any Street or Streets, Place or Places, within the Limits aforesaid, beat or dust any Carpet or Carpets; or drive any Carriage or Carriages for the Purpose of breaking Horses; or ride any Horse for the Purpose of exercising or airing such Horse, (otherwise than by passing through such Square or Squares, Street or Streets, Place or Places); and that if any Person or Persons shall throw, cast, or lay, or cause, permit, or suffer, to be thrown, cast, or laid, any Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Rubbish, Offal, Dung, Soil, or other Filth or Annoyance; or shall set or place any Stall, Board, Basket, Wares, Merchandize, Cask, or Goods, of any Kind whatsoever; or shall hoop, wash, or cleanse, any Pipe, Barrel, Cask, or Vessel, in or upon any of the Carriage or Footways within the Limits aforesaid; or set out, lay, place, or remain, or cause or procure, permit, or suffer, to be set out, laid, placed, or remain, any Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, or Chair, upon any of the said Carriage or Footways, (except such

ſuch Coaches and Chairs as have been or ſhall be hereafter licenſed by the Commiſſioners for regulating and licenſing Hackney Coaches and Chairs, and which ſhall ſtand for Hire, according to the Statutes and Bye Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes, and alſo except for the neceſſary Time of loading or unloading any Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, or taking up or ſetting down any Fare, or waiting for Paſſengers when actually hired, or harneſſing or unharneſſing the Horſes from any Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, and alſo for ſuch Time as ſhall be reaſonable or neceſſary for waſhing Carriages, where Carriages have heretofore been uſually waſhed, upon the Pavement), and ſhall not immediately remove the ſame, when required ſo to do by any Perſon whomſoever; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſet or place, or cauſe to be ſet or placed, in any of the ſaid Carriage or Footways any Timber, Stones, Bricks, Lime, or other Materials or Things whatſoever, unleſs the ſame ſhall be incloſed as in and by this Act is directed, and ſhall not immediately remove the ſame, being thereunto required by any Perſon whomſoever, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to iſſue a Warrant, requiring ſuch Offender or Offenders to appear before him at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be in ſuch Warrant ſpecified; and every ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, being thereof duly convicted upon the Oath of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor leſs than Ten Shillings; and it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen to ſeize any ſuch Stall, Board, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſk, Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, together with the Horſe or Horſes, if any ſhall be thereunto belonging, with the Harneſs, Gears, and Accoutrements thereof, or any ſuch Timber, or other Materials or Things aforeſaid, and cauſe the ſame to be removed to ſuch Place or Places as he or they ſhall judge convenient and proper, giving Notice to the Owner, Driver, or other Perſon, having any Intereſt in the Stall, Board, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſk, Goods, Chair, Coach, Cart, Wain, Waggon, Dray, Sledge, or other Carriage, Horſes, Materials, or Things ſo removed, if he, ſhe, or they can be found, of the Place or Places whereunto the ſame ſhall be ſo removed, and the ſame ſhall be there kept and detained until ſuch Owner, Driver, or other Perſon intereſted therein as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe to be paid the ſaid Penalty, together with the Charges of taking or removing the ſame, and of keeping ſuch Horſe or Horſes if any; and in caſe the Stall, Board, Baſket, Wares, Merchandize, Caſk, Goods, Chair, Carriage, Horſes, Materials, or other Things, ſo removed, ſhall not be claimed, and the ſaid Penalty and Charges paid, within Five Days next after ſuch Removal thereof, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen to order the ſame to be appraiſed and ſold, and the Overplus of the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale ſhall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the ſaid Penalty, and the Coſts, Charges, and Expences, attending ſuch ſeizing, removing, keeping, appraiſing, and ſelling the ſame, ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences, to be aſcertained and allowed by ſuch Juſtice of the Peace; and it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever,

whomſoever, who ſhall ſee any Duſt, Offal, Dung, Rubbiſh, Soil, or other Filth or Annoyance whatſoever, placed, thrown, caſt, or laid in any of the Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, to ſeize and apprehend, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing and apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required ſo to do, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey ſuch Offender or Offenders before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, who, upon Oath being made of ſuch Offences as aforeſaid, ſhall and may commit the Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, nor leſs than Seven Days, unleſs the ſaid Penalty ſhall be ſooner paid.

Hoards how to be erected.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall erect or build, or cauſe to be erected or built, any Hoard, or erect any Poſts, Bars, Rails, Boards, or other Thing by Way of Incloſure, for the Purpoſe of making Mortar, and depoſiting Bricks, Stone, Lime, Sand, or any other Materials for building or repairing any Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, or Tenement, or other Works, or for any other Purpoſes, without Leave or Licence firſt had and obtained under the Hand or Hands of the Surveyor or Surveyors for the Time being to ſuch Veſtrymen, who is and are hereby required to grant the ſame forthwith, on every Perſon ſo applying for ſuch Licence paying to the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors the Sum of One Shilling.

Puniſhment for erecting Hoards without Leave.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Hoard or Incloſure ſhall be erected or built without the Leave of the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors, ſo had and obtained, and ſigned as aforeſaid, or ſhall be ſet up in any other Manner, or continued for any longer Time than ſhall be allowed and expreſſed in ſuch Licence, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Veſtrymen to cauſe the ſame to be pulled down and removed, and to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners, or his, her, or their known Servant or Servants, ſhall and do pay to the Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody the ſame ſhall be the Sum of Twenty Shillings, together with the Charges of removing the ſame; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be claimed, and the ſaid Penalty and Charges paid, within the Space of Five Days next after ſuch Seizure thereof, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to order the ſame to be appraiſed and ſold, and the Money ariſing therefrom ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

No Lime to be ſlacked in the Streets, &c.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſift, ſcreen, or ſlack, any Lime (except within ſuch Incloſure as aforeſaid) in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Paſſage, or Place, or cauſe the ſame to be ſo done within the Limits aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Penalty on driving Carriages, &c. on the Foot Pavements.

XCIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall for the future carry, run, drive, or draw, or cauſe to be carried, run, driven, or drawn, on any of the Foot Pavements within the Limits aforeſaid, any Wheel or Wheels, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck,

Truck, or any Carriage whatſoever, or ſhall wilfully ride, lead, or drive, any Horſe, Cow, Aſs, or other Cattle, Coach or other Carriage whatſoever, upon any Part of the ſaid Foot Pavements, then, and in any ſuch Caſe, and as often as they or any of them ſhall happen, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to iſſue a Warrant, requiring ſuch Offender or Offenders to appear before him at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be in ſuch Warrant ſpecified, and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed, to ſeize, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing, the Offender or Offenders, and they are hereby required ſo to do, by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant to convey and deliver him, her, or them, into the Cuſtody of a Peace Officer, in order to be ſecured and conveyed before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace; and the Party or Parties accuſed being ſo brought before ſuch Juſtice, ſuch Juſtice ſhall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear, or be produced to give Information touching ſuch Offence, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), and if the Party or Parties accuſed ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or upon Information as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they, ſo convicted of any ſuch Offences reſpectively ſhall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings for the Firſt Time of offending, the Sum of Twenty Shillings for the Second Time of offending, and the Sum of Forty Shillings for the Third and every other Time of offending; and in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not, upon ſuch Conviction, pay ſuch Forfeitures by him, her, or them incurred as aforeſaid, the Juſtice before whom ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be convicted is hereby required to commit him, her, or them to the Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding Thirty Days, nor leſs than Five Days.

Stands of Hackney Coachmen, &c. to be regulated.

XCV. And whereas both Hackney Coachmen and Hackney Chairmen frequently take their Stands, with their Coaches and Chairs, in ſuch Part of a Square or Street as to occaſion conſiderable Obſtructions both on the Carriage and Foot Ways; be it therefore enacted, That, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *June*, the ſaid Veſtrymen may direct and regulate ſuch Stands as they ſhall in their Diſcretion think proper, within the Limits aforeſaid; and if any Hackney Coachman or Hackney Chairman ſhall not comply with ſuch Regulations, he or they ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

Juſtices may ſummon Hackney Coachmen and Chairmen.

XCVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe and when and ſo often as any Complaint ſhall be made to any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, touching any Offence or Offences puniſhable by or under this Act, to be committed within the Limits aforeſaid, by any Perſon or Perſons being the Maſter or Driver, or Maſters or Drivers of any Hackney Coach or Hackney Coaches, or Chairman or Chairmen of any Hackney Chair or Chairs, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, or either of them, to iſſue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal

or their Hands and Seals, requiring ſuch Perſon or Perſons, againſt whom any ſuch Complaint ſhall be made, to attend the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices at ſuch Time and Place as either he or they ſhall appoint, in order to anſwer ſuch Complaint; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, upon the Appearance before him of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo complained of, being a Maſter or Driver, or Maſters or Drivers, of any Hackney Coach or Hackney Coaches, or Chairman or Chairmen of any Hackney Chair or Chairs, to hear and determine the Matter of Complaint, and to convict or acquit the ſame Perſon or Perſons of the Offence or Offences ſo complained of; and that if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, being ſuch Maſter or Driver, or Maſters or Drivers, or Chairman or Chairmen of any Hackney Chair or Chairs, and againſt whom any ſuch Complaint ſhall be made, ſhall, after Two Days Notice to attend as aforeſaid ſerved upon him, her, or them, refuſe or neglect to attend the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices at the Time or Place for which the ſame Perſon or Perſons ſhall in ſuch Warrant have Notice to attend, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter), forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

Names of Streets to be affixed up, and Houſes numbered.

XCVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Veſtrymen as aforeſaid ſhall and may cauſe to be painted, engraved, or deſcribed, in Stone or Wood or otherwiſe, and to be affixed in a conſpicuous Part of One or more Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, at or near each End, Corner, or Entrance, of each of the ſaid Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, the Name by which each reſpective Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Alley, Mews, Paſſage, and Place, is properly or uſually called or known; and may alſo cauſe every Houſe, Shop, or Warehouſe or other Premiſes, in each of the ſaid Streets and Places, to be marked and numbered, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall judge moſt proper for diſtinguiſhing the ſame; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully deſtroy, pull down, injure, obliterate, or deface, any ſuch Names, Deſcriptions, Marks, or Numbers, or any Parts or Part thereof, or cauſe or procure the ſame to be done, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor leſs than Five Shillings.

Penalty on defacing the Numbers, &c.

Penalty on Owners not reſtoring Numbers.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Number or Numbers painted or put on any Houſe or Tenement, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſhall be defaced or rubbed out, the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of any ſuch Houſe or Tenement, where the Number or Numbers ſhall have been ſo defaced or rubbed out, ſhall, upon perſonal Notice given to him, her, or them, or upon Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their, laſt or moſt uſual Place of Abode, by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall appoint, cauſe the ſame Number or Numbers to be in the ſame or like Manner painted or put on ſuch Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, or other Premiſes, within Five Days after ſuch Notice; and in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal to comply with ſuch Order, every ſuch Owner or Occupier ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Five Shillings.

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XCIX. And be it further enacted, That every Occupier of any Houſe or Tenement within the Limits aforeſaid, and in reſpect to Inmates every Houſe Owner, ſhall, Once in every Day, between the Hours of Eight and Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of each Day, ſcrape, ſweep, and cleanſe, the Footway all along the Front of their reſpective Houſes and Tenements, or cauſe the ſame to be ſcraped, ſwept, and cleanſed, and in Default thereof, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings, to be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon the Oaths of Two credible Witneſſes, which Oaths the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby required to adminiſter. Footways to be ſwept Once a Day.

C. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons whoſoever ſhall breed, feed, or keep, any Sort or Manner of Swine in any Yard or Garden belonging or adjoining to any Houſe, Building, or other Tenement, (ſave and except in any Yard belonging to any Farm Houſe), ſituated, lying, and being, in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Alley, Yard, Mews, Paſſage, or Place, where the Houſes are contiguous, within the ſaid Pariſh, or ſhall ſuffer any to ſtray or go about the ſame, upon Pain of forfeiting the ſame to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, for the Uſe of the Poor thereof; and it ſhall be lawful for all or any of the Veſtrymen, Conſtables, or Beadles, of the ſaid Pariſh, at all Times hereafter, in the Day Time, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, or of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, to ſearch in all ſuch Places as aforeſaid, for the finding all ſuch Swine, and all ſuch Swine that ſhall be ſo found to ſeize, take, drive, and carry away the ſame, and ſell for the beſt Price that can be had, and the Money thereby produced forthwith to deliver to the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor, and to be applied for the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*. No Swine to be bred, fed, or kept, near the Houſes, or ſuffered to go about the Streets. Search may be made for the ſame, and Sale made thereof.

CI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons, and to purchaſe any Number of Carts and Horſes, for the Purpoſe of cleanſing the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Alleys, Yards, Mewſes, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, and of carrying away the Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes, from any Houſe or Houſes, or other Premiſes within the ſame, or may contract with any Perſon or Perſons for cleanſing the ſame, and for carrying away the Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes, from any Houſe or Houſes, or other Premiſes within the ſame. Veſtrymen may direct the Streets to be cleanſed.

CII. And be it further enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons employed by, or contracting with the ſaid Veſtrymen for cleanſing the Squares, Streets, and other Places as aforeſaid, or thoſe employed under ſuch Contractor or Contractors, ſhall Twice in every Week, or oftener, bring or cauſe to be brought Carts or other proper Carriages into all the Squares, Streets, and other Places as aforeſaid, where ſuch Carts or Carriages can paſs, and at or before their Approach, by Sound of Bell, or with an audible and diſtinct Voice, give Notice to the Inhabitants of their coming, Duſtmen to ring a Bell.

coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Alley, or Place, into which the ſaid Carts or Carriages cannot paſs.

For preventing Aſhes being taken away by any Perſon but the Contractor for cleanſing.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, other than the Perſon or Perſons ſo employed by or contracting with the ſaid Veſtrymen for cleanſing the Squares, Streets, and Places, under their Direction, or thoſe employed under ſuch Contractor or Contractors, ſhall, on any Pretence whatever, go about to collect or gather, or ſhall aſk for, receive, or carry away, any Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes, from any Houſe or other Premiſes within the Limits aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them ſuch Offender or Offenders, at the Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant ſhall be ſpecified, or for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſee ſuch Offence committed to ſeize, and alſo for any other Perſon or Perſons to aſſiſt in ſeizing the Offender or Offenders, together with the Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made uſe of for carrying away the ſame, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey, him, her, or them, before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to examine, upon Oath the Perſon or Perſons apprehending ſuch Offender or Offenders, or any Witneſs or Witneſſes who ſhall appear to give Information touching ſuch Offence; and if the Party or Parties ſhall be convicted of going about to collect or gather, aſking for, receiving, or carrying away, any Duſt, Dirt, Cinders, or Aſhes, from any Houſe or other Premiſes within the Limits aforeſaid, not being the Perſon or Perſons ſo employed by or contracting with the ſaid Veſtrymen, or acting under his or their Authority, he, ſhe, or they, ſhall reſpectively, for the Firſt Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings, for the Second Offence the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for the Third and every ſubſequent Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings, and One Moiety of every ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, or to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety to the Purpoſes of this Act; and if ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not immediately, on Conviction, pay the ſaid Penalty or Penalties, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby required to direct ſuch Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements, which ſhall have been ſo ſeized, to be appraiſed and ſold, and after deducting out of the Monies to ariſe by ſuch Sale the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reaſonable Charges and Expences of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, the Overplus thereof ſhall be returned to the Party or Parties whoſe Horſes or other Things ſhall be appraiſed and ſold; and in caſe there ſhall have been no ſuch Seizure as aforeſaid, or if the Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, or other Things which ſhall be ſo appraiſed and ſold, ſhall not produce a ſufficient Sum of Money to pay the ſaid Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences, then, if ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not immediately upon Conviction, pay the ſaid Penalty or Penalties, or ſuch Part or Parts of the ſaid Penalty or Penalties, Charges, and Expences, which ſhall remain over and above the Produce of the Horſes, Aſſes, Cattle, and other Things ſo ſeized and ſold, then ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby required to commit ſuch Offender

Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, nor leſs than Ten Days, unleſs ſuch Penalty or Penalties be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Times of emptying Bog Houſes.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall begin to empty any Bog Houſe or Bog Houſes, or to take away any Night Soil from any Houſe or Houſes, within the Limits aforeſaid, before the Hour of Twelve of the Clock in the Night, or ſhall continue to take away the ſame after the Hour of Five of the Clock in the Morning, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady Day*, or after the Hour of Four of the Clock in the Morning from *Lady Day* to *Michaelmas*, or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall put or caſt, or cauſe to be put or caſt, out of any Cart, Carriage, Tub, or otherwiſe, in or near any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, or within Half a Mile thereof, any ſuch Night Soil, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be, upon Complaint to him or them made, to grant a Warrant to bring before him or them ſuch Offender or Offenders, at the Time and Place as ſhall be in ſuch Warrant ſpecified, or to and for any Conſtable, Beadle, or Watchman, (and they are hereby required and directed ſo to do), or any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to apprehend and carry him, her, or them, guilty of the ſaid Offences, to the Watch Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, and from thence, as ſoon as conveniently may be; and the Party or Parties accuſed being ſo brought before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witneſs or Witneſſes, who ſhall appear or be produced to give Information touching ſuch Offence, (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter); and if the Party or Parties accuſed ſhall be convicted of ſuch Offence, either by his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or upon Information as aforeſaid, he, ſhe, or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings; and in caſe ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall not, upon Conviction, pay ſuch Penalty or Penalties, then ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons, guilty of any of the ſaid Offences, to the Houſe of Correction for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, for any Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months, nor leſs than Fourteen Days, there to be kept to hard Labour, unleſs ſuch Penalty or Penalties be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Inſpectors of Weights and Meaſures to be appointed.

CV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required, at any Meeting on or before the Firſt Day of *April* in every ſucceeding Year, to make a Liſt in Writing of a ſufficient Number of Houſeholders reſiding within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, whom they the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall think fitly qualified for ſerving the Office of Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall direct and order their Clerk to iſſue Summonſes, in Writing under his Hand, or in Print, and ſigned by the ſaid Clerk, requiring ſuch Inhabitants, being Houſeholders, to be and appear before

the ſaid Veſtrymen at the Time and Place in ſuch Summons to be mentioned; and ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall and may nominate and appoint ſo many as they ſhall think proper, not exceeding the Number of Twenty, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*; and that the ſeveral Perſons ſo nominated and appointed ſhall be and be called *Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures*, within the ſaid Pariſh, and ſhall take an Oath to the Effect following; (which Oath the Chairman for the Time being, or any Juſtice or Juſtices for the ſaid County, then preſent, is and are hereby empowered to adminiſter):

Inſpector's Oath.

'I *A. B.* do ſwear, That during the Time of my Continuance in the Office whereunto I am now appointed, I will diligently, from Time to Time, inſpect the Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, in the ſeveral Houſes, Shops, Brewhouſes, and Warehouſes, in this Pariſh; and that I will not preſent any Perſon or Thing through Hatred or Malice, nor leave the ſame unpreſented, through Love, Favour, Affection, Reward, or Hope thereof.

'So help me GOD.'

Penalty on Perſons refuſing to ſerve as Inſpectors.

CVI. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any Perſon who ſhall be ſummoned as aforeſaid to take upon him the ſaid Office of an Inſpector of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear according to the Direction of ſuch Summons, or appearing ſhall refuſe to take upon him the ſaid Office, (being thereunto appointed), every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; which ſaid Sum ſhall be ſet upon him by the ſaid Veſtrymen by Way of Fine for ſuch his Contempt or Refuſal to take upon him the ſaid Office, and ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Inſpectors of Weights appointed by the Act of the Tenth to have the ſame Powers.

CVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to remove or diſmiſs from his Office any Inſpector of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, but every ſuch Inſpector ſhall continue in ſuch Office, and ſhall diſcharge the Duties thereof, and ſhall have as ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and ſhall have and enjoy the ſame Privileges and Immunities, and ſhall be liable to the ſame Pains and Penalties, until another Inſpector or other Inſpectors of Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, ſhall be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead or Place by virtue of this Act, as if ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors had been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Inſpectors to inſpect into Weights, &c.

CVIII. And, in order to enable the ſaid Inſpectors effectually to prevent the dealing by or with unlawful Balances, Weights, or Meaſures, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*; be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Inſpectors ſhall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, and ſtrictly required, Once in every Month at leaſt, at ſeaſonable Times in the Day Time, not being leſs than Four in Number, to enter into all and every Shop, Houſe, Brewhouſe, Warehouſe,

House, Inn, or Victualling House, within the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, or into any other House or Houses belonging to any Person or Persons that deal by Weight or Measure, as well of Milk as other Measures, and if the said Inspectors shall find any Balance, Weight, or Measure, to be defective, or any Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin, belonging to any Brewer or Brewers, which shall not contain and hold such Number of Gallons as the same should and ought to contain and hold, according to the Directions of an Act, (whilst the same shall be unrepealed and in force), made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled, *An Act concerning new-making of Barrels, Kilderkins, and other Vessels*, or any other Cask or Vessel importing to be a Moiety or any other certain Part of such Barrel, Kilderkin, or Firkin, which shall not contain and hold as many Gallons, Quarts, or Pints, as the same shall import to contain and hold, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Inspectors, and they are hereby directed and required to break and destroy the same, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof, or such Person or Persons in whose Custody or Possession the same shall be found, the Sum of Ten Shillings for the First Offence, the Sum of Twenty Shillings for the Second Offence, and the Sum of Forty Shillings for the Third and every other Offence; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen, and they are hereby required, within One Calendar Month next after such Person or Persons is, are, or shall be convicted of such Second and every subsequent Offence, to cause his, her, or their Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode, and Addition or Additions, together with the Nature of his, her, or their, Offence, to be inserted in any Newspaper printed and circulated in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Proprietor or Proprietors, Printer and Printers, or any other Person or Persons concerned therein, are hereby authorized and required to print the same within Three Days next after he, she, or they, is or are required so to do by or by Order of the said Vestrymen, and he, she, or they, is and are hereby indemnified from any Prosecution or Prosecutions for inserting or causing the same to be inserted in such Newspaper by and from any Person or Persons whomsoever; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Penalty on Persons using short Weights, *etc.*

Names, *etc.* of Persons guilty of subsequent Offence to be inserted in the Newspapers.

CIX. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person who shall be nominated and appointed, and shall serve the said Office of an Inspector within the said Parish, shall be again summoned or appointed to serve the said Office in less than Seven Years after the End of such former Service.

Inspectors not to serve Twice in Seven Years.

CX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person within the said Parish shall be liable to or compelled to serve the said Office of an Inspector who is of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Persons above Sixty not to serve.

CXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided and kept at the Court House in the said Parish, a common Balance, and common Weights and Measures, sealed according to the Standard of the Exchequer, not to be removed from the said Court House, and a Duplicate or Duplicates thereof, to be used by the said Inspectors,

Standards of Weights, *etc.* to be kept at the Court House, *etc.*

Inſpectors in the Execution of their Duty, which ſaid Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, ſhall be paid for out of any of the Monies in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being.

Veſtrymen may appoint Perſons to mark Weights, &c.;

CXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Meeting or Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, to appoint One or more Perſon or Perſons to attend at the ſaid Court Houſe to mark all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, according to the Directions of this Act, of what Nature or Kind ſoever, in Manner herein-after directed.

and remove them, and appoint others.

CXIII. Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted, That ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to remove ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, when and as often as they ſhall judge neceſſary; or if ſuch Officer or Officers ſhall die, or remove from the ſaid Pariſh, ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall and may appoint any other Perſon or Perſons in his or their Room or Stead, ſo being removed or dying as aforeſaid.

Weights, to be ſtamped.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Officer or Officers ſhall attend at the ſaid Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh every *Monday*, or oftener if needful, in each and every Week, to ſize, ſeal, mark, or ſtamp, all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, that may be brought by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, according to the Directions of this Act.

Balances, &c. already ſtamped, good.

CXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every Balance, Weight, or Meaſure, ſealed, marked, or ſtamped, according to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall be and be deemed to be as lawful as if they or any of them had been ſealed, marked, or ſtamped, according to the Directions of this Act.

Officers to mark Weights, &c.

CXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Officer or Officers ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid is and are hereby required, upon Application to him or them made, to ſize and ſeal, and alſo mark or ſtamp all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, which ſhall be brought to him for that Purpoſe, and which ſhall be agreeable to the Standard of the Exchequer aforeſaid; and the ſaid Officer or Officers ſhall demand and receive, for each Balance, Weight, and Meaſure, ſo by him or them ſealed and marked as aforeſaid, for his or their Pains and Trouble therein, the Fees following, and no more; (that is to ſay),

Fees for the ſame.

For every Buſhel, the Sum of Four-pence:
For every Half Buſhel, the Sum of Two-pence:
For every Peck, Half Peck, and Quarter Peck, the Sum of One Penny:
For every Sack, the Sum of Two-pence:
For every Ale, Beer, and Milk Meaſure, the Sum of One Farthing:
For every Hundred Weight, the Sum of Four-pence:
For every Half Hundred Weight, the Sum of Two-pence:
For every Weight from Half a Hundred to One Pound the Sum of One Halfpenny:
For every Weight under One Pound, and every Balance, the Sum of One Farthing:

And all Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, belonging to Perſons dealing by Weight or Meaſure, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, not marked or ſtamped in Manner before directed, ſhall be deemed unlawful; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Inſpectors, or any Four or more of them, and they are hereby authoriſed and required to deſtroy all ſuch unlawful Balances, Weights, and Meaſures, and to amerce the Owner or Owners thereof, or the Perſon in whoſe Cuſtody or Poſſeſſion the ſame ſhall be found, in ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think proper, not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor leſs than Five Shillings, for every Offence.

CXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to deem unlawful any Barrel, Kilderkin, Firkin, Caſk, or other Veſſel, belonging to any Brewer or Brewers, not marked or ſtamped as all other Meaſures are by this Act required and directed to be marked or ſtamped, but the ſame ſhall be and be deemed to be as lawful as if the ſame had been ſo marked or ſtamped.

CXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Inſpectors, at ſeaſonable Times in the Day Time, to enter into any Houſe, Shop, Stall, Bakehouſe, Warehouſe, or Outhouſe, or other Place, of or belonging to any Baker or Seller of Bread, within the ſaid Pariſh, and to ſearch, view, weigh, examine, and try, all or any Bread which ſhall be there found, and alſo to view, weigh, and try, all Bread made for Sale, which at any Time ſhall be offered or expoſed to or for Sale, or found in any one's Cuſtody for Sale, in anywiſe howſoever, within the ſaid Pariſh; and if any Loaf or Loaves of Bread of any Denomination ſhall, on any Search, View, Weighing, Trial, or Examination thereof by ſuch Inſpectors, be found to be deficient in the due Weight the ſame ought to be, or not to be marked according to the Rules, Clauſes, Directions, Proviſions, and Intent of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now is or are, or ſhall hereafter be made and in force, "for the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof," or to be deficient in the due baking or working thereof, or to be wanting in the Goodneſs of the Stuff whereof or wherewith any ſuch Loaf ſhall have been made, or to have been made with any Mixture of Meal or Flour of any other Sort of Grain than of the Grain the ſame ſhall import to be made with, or to be made with any larger or other Proportion of any other or different Sort or Sorts of Grain, or the Meal or Flour thereof, than what ought to be put therein, or to be made with any Mixture or Ingredient contrary to or not allowed by the Rules, Clauſes, Directions, Proviſions, and Intent of ſuch Act or Acts, or to be made with any Thing as for and in lieu of Flour, which ſhall not really be the genuine Flour the ſame ſhall import to be, or ought to be, or that any ſuch Bread ſhall be made with any Leaven not allowed by ſuch Act or Acts; then, and in every or any of the ſaid Caſes, ſuch Inſpectors are hereby empowered and required, by the Authority of this Act, to ſeize every ſuch Loaf, and to carry and convey, or cauſe to be carried and conveyed, the ſame before ſome Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; and every ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authoriſed and required to proceed to make Enquiries touching the Matters complained of, and ſhall acquit or convict the Party or Parties accuſed, according to the Directions of ſuch Act or Acts, and ſhall, upon

Inſpectors may weigh Bread.

upon Conviction, adjudge and order to be levied upon ſuch Offender or Offenders, for every ſuch Offence, ſuch Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by ſuch Ways and Means, and the ſame to be applied in ſuch Manner, as the ſame are or ſhall be, by ſuch Act or Acts, directed to be levied and applied.

Penalty on obſtructing Inſpectors.

CXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully obſtruct, hinder, reſiſt, or in anywiſe oppoſe ſuch Inſpectors in the Execution of any of the Powers granted to them by this Act, he, ſhe, or they, who ſhall, ſo offend, ſhall for every ſuch Offence on being thereof duly convicted on Oath before any One or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor leſs than Ten Shillings, as the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom any ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted ſhall from Time to Time adjudge.

Application of Money.

CXX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Officer or Officers ſo to be appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen, after all neceſſary Charges and Expences attending the ſizing, ſealing, marking, and ſtamping ſuch Balances, Weights, and Meaſures as aforeſaid ſhall have firſt been deducted, ſhall, and he or they is and are hereby required and directed half-yearly, within One Calendar Month next after the Expiration of every Half Year, to pay or cauſe to be paid to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being to the ſaid Veſtrymen, One Moiety of the clear Money ariſing from or on Account of ſuch ſizing, ſealing, marking, or ſtamping as aforeſaid, to be applied to and for the Purpoſe of carrying this Act into Execution.

Inſpectors may be fined.

CXXI. And, to the Intent that the good Purpoſes intended by this Act may not be defeated, be it further enacted, That if any Inſpector ſhall in any Manner neglect or refuſe to execute the Duty of his Office, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, upon Complaint to them made of any ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, to fine ſuch Inſpector, for every ſuch Offence or Neglect, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Time and Place of the firſt and ſubſequent Meetings of Veſtrymen;

who are annually to appoint Directors and Guardians.

CXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall meet in the Veſtry Room at the Court Houſe in the ſaid Pariſh, on ſome Day in the Month of *February* in every Year, or within Forty Days after, between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Three in the Afternoon, (publick Notice of ſuch Meeting or Meetings being given in and upon the Church of the ſaid Pariſh), and ſhall at ſuch Meeting or Meetings in every Year annually, nominate and appoint Thirty ſubſtantial and diſcreet Perſons, whom they the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall make Choice of, which ſaid Thirty ſubſtantial and diſcreet Perſons, nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be and be called Directors and Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Powers given and intruſted to them by this Act, until other Directors and Guardians ſhall in like Manner be appointed in their Room.

Churchwardens to be Directors and Guardians.

CXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, each and every of them, ſhall be, and they are hereby declared to be Directors and Guardians

dians of the Poor, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and ſhall have full Power and Authority, together with the ſeveral Directors and Guardians to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed as herein mentioned, to act as ſuch, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if they had been elected and choſen by the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act.

Directors and Guardians to divide themſelves into Six Committees;

and eſtabliſh Rule for Attendance.

CXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians of the Poor, or any Nine or more of them, at their Firſt Meeting after their Appointment in every Year, (which Meeting the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby directed and required to direct and appoint), divide themſelves into Six diſtinct Committees, each of the ſaid Committees to conſiſt of Five Directors and Guardians, and ſhall then fix and eſtabliſh an Annual Rule or Rotation for the Attendance of each of the ſaid Committees; and One of the ſaid Committees ſhall meet on a certain Day to be appointed by the ſaid Directors and Guardians in every Week, and ſhall attend Weekly on that Day for ſo long Time as ſhall by the ſaid Rule or Rotation be fixed and eſtabliſhed, and afterwards the next Committee on ſuch Rule or Rotation ſhall attend Weekly on that Day in like Manner, until ſuch Annual Rule or Rotation ſhall be perfect and complete; and ſuch Committee ſo appointed ſhall at ſuch their Meetings carry this Act into Execution.

No Orders of Committees valid unleſs Five Directors or Guardians are preſent.

CXXV. And be it further enacted, That no Buſineſs tranſacted by the ſaid Committees, nor any Orders made by them, ſhall be good, valid, or effectual, unleſs Five or more Directors or Guardians be preſent at ſuch Committee.

Guardians, &c. appointed by the former Acts to have the ſame Powers.

CXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to remove or diſmiſs from their reſpective Offices any Director or Guardian, or other Officer, nominated and appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor, (except as herein is excepted), but they and every One of them ſhall continue in their reſpective Offices, and ſhall diſcharge the Duties thereof, and ſhall have as full and ample Power and Authority to carry this Act into Execution, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, and ſhall have and enjoy the ſame Immunities and Privileges, and ſhall be liable to the ſame Pains and Penalties, until One other Director and Guardian, or Directors and Guardians, or One other Officer or Officers, ſhall be nominated and appointed in his or their Stead or Place, by virtue of this Act, as if he or they had been nominated and appointed in Manner and Form preſcribed by this Act; and all Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions, made and confirmed by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them, by the ſaid Directors and Guardians, ſhall be as good, valid, and effectual, until ſuch Annual Nomination and Appointment of other Directors and Guardians, as if ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions had been made by virtue of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Meetings of the Directors and Guardians appointed by the former Acts.

CXXVII. And whereas the Directors and Guardians of the Poor, nominated and appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, have in purſuance of that Act divided

ed themſelves into Six diſtinct Committees, each of the ſaid Committees conſiſting of Five Directors and Guardians, and have fixed and eſtabliſhed a Rule or Rotation for the Attendance of each of the ſaid Committees, and have appointed the *Friday* in each and every Week for the Meeting of One of the ſaid Committees: Provided therefore, and be it enacted That One of the ſaid Committees ſhall meet on the *Friday* in each and every Week, and ſhall attend Weekly on that Day, for ſo long Time as hath been by the ſaid Rule or Rotation fixed and eſtabliſhed, and afterwards the next Committee in ſuch Rule or Rotation ſhall attend on that Day in like Manner, until ſuch Annual Rule or Rotation ſhall be perfect and complete, and ſuch Committee ſhall at ſuch Meeting carry this Act into Execution.

All the Directors and Guardians may attend Weekly Committees.

CXXVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all or any of the ſaid Directors and Guardians may, if they think fit, attend any ſuch Weekly Meetings ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, and may act, proceed, and vote, at any ſuch Meeting, in ſuch Manner as if he or they were on the Committee then attending in Rotation.

Clerk to ſummon Weekly Committees.

CXXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Clerk to the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall, Two Days previous to every ſuch Weekly Meeting, give Notice in Writing, or printed, to every Director and Guardian, being a Member of ſuch Committee, whoſe Turn it ſhall or may be to attend according to the Rotation ſo fixed and eſtabliſhed, ſuch Notice expreſſing that ſuch Director and Guardian is upon ſuch Committee, and ſhall likewiſe at the ſame Time give Notice of ſuch Meeting of the Committee to each and every Director and Guardian of the Poor not being on ſuch Committee.

Directors and Guardians, before they act, to take the following Oath.

CXXX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians, before they take upon themſelves the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities given them by this Act, ſave and except the Power of adminiſtering to one another the Oath herein-after directed and preſcribed, ſhall ſeverally take the following Oath; (that is to ſay),

The Oath.

'I *A. B.* will, without Favour or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially, according to the beſt of my Skill and Knowledge, 'execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities, as a Director and Guardian of the Poor, appointed in purſuance 'of an Act of Parliament, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of 'King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for repealing ſeveral Acts 'made in the Eighth, Tenth, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth Years of the Reign 'of His preſent Majeſty, for regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and 'for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Pariſh of* Saint Mary-'le-Bone, *in the County of* Middleſex, *and for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof, and for divers other Purpoſes therein mentioned;' 'and for making more effectual Proviſion for thoſe Purpoſes.*

'So help me GOD.'

Which Oath the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Two or more of them, at their Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter.

CXXXI. And

CXXXI. And be it further enacted, That after ſuch Directors and Guardians ſhall be choſen as aforeſaid, the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall hold Four General Quarterly Meetings in every Year, on the Four ſeveral Days following; (*videlicet*), the Twenty-fifth of *March*, the Twenty-fourth of *June*, the Twenty-ninth of *September*, and the Twenty-fourth of *December*, in every Year, unleſs any of thoſe Days ſhall happen to be on a *Sunday*, in which Caſe the Meeting ſhall be held on the following Day, at which Quarterly Meetings the Accounts of the Treaſurers to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and all other Accounts relative to the Execution of this Act, ſhall be examined and adjuſted, and ſigned by the Chairman to the ſaid Quarterly Meeting. Times of holding Quarterly Meetings.

CXXXII. Provided always, That no Buſineſs tranſacted at the ſaid Quarterly Meeting, nor any Order made by them, ſhall be good, valid, or effectual, unleſs Nine Directors and Guardians ſhall be preſent at ſuch Meeting, and unleſs the ſame ſhall be confirmed at the next Quarterly or General Meeting. No Buſineſs valid unleſs Nine Directors, &c. be preſent at a Quarterly Meeting.

CXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe Nine Directors and Guardians ſhall not attend at any ſuch Quarterly Meeting, or in caſe Five Directors and Guardians ſhall not attend at any ſuch Weekly Committee, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Clerk to ſuch Directors and Guardians to adjourn ſuch Quarterly Meeting or Committee to any Day within Eight Days after ſuch Meeting was appointed to be held, and forthwith to give Notice of ſuch Adjournment to every Director and Guardian. In caſe of Non-attendance, Clerk may adjourn the Meeting.

CXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may, as often as Occaſion ſhall require, fill up by Ballot any Vacancies that may have happened in the Number of the ſaid Directors and Guardians either by Death, Removal, or Refuſal to act; but no ſuch Director and Guardian ſo to be elected to fill up any Vacancy ſhall continue a Director and Guardian for any longer Time than the Perſon in whoſe Place he ſhall or may be elected might or ought to have continued by virtue of this Act. How Vacancies by Death, &c. are to be filled up.

CXXXV. Provided always, That Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given of every ſuch Meeting to the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, ſpecifying therein the Cauſe of ſuch Meeting, and the Number of Vacancies to be filled up. Proviſo.

CXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Three or more Directors and Guardians ſhall on any Occaſion think it neceſſary or expedient to call or convene a General Meeting of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Three Directors and Guardians to order the Clerk to ſuch Directors and Guardians to ſummon ſuch General Meeting of the Directors and Guardians to meet at the Time the ſaid Three Directors and Guardians ſhall then require, by a Notice ſpecifying the particular Occaſion of ſuch Requiſition. Three Directors and Guardians may call a General Meeting.

CXXXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That at each and every of the Quarterly or General Meetings of the ſaid Directors Chairman to be appointed.

rectors and Guardians, and at each and every of the ſaid Weekly Meetings of the Committee, any One Director or Guardian preſent, who ſhall be then named by the Majority of the Directors and Guardians preſent at any ſuch Meeting, ſhall preſide at every ſuch Meeting, and take the Chair as Preſident or Chairman of ſuch Meeting, and in caſe of an Equality of Voices on any Tranſaction, including the Voice of the Chairman or Preſident, ſuch Chairman or Preſident ſhall have another or the Caſting Voice.

Directors may adminiſter an Oath;

CXXXVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, (Five or more of them being then preſent), at any of their General Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, or Weekly Committees, to be held in purſuance of this Act, to adminiſter an Oath to any Perſon or Perſons, for their more certain Information in any Matter or Buſineſs then depending; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, upon his, her, or their Examination upon Oath before the ſaid Directors and Guardians, wilfully and corruptly give falſe Evidence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof duly convicted, ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared to be, ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

and may appoint Officers;

CXXXIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, at any Quarterly or General Meeting, to appoint One or more Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, Governor or Governors, Steward or Stewards, Matron or Matrons, and ſuch other Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants, as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall think fit and convenient for the better Government and Regulation of the Poor maintained in ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes.

and appoint a Clergyman to inſtruct the Poor, &c.

CXL. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians at any Quarterly or General Meeting, ſhall and may, if they think the ſame fit and convenient, from Time to Time appoint ſome Clergyman of the Church of *England* to inſtruct ſuch Perſons as ſhall be maintained in ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and alſo to viſit the Sick, and perform other Duties of his Profeſſion in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes; and the ſaid Directors and Guardians at any Quarterly Meeting ſhall, and they are hereby empowered to make ſuch Allowance to ſuch Clergyman, and Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, Governor or Governors, Matron or Matrons, or other Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants, for their Pains and Trouble therein, as to them the ſaid Directors and Guardians at any ſuch Meeting ſhall ſeem reaſonable, and may from Time to Time, at any ſuch Meeting, diſplace or diſcharge him, her, or them, or any of them, from ſuch Duty, and ſhall and may pay ſuch Allowances out of the Monies to be raiſed by this Act.

Conveyances good.

CXLI. And be it further enacted, That all Grants, Conveyances, and Leaſes, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, made to and in the Name of the Veſtrymen, Commiſſioners, or Directors and Guar-

dians of the ſaid Pariſh, and their Succeſſors, acting by and under the Authority of any of the ſaid recited Acts, for any Term or Terms of Years, or for ever, ſhall be, and be deemed to be, as good and valid, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if the ſaid recited Acts had not been hereby repealed; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Workhouſe may be repaired.

CXLII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any General Meeting, to pull down, alter, and repair, or cauſe to be pulled down, altered, and repaired, any Part or Parts of the Workhouſe of the ſaid Pariſh, for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing, the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

Old Contracts made.

CXLIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Contracts or Contract, Agreements or Agreement, ſtill exiſting, and entered into and made by the Directors and Guardians, by virtue of any of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall be, and be deemed to be, good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, and the Obſervance and Performance thereof may be enforced and compelled by ſuch Ways and Means as the Obſervance and Performance of any Contract or Agreement made by the Directors and Guardians, by virtue of this Act, may be enforced and compelled.

Contracts may be entered into for Work to be performed.

CXLIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any of their Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract or agree with any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, for altering, repairing, finiſhing, or completing, the ſaid Workhouſe, and alſo to purchaſe or provide, either by Contract or otherwiſe, from Time to Time, ſuch Furniture, Goods, Chattels, Proviſions, Cloathing, Utenſils, and Materials, whatſoever, as ſhall be thought proper for the effectual ſetting to work, receiving, employing, maintaining, cloathing, and providing for, in every Reſpect, the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, of what Age, Sex, or Condition ſoever they be, and ſhall pay or order the Payment of the Monies due, or to become due, upon any ſuch Contracts, Agreements, or Purchaſes, to the Perſon or Perſons entitled to receive the ſame.

Fourteen Days Notice to be given of Directors Meetings for making Contracts.

CXLV. Provided always, That, previous to the Day appointed for the Meetings of the ſaid Directors and Guardians for the making of any Contracts Fourteen Days Notice of ſuch Meeting to make ſuch Contracts ſhall be given in ſome of the publick Newſpapers, expreſſing the Intentions of ſuch Contract, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe, to be offered and preſented to the ſaid Directors and Guardians at the Time and Place mentioned in ſuch Notice.

No Contract valid till confirmed at a ſubſequent Meeting.

CXLVI. Provided alſo, That no Contract or Agreement whatſoever made by the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall be good, valid, binding, or effectual, until the ſame ſhall be approved and confirmed at their next or ſubſequent Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, and ſigned by the Chairman preſiding at ſuch Meeting.

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All Contracts for Building, *etc.* to be confirmed by Veſtry.

CXLVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, before any Contract or Agreement made by the ſaid Directors and Guardians for erecting any new Building, or for the hiring or purchaſing any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for the borrowing of Money on Bond or Security, or for the ſelling or diſpoſing of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be valid and effectual, every ſuch Contract or Agreement reſpectively ſhall be laid before the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, at ſome publick Meeting, for their Approbation and Confirmation; and if ſuch Contract or Agreement ſhall, at ſuch Meeting, be approved and confirmed by a Majority of the Veſtrymen then preſent, (ſuch Majority being not leſs than Seven in Number), the ſame ſhall be certified by the Chairman of ſuch Veſtry, who ſhall ſign his Name to an Indorſement to be made on every ſuch Contract or Agreement, in the following Form; (*videlicet*),

Form of Indorſement.

'I Chairman of the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, held at the Court Houſe, on the Day of do hereby certify, that the within Contract [*or*, Agreement, *as the Caſe may be*] was approved and confirmed, according to the Direction of an Act, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*here ſet forth the Title of the Act*]. Witneſs my Hand,

And ſuch Certificate or Indorſement ſhall be entered in the ſame Form in the Book or Books containing the General Proceedings, Orders, and Regulations, of the ſaid Veſtry.

No Director to hold any Office, or enter into Contract.

CXLVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be capable of acting as a Director and Guardian of the Poor, in the Execution of this Act, during the Time he or they ſhall hold any Office, or enter into any Contract, or have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract relating to the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act.

All Contracts to be entered in Books.

CXLIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall cauſe all Contracts or Agreements, which ſhall in anywiſe relate to the carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act, and all Receipts and Payments, Debts and Credits, and any Matter or Thing relative thereto, to be fairly entered in a Book or Books to be provided for thoſe Purpoſes.

Orders to be entered in Books, and good Evidence.

CL. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtrymen, and Directors and Guardians, at their Meetings, ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, and ſigned by the Chairman or Preſident for the Time being, at their next Meeting; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, ſhall then be deemed and taken to be original Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, and ſuch Books ſhall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatſoever.

Furniture, Apparel, &c. provided for the

CLI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Property of all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths,

Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, had and to be had, bought, procured, and provided, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Directors and Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, and their Succeſſors, for the Purpoſes of this Act, who are hereby empowered to bring or cauſe to be brought any Action or Actions, or to prefer or order the preferring of any Bills of Indictment againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſteal, take, or carry away, any or any Part of ſuch Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, the Property of which ſaid Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloaths, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things, ſhall be laid in every ſuch Action and Indictment to be the Property of the Directors and Guardians of the Poor of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, in the County of *Middleſex*, and ſhall be brought or laid in the Name of the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen for the Time being, in Manner herein-before directed.

Poor veſted in Directors.

CLII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, and Sums, of Money whatſoever, now payable, or which ſhall hereafter become payable, for and to the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, not being directed or liable to be applied for the Support of any private or particular Poor or Charity, or by the Donation particularly appropriated, not being Sacramental Money, ſhall from Time to Time, from and after the Appointment of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to be applied in Aid of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor thereof.

Donations and other Monies to be paid to the Treaſurer.

CLIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any of their ſaid Weekly Meetings, to order the Name of every ſuch Donor, Benefactor, or charitable Perſon, together with the Sum by them given for and towards the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, to be written and painted, in legible Characters, in ſome conſpicuous Part of the Church of the ſaid Pariſh, and alſo in ſome publick or conſpicuous Part of ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall think fit, the Expence thereof to be defrayed out of the Monies to be raiſed by virtue of this Act.

Names of Benefactors to be put up in the Church, &c.

CLIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any of their Quarterly or General Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, to ſell, let, or diſpoſe, of the old Infirmary belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, (if they ſhall not think fit to apply the ſame to any of the Purpoſes of this Act), and alſo to ſell, let, or diſpoſe of, ſo much of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchaſed or hired, as ſhall not be neceſſary or uſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, to any Perſon or Perſons willing to purchaſe or take the ſame, for the beſt Price that can be got, and apply the Monies ariſing therefrom to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Directors may ſell or let the old Infirmary Houſe or Lands.

Directors and Guardians may make Bye Laws.

CLV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Directors and Guardians shall have, and they are hereby declared to have full Power and Authority, at any of their General Meetings, to make, from Time to Time, such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Constitutions, for the better governing, employing, and supporting, the said poor Persons in the said Parish, and for the carrying on any Trade that shall be set on Foot for the Employment of the said Poor, and for other the Ends and Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time afterwards to repeal, alter, or amend, such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Constitutions, as to them the said Directors and Guardians shall seem meet, so that such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Constitutions, are not repugnant to the Laws of the Land.

No Bye Laws to be valid till confirmed at next General Meeting.

CLVI. Provided always, That no such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Constitutions, shall be good, valid, or effectual, until confirmed by the next or subsequent General Meeting, at which General Meeting Nine or more Directors and Guardians shall be then present, and assenting thereto, and the Summonses for such Meeting for the Making or Confirmation of Bye Laws shall express that such Meeting is for that Purpose in particular.

Overseers of the Poor, Constables, &c. to aid, assist, and obey Directors.

CLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Overseers of the Poor, Constables, or other Parish Officers for the Time being, of the said Parish, except the Churchwardens and Sidesmen of the said Parish for the Time being, shall from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, aid and assist the said Directors and Guardians to the best of their Power, and shall at all Times obey their Warrants and Orders relative to the Execution of this Act; and in case any Overseer of the Poor, Constable, or other Officer, shall neglect or refuse to obey such Warrants or Orders, every such Overseer of the Poor, Constable, or other Officer, so neglecting or refusing, shall be summoned, by Writing under the Hands of any Three Directors and Guardians, to appear at the next Meeting of the said Directors and Guardians to be holden as aforesaid; and if such Overseer of the Poor, Constable, or other Officer so summoned, shall neglect or refuse to appear at such Meeting, or if appearing he or any of them shall not sufficiently excuse or justify him or themselves, but shall, in the Judgement of the major Part of the said Directors and Guardians present at such Meeting, be adjudged guilty of disobeying such Warrant or Warrants, Order or Orders, that then and in every such Case all and every Person and Persons so adjudged guilty as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*, and such Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers, and shall by him or them be carried to the Account of the Poor Rate of the said Parish, to be applied in Aid of the said Rate; but if any such Overseer of the Poor, Constable, or other Officer so offending, and convicted as aforesaid, shall think himself aggrieved, it shall and may be lawful for such respective Officer to appeal to the next Quarter or General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, against the Judgement of the said Meeting, and the Justices for the said County, at such Sessions assembled, shall and may hear and determine such Appeal, and may mitigate or set aside such

5 *l.* Penalty for Refusal or Neglect of Duty.

Overseers, &c. aggrieved, may appeal to the Sessions.

Penalties in ſuch Manner, and award ſuch reaſonable Coſts as they ſhall think proper; and the Judgement of ſuch Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions ſhall be final, and without any Appeal therefrom.

Perſons taking Apparel, &c. of the Poor into Pawn, to forfeit 5 *l.*

CLVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy, receive into Pawn, or ſecrete any of the Cloaths or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor who ſhall be received into and maintained in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes of the ſaid Pariſh, or 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, or ſhall buy or receive any of the Proviſions allotted to or provided for the Poor in the ſaid Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or ſhall be aiding or aſſiſting therein, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit, for every ſuch Offence, any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, upon Conviction, by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*, which Penalty ſhall be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, One Moiety of the ſaid Penalty to be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers aforeſaid, or One of them, for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found whereon to make ſuch Diſtreſs, or that the ſaid Penalty ſhall not be forthwith paid, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the Houſe of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Overſeers may take up wandering Poor not belonging to the Pariſh.

CLIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any of the Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, Beadles, and other Officers of the ſaid Pariſh, to take and carry any Perſon or Perſons whom they ſhall find wandering and begging, or committing other Acts of Vagrancy within the ſaid Pariſh, and not able to give a good Account of himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, to the ſaid Workhouſe, there to be kept to hard Labour for ſo long Time, not exceeding Fourteen Days, as any Five or more of the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall direct, or until he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law; and in caſe of Miſbehaviour, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Five or more of them, to cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be whipped (if a Male) during ſuch Fourteen Days, as often, not exceeding Three Times, as the ſaid Directors and Guardians ſhall think proper, and may then cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be paſſed as a Vagrant to his, her, or their legal Settlement or Settlements, if the ſame can be found.

Directors, *etc.* empowered to apprehend Vagrants,

CLX. And whereas divers Perſons belonging to, and who ought by the Laws now in force to be relieved by the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, are found wandering and begging in the ſaid Pariſh, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and miſbehaving themſelves, by expoſing in an indecent Manner their Perſons or Limbs: And whereas divers Perſons, by reaſon of their idle and diſorderly living, neglect or refuſe to maintain or threaten

threaten to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves; and if Power were given to apprehend such Persons, and send them to such Workhouse or Workhouses, there to be dealt with in Manner herein mentioned, it would tend to inure them to a Habit of Industry, and make them useful to the Publick: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Directors and Guardians shall and hereby have Power and Authority to receive, and to order and compel all and every Person found wandering and begging in the said Parish, or committing Acts of Vagrancy, and also all and every idle and disorderly Person neglecting or refusing to maintain, or threatening to desert their Families, not being able to maintain themselves, and who shall belong to, or ought by any Law now in force to be relieved and provided for by the said Parish, to come into, work, dwell, and inhabit the said Workhouse or Workhouses, and to detain, keep, maintain, and employ, all such respective poor Persons therein, so long as it shall not appear to the said Directors and Guardians, on the Part of any such poor Persons, that any of them respectively are of Ability, or can otherwise be sufficiently maintained and provided for without the Aid and Provision of the Directors and Guardians; and shall have Power and Authority to employ, set, and compel, all such Poor who shall be received, or come into, dwell, and be in the said Workhouse or Workhouses, during such their Abode and Residence there, and whilst maintained by the said Directors and Guardians, to do, execute, and perform, such Work, Labour, Business, and Employ, as the said Directors and Guardians, at any of their said Weekly Meetings, shall think and judge such respective Poor are and shall be able and fit to do and perform, for the Use of the said Parish, and to detain and keep all such Persons found wandering and begging in the said Parish, and committing Acts of Vagrancy, and also all such idle and disorderly Persons who shall have so deserted, threatened to leave, neglected or refused to maintain his or their Families, and to set each of them to work in such Workhouse, during such Time and until every such Person, by his or her Work or Labour there, shall have got and raised so much Money above their Maintenance as shall be sufficient to repay and reimburse to the said Directors and Guardians the Charges and Expences they shall have sustained in the maintaining and providing for every such Person, and his or her Family; and in case such Person shall not, by his or her Work and Labour, have gained so much Money as shall be sufficient to reimburse the said Directors and Guardians the Charges and Expences of having maintained him or her, or any of his or her Family as aforesaid, and shall neglect or refuse to apply himself or herself to such reasonable Work or Labour as shall be given to him or her by the Governor or Master of such Workhouse, under the Directions aforesaid, then the said Directors and Guardians, at any of their Weekly Meetings, shall have Power to detain and keep such Person within such Workhouse or Workhouses to hard Labour for the Space of Thirty Days, and there to cause him or her to be whipped during such Thirty Days, as often, not exceeding Three Times, as the said Directors and Guardians at any of the said Weekly Meetings shall think fit.

and all disorderly Persons neglecting to maintain their Families,

and to employ such Persons in useful Labour.

Further Powers respecting disorderly Persons.

How long Children may be kept in the Workhouse.

CLXI. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and Guardians, and they are hereby empowered to keep, maintain, provide for, employ, and detain,

in ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, all ſuch Children as ſhall be admitted into ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, and ſuch poor Children ſhall continue in ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, under the Management of ſuch Directors and Guardians, until every ſuch Male Child ſhall be of the Age of Seventeen Years, and every ſuch Female Child of the Age of Fifteen Years, provided ſuch Children ſhall not be bound Apprentices in Manner herein-after mentioned; and that when they have reſpectively attained the Ages before mentioned, they be diſcharged from ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, thoſe only excepted who from Sickneſs, Lameneſs, or other Infirmities, are incapable of providing for themſelves.

Children may be ſent to Service;

CLXII. Provided always, That if ſuch Male Children, when they have attained the Age of Fifteen Years, or ſuch Female Children, when they have attained the Age of Fourteen Years, ſhall be hired as Yearly Servants for the Space of One Year, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Directors and Guardians are hereby empowered to diſcharge every ſuch Child that ſhall have reſpectively attained the Ages of Fifteen and Fourteen Years.

or may be bound to be Apprentices.

CLXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Five or more of them, at any of their Weekly Committees, by Indenture ſigned by them, by and with the Conſent of any Two Juſtices of the Peace in and for the County of *Middleſex*, at any Time before ſuch Children ſhall arrive at ſuch reſpective Ages as aforeſaid, to bind any of ſuch Children to be Apprentices where they ſhall ſee convenient, until ſuch Child, being a Male, ſhall arrive at the Age of Twenty-one Years, or until the Age of Eighteen Years or the Day of Marriage of ſuch Child being a Female, or to bind any of ſuch Male Children to be Apprentices in the Sea Service, in like Manner as Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, with the Aſſent of the Juſtices of the Peace, are by the Laws in being now empowered to do; and the Perſon or Perſons to whom any ſuch Child ſhall be bound Apprentice ſhall be obliged to receive and provide for ſuch Apprentice in like Manner as by the Laws in being Perſons are obliged to provide for Apprentices in the like Circumſtances; and no Apprentice ſo bound as aforeſaid ſhall, except with the Conſent of the ſaid Directors and Guardians preſent at any of their Weekly Committees, be aſſigned or turned over to any other Perſon; and that the Perſon or Perſons to whom any ſuch Apprentice ſhall be ſo aſſigned or turned over ſhall be obliged to receive and provide for him or her in the ſame Manner, and under the ſame Penalties and Forfeitures, as the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Apprentice was firſt bound as aforeſaid was or were obliged to receive or provide for him or her.

No Apprentice to be turned over without Conſent of Directors.

How Perſons guilty of embezzling any Goods may be puniſhed.

CLXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any of the poor Perſons in any Workhouſe or Workhouſes, or other Houſes made uſe of for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be found guilty of ſtealing, embezzling, taking, or carrying away, or cauſing to be ſtolen, embezzled, taken, or carried away, any or any Part of the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Cloathing, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things, the Property of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, in the Judgement of the ſaid Directors and Guardians, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any of their Meet-

ings to be held in pursuance of this Act, (if they shall think the same most fit and expedient), to order such moderate Correction or Confinement to any such Offender or Offenders, in any Workhouse or Workhouses, or other Houses made use of for the Purposes of this Act, instead of any Action or Indictment, as they shall think proper; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Servants purloining Money, Materials, *etc.*

CLXV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Governor or Steward, or other Officer or Matron, acting by and under the Authority of the said Directors and Guardians, shall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully misapply, any of the Monies, Materials, or Implements of Work, Provisions, Utensils, Goods, or Chattels, the Property of which are by this Act vested in the said Directors and Guardians, every such Offender shall not only be discharged from his or her Office, but shall also forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, or Treble the Value of such Money, Materials, Implements of Work, Provision, Utensils, Goods, and Chattels, which shall be so purloined, embezzled, or misapplied, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Middlesex*; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One Justice of the Peace for the said County to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space not exceeding Three Calendar Months, nor less than One Calendar Month.

Directors may provide a convenient Stock of Materials for employing the Poor.

CLXVI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Directors and Guardians, or any Five or more of them, shall and may, and are hereby authorized and empowered to keep, maintain, and employ, and to cause to be kept, maintained, and employed in any Works, Trades, Manufactures, and Employments whatsoever, all and every the Poor maintained in any Workhouse or Workhouses, or any other Houses or Tenements made use of for the Purposes of this Act, and shall and may provide a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials for the Employment of the Poor received into such House or Houses, and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and occupy, any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever, in such House or Houses, and may sell, vend, and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, as shall be manufactured or made by such Poor in such Workhouse or Workhouses; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

How the Profit of their Labour is to be applied.

CLXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Monies arising from any Work or Labour done by the Poor in any Workhouse or Workhouses, or other Houses made use of for the Purposes of this Act, shall go in Aid of the Poor's Rate, and other Monies raised for carrying into Execution this and the said recited Acts.

Punishment for cursing, swearing, disobeying of Orders, *etc.*

CLXVIII. And whereas many Persons maintained in publick Workhouses refuse to work, or are guilty of profane cursing, swearing, and abusive Language, of committing Waste of Provisions, or other Materials or Things, of disobeying wholesome Orders and Regulations,

and other Miſdemeanors and Miſbehaviour, and by the Laws now in being no Puniſhment can be inflicted upon them without committing them to the Houſe of Correction or County Gaol, which Commitments have been found not to anſwer the Purpoſes thereby intended; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any poor Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be maintained in any Workhouſe or Workhouſes or other Houſes for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be guilty of profane curſing, ſwearing, or abuſive Language, or committing Waſte of Proviſions, or any other Materials or Things, of diſobeying any Orders or Regulations made by the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or the reaſonable Commands of any Perſon or Perſons by the ſaid Directors and Guardians put in Authority over them, or any other Miſdemeanors or Miſbehaviour, that then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending to be puniſhed in ſuch Workhouſe, Workhouſes, or other Houſes, either by moderate Correction, Confinement, by ſetting them to hard Labour, or diſtinguiſhing them in Dreſs, Diet, or ſuch other Method as may beſt tend to remedy ſuch Offences in future, without committing ſuch Offender to the Houſe of Correction; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Encouragement may be given to induſtrious and ſkilful Poor.

CLXIX. And, to the End that all the poor People in the ſaid Houſe may be encouraged to apply themſelves to ſuch Taſks in which they ſhall be employed with Diligence and Humility; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That out of the Profits ariſing from the Work which ſhall be done by ſuch poor Perſons in the Workhouſe or Workhouſes, ſuch Rewards ſhall be diſtributed to the induſtrious and ſkilful, in Proportion to the Quantity and Perfection of their Work, as to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, at any of their ſaid Weekly Committees, ſhall appear reaſonable, ſo as no Part of the Money paid in ſuch Gratuities ſhall be expended in the Purchaſe of unwholeſome or unneceſſary Liquors, the drinking of which ſuch Governor or Governors, Steward or Stewards, and Matron or Matrons, are hereby ſtrictly enjoined to prohibit and prevent.

Directors and Guardians to appoint an Officer to relieve caſual Poor.

CLXX. And whereas it may happen that by Caſualties or ſudden Illneſs many poor Perſons within the ſaid Pariſh may ſtand in Need of immediate Relief, before Application can be made for the ſame at the Weekly Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, at any General Meeting to be held for that Purpoſe, on ſpecial Notice given Ten Days at leaſt before ſuch Meeting, ſpecifying the Cauſe thereof, to nominate and appoint, under their Hands and Seals, One or more fit Perſon or Perſons for the Purpoſe of relieving ſuch caſual Poor, and he or they ſhall thereupon be authorized (in ſuch Manner, for ſo long Time, and by ſuch Ways and Means, as the ſaid Directors and Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, at any General Meeting, ſhall from Time to Time direct and appoint) to pay or cauſe to be paid, upon Application made to him or them, or upon his or their own Knowledge of the Fact and Neceſſity of the Caſe, unto every ſuch poor Perſon, any reaſonable Sum or Sums of Money, for his, her, or

their

their Support, until the next Weekly Committee of the Directors and Guardians shall be held in pursuance of this Act; and such Person or Persons who shall have given such Relief shall, at the next Weekly Meeting as aforesaid, lay before such Meeting the State and Circumstances of the Person or Persons so relieved, and also an Account in Writing of the Sum or Sums of Money that shall have been so expended, and the said Committee shall and may then give such further Directions for the Maintenance and Relief of every such poor Person as to them shall seem expedient; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Officer to account for Money expended, *etc.* at Weekly Meetings.

Notice to be given of the Appointment of such Officer to Churchwardens, *etc.* with Orders to them not to relieve casual Poor.

CLXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and Guardians, upon any Appointment of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, to notify the same in Writing to the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, and Overseers, of the Poor of the said Parish, and to direct and order them and each of them to forbear giving any Relief to any poor Person, by or under any Authority derived from their and each of their Office or Offices respectively, (except by any legal Order from any of His Majesty's Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the said County); and if after such Notice given, they or any of them shall, by any Account delivered into the Vestry of the said Parish, or to the said Directors and Guardians, or otherwise, make any Charge or Demand on the said Parish for Money expended in the Relief of poor Persons, (except by any legal Order from any of His Majesty's Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the said County), it shall and may be lawful for the said Vestry, and also for the said Directors and Guardians, to reject and refuse to pay every such Charge and Demand as illegal and of no Effect; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Money expended after such Orders not to be repaid.

Directors, *etc.* may grant Certificates to Persons willing to remove.

CLXXII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Nine or more of the said Directors and Guardians, at any of their General Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, to grant Certificates under their Hands to any Person whose legal Settlement shall be in the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, and who shall be willing to remove, or shall have removed out of the said Parish; and which Certificates, under the Hands of Nine of the said Directors and Guardians, and attested by their Clerk for the Time being, and signed by Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, as Certificates are now by Law directed to be, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes; and no other Certificate whatsoever to be granted within the said Parish shall be valid or of any Effect; any Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

How Justices are to proceed on Complaint of Directors and Guardians.

CLXXIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are empowered by the Laws now in being to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish or Parishes, or of any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any of the said Directors and Guardians, or of such Person or Persons as shall have been duly appointed by any Writing under the Hands and Seals of Five or more of the said Directors and Guardians for that Purpose, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes,

as if ſuch Complaint had been made by ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any of them.

CLXXIV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Juſtice of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Middleſex* ſhall and may do any Act or Deed relative to the Office of a Juſtice of the Peace, notwithſtanding he ſhall or may at the ſame Time be a Director and Guardian of the Poor for the Time being, for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall and may act in the Execution of this Act at any Place within the ſaid Pariſh, or elſewhere, notwithſtanding he ſhall be an Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh, or pay the Rates thereof; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding. Juſtices may act, notwithſtanding their being Directors.

CLXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Forfeitures and Penalties, or Moieties of Forfeitures and Penalties, which by the Laws now in being or hereafter to be made ought to be applied to the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers to the ſaid Directors and Guardians for the Time being, and applied to the Purpoſes of this Act; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding. Forfeitures and Penalties to be paid to the Treaſurers.

CLXXVI. And be it further enacted, That at all Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, the Directors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting ſhall pay and defray their own Expences. Directors, &c. to bear their own Expences.

CLXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Meeting or Meetings to be held on the *Tueſday* in *Eaſter* Week, or within Forty Days after Notice of ſuch intended Meeting or Meetings, and of the Purpoſe or Purpoſes thereof, being firſt given in the Pariſh Church of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, on the *Sunday* immediately preceding ſuch Meeting reſpectively, immediately after Morning Service, (which Notice the Clerk of the ſaid Pariſh is hereby required to read or give), and alſo by Writing to be affixed on the Door of the ſaid Church, to aſcertain the Monies to be aſſeſſed for the better Maintenance of the Poor, and for repairing the Highways and Cauſeways, and for paying the Beadles and Watchmen within the ſaid Pariſh, and the other Charges and Expences incurred by this Act, and for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, within the ſaid Limits, and all the other Charges and Expences incurred by this Act. Time of making Rates.

CLXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Aſſeſſment ordered and directed to be levied, aſſeſſed, and collected, by and under the Authority of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall and may be levied, aſſeſſed, and collected, by ſuch Ways and Means, and under ſuch Reſtrictions and Regulations, as any of the Rates and Aſſeſſments are directed in and by this Act to be levied, aſſeſſed, and collected, until new Rates are made, levied, and aſſeſſed, by virtue of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding. Old Rates to be deemed good, &c.

CLXXIX. And be it further enacted, That when and as ſoon as conveniently may be in each and every Year after the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall have aſcertained ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think Rates to be aſſeſſed.

think ſufficient for the current Year, to anſwer all the Ends and Purpoſes of the ſeveral Statutes for the Relief of the Poor, for repairing the Highways and Cauſeways, for paying the Watchmen and Beadles, and other Expences incurred by this Act, within the ſaid Pariſh, and for paving, and alſo for repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the ſeveral Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, and other Expences incurred by this Act, within the Limits aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required to make Five diſtinct and equal Pound Rates or Aſſeſſments Once in every Year, or oftener if neceſſary; (that is to ſay), One Rate or Aſſeſſment for the Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and for the other Expences included in the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment; and One other Rate or Aſſeſſment for repairing the Highways and Cauſeways within the ſaid Pariſh, which Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Four-pence in the Pound; One other Rate or Aſſeſſment for paying the Wages and Allowances to the Watchmen and Beadles within the ſaid Pariſh, and other Expences incurred by this Act, and included in the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment, which ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound; One other Rate or Aſſeſſment for new paving the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, and included in the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment, ſo as no ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall in any One Year exceed the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound; and One other Rate or Aſſeſſment for repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, or Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, ſo as no ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall in any One Year exceed the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound; upon all and every Perſon or Perſons who do or ſhall inhabit, hold, uſe, occupy, poſſeſs, or enjoy, any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stables, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or other Hereditament, within the ſaid Pariſh or Limits aforeſaid, according to the Yearly Rent or Value thereof; and all the Rates to be made and aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act ſhall be entered in One Book or Books to be provided for that Purpoſe, in which Book or Books there ſhall be ſeparate Columns, One Column for the Arrears ſtanding out the preceding Year, One other Column for the Names of the ſeveral Perſons to be charged in the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and other Columns diſtinguiſhing the Title of each of the ſaid ſeparate Rates or Aſſeſſments over againſt the Name of every Perſon ſo to be charged, One other Column to contain the whole Money charged and aſſeſſed upon ſuch Perſons reſpectively for all the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and One Column for the Arrears ſtanding out and unpaid at the End of the Year, in order to be carried on to the next ſucceeding Account; and all ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall commence on the Firſt Day of *January* in each and every Year.

Poor Rate.

Highway Rate.

Watch Rate.

Paving Rate.

Repairing and Cleanſing Rate.

Inhabitants not living in Streets, not to pay to the paving, lighting, or Watch.

CLXXX. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to charge the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, dwelling and reſiding in the Out Parts thereof, and not in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Paſſage, or Place, paved, repaired, cleanſed, lighted, or watched, by virtue of this Act, or Landholders for their Lands, with the Payment of the Rates or Aſſeſſments for paying the Wages of the Watchmen and Beadles, and for paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting the

paved Streets and other Paſſages within the ſaid Pariſh; nor ſhall any Perſon or Perſons paying the Rates or Aſſeſſments for watching, paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, within the Limits aforeſaid, be charged with or aſſeſſed to the ſaid Rate for repairing the Highways and Cauſeways within the ſaid Pariſh.

How Houſes in *Cavendiſh Square* to be rated.

CLXXXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at a Meeting or Meetings to be held on *Eaſter Tueſday*, or within Forty Days after Notice of all ſuch Meetings reſpectively, and the Purpoſe thereof, being given in the Pariſh Church as aforeſaid, to rate or aſſeſs the Inhabitants of the Houſes within a certain Square called *Cavendiſh Square*, within the Limits aforeſaid, at an additional Rate or Aſſeſſment, ſo as in any One Year ſuch additional Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not exceed the Sum of Two-pence in the Pound, for adorning and beautifying the ſaid Square.

What ſhall be deemed a Houſe in the Square.

CLXXXII. And be it further enacted, That every Houſe, the Front or Side of which ſhall face or form a Part of the Line of the ſaid Square, though another Part of ſuch Houſe may front or face a Street, ſhall nevertheleſs be deemed and taken to be wholly ſituated in the ſaid Square for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Rate for watering Streets.

CLXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any Meeting, Notice of ſuch Meeting, and the Purpoſe thereof, being firſt given in the Pariſh Church as aforeſaid, on the *Sunday* immediately preceding ſuch Meeting, to rate or aſſeſs the Inhabitants of the Houſes within any Square, Street, Lane, Court, or other Place, within the Limits aforeſaid, at an additional Rate or Aſſeſſment, ſo as in any One Year ſuch additional Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not exceed the Sum of Two-pence in the Pound, for erecting and repairing Pumps, ſinking Wells, and watering ſuch Square, Street, Lane, Court, or other Place.

Inhabitants to conſent to watering Streets, &c.

CLXXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to empower the ſaid Veſtrymen to rate or aſſeſs the Inhabitants of Houſes within any Square, Street, Lane, Court, or other Place, within the Limits aforeſaid, with any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment for erecting and repairing Pumps, ſinking Wells, and watering, ſave and except the Majority of the Inhabitants of Houſes, (ſuch Majority not being leſs than Three Fourths of ſuch Inhabitants), within ſuch Square, Street, Lane, Court, or other Place, ſhall have ſignified and expreſſed their Wiſh and Conſent, in Writing, to the ſame being watered for the current Year, and ſhall have ſigned their Names to ſuch Writing, and ſhall have delivered, or cauſed the ſame to be delivered to ſuch Veſtrymen.

Rates to be allowed by Two Juſtices.

CLXXXV. And be it further enacted, That all the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments (being firſt allowed and confirmed by Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, and Notice thereof being given in the Pariſh Church on the *Sunday* next after the ſame ſhall have been ſo allowed), and all Arrears due upon the ſame, ſhall and may be collected Quarterly, or otherwiſe, by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen to receive and collect the ſame.

CLXXXVI. And

Rates to be collected before Quarter Day.

CLXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That, in order to avoid the Loſs that frequently happens by Tenants or Occupiers of Houſes or Tenements quitting and removing from ſuch Houſes or Tenements before the Quarter Day on which the Rates and Aſſeſſments charged by virtue of this Act on the ſaid Houſes or Tenements become due and payable, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors to the ſaid Veſtrymen to demand and receive, Sixty Days before every ſuch Quarter Day, or at any other ſubſequent Time, the reſpective Rates and Aſſeſſments which would be due and payable on ſuch Quarter Day, and in caſe of Non-payment thereof to enforce the Payment of ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments, in the ſame Manner and with the ſame Powers, in caſe of Non-payment of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments, upon the Quarter Day on which the ſame became due and payable.

Undertenants, &c. liable to the Rates.

CLXXXVII. And whereas there are many Houſes, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, within the Limits aforeſaid, which are taken on Leaſes for Years or otherwiſe, and by the Leſſees or Tenants, and alſo by Landlords or Owners thereof, are let out in Parts or ſeparate Apartments to Undertenants, and other Houſes and Premiſes are let ready furniſhed; be it therefore enacted, That the ſeveral Leſſors, Leſſees, Landlords, Owners, or Proprietors, of all ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo let, or which ſhall hereafter be ſo let out in Parts or ſeparate Apartments, or ready furniſhed, ſhall reſpectively be deemed and taken as the Occupier thereof, and ſhall be liable and ſubject to the Payment of the Rates or Aſſeſſments directed by this Act to be made, raiſed, levied, and recovered, according to ſuch Proportion of the Yearly Rent or Value of ſuch Premiſes as aforeſaid.

For reimburſing the Tenant.

CLXXXVIII. And, for the more eaſy Recovery of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments reſpectively, be it further enacted, That each and every Perſon ſo renting or occupying any ſuch Part or ſeparate Apartment as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable and compellable to the Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due thereon, to be recovered in Manner herein-after directed; and the reſpective Occupiers who ſhall pay ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, or any Arrears due thereon, or from whom the ſame ſhall be recovered in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may deduct the ſame from and out of the next Rent, or any other Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to ſuch reſpective Leſſor or Landlord, Owner or Proprietor, and the Receipt for ſuch Payment ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge for all and every ſuch Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, to his, her, or their Landlord, for ſo much Money as he, ſhe or they ſhall pay, or ſhall be levied and recovered on the Goods and Chattels of him, her, or them reſpectively, by virtue of this Act.

No Tenant to gain a Settlement.

CLXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no ſuch Tenant or Occupier of any Part, Parcel, or ſeparate Apartment of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, by Payment of any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, in Manner aforeſaid, ſhall or be deemed to acquire any Settlement in the ſaid Pariſh; but that the Leſſor, Landlord, or Owner, ſhall be deemed and conſtrued, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to have paid the ſame; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

CXC. And

CXC. And be it further enacted, That every Rate or Aſſeſſment which ſhall be made, laid, or aſſeſſed, by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Wharf, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament whatſoever, which any Ambaſſador, Envoy, Reſident, Agent, or other Publick Miniſter of any Foreign Prince or State, or the Servant of any ſuch Ambaſſador, Envoy, Reſident, Agent, or other Publick Miniſter, or any other Perſon not liable by Law to pay ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, now doth, or hereafter ſhall inhabit, ſhall be paid by and recoverable from the Landlord, Owner, Leſſor, or Proprietor, of every ſuch Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Wharf, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament reſpectively, who ſhall be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof, and the ſame ſhall be recovered and applied as the other Rates hereby made payable are to be recovered and applied.

Rates of Houſes let to Ambaſſadors to be paid by the Landlords.

CXCI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon ſhall remove out of or from, or quit the Poſſeſſion of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, within the Limits of this Act, before the Rate or Aſſeſſment charged thereon by virtue of this Act ſhall be paid, or if any Perſon ſhall enter into the Occupation of any Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Perſon ſhall have ſo removed, before Payment of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, or which, at the Time of rating or aſſeſſing the ſame as aforeſaid, ſhall be empty or unoccupied, then the Perſon ſo removing out of or from, or quitting the Poſſeſſion, and the Perſon entering into the Occupation of any ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, ſhall be reſpectively liable to the Payment of the Rate or Aſſeſſment, in Proportion to the Time ſuch Perſons poſſeſſed or occupied the ſame reſpectively, in like Manner as if the Perſon ſo removing or quitting as aforeſaid had remained in the Poſſeſſion and Occupation of ſuch Houſe, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Perſon ſo entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or aſſeſſed, which Proportion (in caſe of Diſpute) ſhall be aſcertained by any Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe may be.

Perſons quitting Houſes or Premiſes before Payment of the Rates, and Perſons entering in ſuch Houſes or Premiſes, to be ſubject to the Payment thereof for the Times of their occupying the ſame.

CXCII. And it is hereby further enacted, That where any of the Lands, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall, at the Time of making any of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments for the paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, within the Limits aforeſaid, be empty, untenanted, or unoccupied, then, and in every ſuch Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen to rate and aſſeſs ſuch Premiſes reſpectively at One Half of ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, during the Time only that ſuch Premiſes ſhall be empty, untenanted, or unoccupied; and alſo in caſe any ſuch Premiſes, after the making of ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall become empty, untenanted, or unoccupied, One Half only of ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall be charged on ſuch Premiſes reſpectively for and during ſo long a Time as the ſame ſhall continue empty, untenanted, and unoccupied; and then and in any of the ſaid Caſes the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due thereon, ſhall be paid by the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, or by the Firſt or any other Tenant or Occupier thereof; and in which laſt Caſe ſuch

How empty Houſes, &c. are to be rated.

ſuch Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, ſhall and may, and is and are hereby authorized to deduct and detain the ſame out of his, her, or their Rent or Rents reſpectively, and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of ſuch Premiſes is and are hereby required to allow ſuch Deduction and Payment, upon Receipt of the Reſidue of his, her, or their reſpective Rents, and the ſaid Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, ſhall be, and is and are hereby acquitted and diſcharged of and from ſo much of his, her, or their Rent, as the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due thereon, and ſo paid by him, her, or them, ſhall amount unto.

Publick Buildings and dead Walls to be rated.

CXCIII. And foraſmuch as it is reaſonable that all publick Buildings, and all dead Walls and void Spaces of Ground, ſhould be rated and aſſeſſed in a due Proportion towards the paving, repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, within the Limits aforeſaid; it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at their Diſcretion, and they are hereby required from Time to Time to rate and aſſeſs, towards the ſaid Purpoſes of this Act, all Pariſh Churches, parochial and other Chapels, Meeting Houſes, Schools, Markets, Warehouſes, and all other publick Buildings, whatſoever, (charged or not charged to the Land Tax), ſituate, ſtanding, and being, in any Square, Street, or Place, within the Limits aforeſaid, which now is or are, or hereafter may be built or in building, at a Rate not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, according to the clear Yearly Income ariſing from ſuch Pariſh Church, parochial and other Chapels, Meeting Houſes, Schools, Markets, Warehouſes, and other publick Buildings reſpectively; and where there is not any ſuch clear Yearly Income, or the ſame cannot be fully aſcertained, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes the ſame ſhall be charged and aſſeſſed at a Rate not exceeding Sixpence *per* Square Yard in any One Year of the Pavement paved or repaired under the Direction of the ſaid Veſtrymen, and ſituate, lying, and being in any ſuch Square, Street, or Place, and belonging to ſuch Pariſh Church, parochial or other Chapel, Meeting Houſe, School, Warehouſe, or other publick Building; and the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſhall alſo, at their Diſcretion, yearly, or oftener if needful, aſſeſs all Church Yards, dead Walls, and void Spaces of Ground, towards the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and which are not charged in reſpect of any Dwelling Houſe or other Building, by the Pound Rate or otherwiſe, by virtue of this Act, ſo that in the Whole ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Four-pence for every Square Yard of Pavement paved or repaired under the Direction of the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſituate as aforeſaid, or belonging to, or lying before ſuch Church Yards, dead Walls, or void Spaces of Ground; and the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made and paid for ſuch Pariſh Church, Church Yards, and parochial Chapels, ſhall be paid by the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens reſpectively out of any of the Monies payable to and received by the ſaid Churchwardens or Chapelwardens reſpectively, either for Seats in the ſaid Church or Chapels, or for Burial Fees; and the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made and paid for any other Chapel, Meeting Houſe, School, Market, Warehouſe, or other publick Building, dead Wall, or void Space of Ground, ſhall be paid by the reſpective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, and ſhall be charged and chargeable on the ſaid Premiſes, and

By whom ſaid Rates to be paid.

be recovered and applied in ſuch Manner as other Rates and Aſſeſſments are directed to be recovered and applied by this Act.

CXCIV. And whereas there are ſeveral Houſes and other Buildings, within the Limits aforeſaid, frequently begun to be built, but are not finiſhed nor let; and foraſmuch as it is reaſonable that ſuch Houſes and Buildings ſhould be rated and aſſeſſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; be it therefore enacted, That until ſuch Houſes or other Buildings, which now are or hereafter may be built, or in building, ſhall be finiſhed and tenanted, (if the Street, Square, Lane, or other Place wherein ſuch Houſe or other Building ſhall be ſituate, ſhall be paved, repaired, cleanſed, and lighted, by virtue and in purſuance of this Act), it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Veſtrymen, and they are hereby required and directed, when and as ſoon as conveniently may be, to rate and aſſeſs according to their Diſcretion, all ſuch Houſes and other Buildings which ſhall be ſituate within the Limits aforeſaid, and which are or ſhall be erected and covered in, at a Rate not exceeding Four-pence for every Square Yard of Ground paved or to be paved by virtue of this Act, and belonging to the Fronts or Sides of ſuch Houſes or other Buildings, and for all Houſes and other Buildings which are or ſhall be erected and not covered in, at a Rate not exceeding Two-pence for every Square Yard of Ground paved or to be paved by virtue of this Act, and belonging to the Fronts or Sides of ſuch Houſes or other Buildings, until the ſame ſhall be covered in as aforeſaid, and then at a Rate not exceeding Four-pence for every Square Yard until the ſame ſhall be let or occupied; which Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be paid by and recoverable from the Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, Owner or Owners, of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings reſpectively, and ſhall be charged and chargeable on the ſaid Premiſes; and if the ſaid Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame upon Demand, then and in every ſuch Caſe ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and all Arrears due thereon, ſhall and may be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons ſo required to pay the ſame, in Manner herein-after directed; and in caſe the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, ſhall not be known, or cannot be found, or ſhall be under Commiſſion of Bankruptcy, then the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, made thereon, ſhall be and remain charged and chargeable on the ſaid Premiſes, until the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, can be found, or until Aſſignees, in caſe of Bankruptcy, are appointed, when the ſame, and all Arrears due thereon, ſhall be levied on the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſee or Leſſees, or upon the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts in the Poſſeſſion or Cuſtody of ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſignees, who is and are hereby made liable to pay the ſame out of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, or upon the ſaid Premiſes, in like Manner as other Rates made by virtue of this Act are made recoverable.

Unfiniſhed Houſes, &c. to pay to the Rates.

How and by whom payable.

CXCV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as the Goods, Chattels, and Effects, of any Perſon or Perſons liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment by virtue of this Act, ſhall be taken in Execution, within the Limits aforeſaid, by any Sheriff or other Officer, before ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall have been paid, then the ſaid

Rates to be paid, where Goods are taken in Execution.

ſaid Sheriff or other Officer, upon Demand made by the Collector or Collectors for the Time being to the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſhall, and he is hereby directed and required, in the Firſt Place, to pay to ſuch Collector or Collectors ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſo made as aforeſaid, and which ſhall not have been paid by ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and all Arrears due thereon: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, ſo as to charge ſuch Sheriff or other Officer with the Payment of more than One Year's Rate, or of a larger Sum of Money than the Value of the Goods, Chattels, and Effects, ſo taken in Execution.

On Refuſal to pay Rate, how to be recovered.

CXCVI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers, or any Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Leſſor or Leſſors, Leſſee or Leſſees, of any Land, Ground, Houſe, Shop, Warehouſe, Coach Houſe, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, within the Limits aforeſaid, and herein made liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment made, laid, and aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the Money rated and aſſeſſed upon him, her, or them reſpectively, and all Arrears due thereon, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors appointed by the ſaid Veſtrymen to collect and levy ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe ſhall be, and all Arrears due upon the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party ſo neglecting or refuſing, which ſhall be found either in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, or in any other County, City, or Liberty, (ſuch Warrant being firſt backed or counterſigned by ſome Magiſtrate for the County, City, or Liberty, where the Diſtreſs is to be made, which Warrant ſuch Magiſtrate is hereby required to back or counterſign without Fee or Reward); and if, within Five Days next after ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be made, the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due thereon, ſhall not be paid, together with the reaſonable Charges of taking and keeping the ſame, the ſaid Collector or Collectors ſhall cauſe the ſaid Goods to be appraiſed and ſold, or ſuch Part thereof as ſhall be ſufficient to pay the ſaid Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reaſonable Charges of making ſuch Diſtreſs, and of keeping and ſelling the ſame, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner and Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels reſpectively.

Collectors not to keep above 100 *l.* in their Hands.

CXCVII. And be it further enacted, That if the Collector or Collectors of ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, ſhall at any Time keep and retain in his or their Hands more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds for any longer Space of Time than Two Days, provided that the Treaſurer or Treaſurers to ſuch Veſtrymen ſhall within that Time be ready to receive the ſame, he or they ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Day that he or they ſhall retain any Sum exceeding the ſaid Sum of One hundred Pounds beyond the ſaid Two Days.

Application of Monies.

CXCVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, when ſo received by the ſaid Veſtrymen at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, or by their Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, ſhall be iſſued and applied by ſuch

Veſtrymen for the Payment of the Principal and Intereſt of any Sum or Sums of Money lent and advanced, or to be lent and advanced, and for the other Purpoſes of this Act.

Money may be borrowed on the Credit of Rates.

CXCIX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, when they ſhall judge it neceſſary for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, to borrow and take up at Intereſt, (according to the Regulations and Reſtrictions herein-after mentioned), ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as any Perſon or Perſons is or are willing to lend and advance upon the Credit of any of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and by any Writing or Writings upon Vellum or Parchment, ſigned by the ſaid Veſtrymen, to aſſign ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment upon the Credit of which any Money ſhall be advanced and lent, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance and lend ſuch Money thereon, as a Security or Securities for the ſeveral Sums ſo borrowed, with Intereſt for the ſame; which Intereſt ſhall be payable and paid Half-yearly by the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, out of the Monies to ariſe by or from ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment.

Monies to be applied to the Purpoſes for which borrowed.

CC. And be it further enacted, That all and every Sum or Sums of Money lent or advanced upon the Credit of any of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, ſhall be applied in Aid of that Rate or Aſſeſſment upon the Credit of which the ſame ſhall have been ſo lent and advanced, and for no other Purpoſe or Purpoſes whatſoever.

To pay off the Principal Sum borrowed on the Credit of the Five hundred Pounds, paid by the Truſtees of the Turnpikes.

CCI. And whereas certain Sums of Money have been lent and advanced on the Credit of the ſaid Sum of Five hundred Pounds, paid annually by the Truſtees acting under the ſaid Acts made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, and in the Eighth and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, and in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for repairing the Road from *Saint Giles's Pound* to *Kilbourne Bridge*: And whereas no Proviſions have been made, or Fund eſtabliſhed, for the Diſcharge of the Principal Monies lent and advanced thereon: Provided therefore and be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, from Time to Time, to pay off and diſcharge the Principal Monies advanced and lent thereon, out of the Monies raiſed or to be raiſed by the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment for paving the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, in like Manner as if ſuch Principal Monies had been lent and advanced on the Credit of the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment; and at any Time or Times to re-borrow and take up at Intereſt the Principal Sum or Sums of Money ſo paid off and diſcharged; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Money may be borrowed on the Poor Rate, not exceeding 15,000*l*.

CCII. And whereas it may happen hereafter, that by Reaſon of the further Increaſe of the poor, old, impotent, and other Perſons, whom it will be neceſſary to receive into ſuch Workhouſe or Workhouſes, it may become neceſſary to add more Buildings or Erections for the Purpoſes of this Act, or to make ſome conſiderable Alterations and Repairs, the Expence whereof may be too great to be defrayed out of the ſaid Annual Rate for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be

be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, at any of their Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in caſe of ſuch Neceſſity, to borrow and take up at Intereſt ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo wanted, on the Credit of the ſaid Rate, in like Manner as is herein directed: Provided always, that the whole Sum ſo borrowed on the Credit of ſuch Rate ſhall not at any Time exceed the Sum of Fifteen thouſand Pounds.

Veſtrymen to borrow Money for large Repair under paving Act.

CCIII. And whereas, by a long and conſtant Wear of the Pavement within the Limits aforeſaid, the Expence of repairing the ſame may be too large to be defrayed out of the ſaid Annual Rate for repairing, cleanſing, and lighting; be it therefore further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, in Caſes of ſuch Neceſſity only, to borrow on the Credit of the ſaid Rate for new paving the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mewſes, Alleys, Paſſages, and Places, within the Limits aforeſaid, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Ten thouſand Pounds in any One Year.

Securities to be entered in Books.

CCIV. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be for that Purpoſe provided and kept by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen, all Securities for Monies borrowed by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, and all Aſſignments or Transfers thereof, expreſſing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Deſcriptions, of all ſuch Perſons as ſhall from Time to Time be entitled to ſuch Securities, and the Sums received upon ſuch Securities; to which Book or Books the Perſons entitled thereto, and all and every Perſon or Perſons liable to the Payment of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments, ſhall at all ſeaſonable Times have Acceſs, with free Liberty to inſpect the ſame, without Fee or Reward.

Money borrowed by the Directors and Guardians of the Poor.

CCV. And whereas certain Sums of Money, amounting to the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds, have been raiſed and borrowed by the Directors and Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, by virtue of the ſaid recited Act made in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, upon the Credit of the Monies raiſed by the Rate or Aſſeſſment for the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to pay off and diſcharge therefrom a Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in any One Year, out of the Monies to be raiſed by virtue of this Act for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor.

Old Securities, and Bonds, &c. good.

CCVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That all Bonds, Aſſignments, Securities, Grants, Conveyances, and Leaſes, made or granted by any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, or any others whomſoever, to the Veſtrymen, Commiſſioners, Directors and Guardians of the Poor, or any other Officer or Officers acting by or under the Authority of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall be as good, valid, binding, and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, according to the Tenor thereof, as if the ſame had been made or granted by, or made or granted to the Veſtrymen acting by and under the Authority of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

CCVII. And, in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Perſons who have advanced and lent, or who may advance and lend Money upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments made by virtue of the ſaid Acts or this Act; be it further enacted, That the ſaid Veſtrymen, if more Creditors than One, ſhall cauſe the Numbers of all the Bonds, Aſſignments, or Securities granted, and then in force, for ſecuring the Principal Monies lent and advanced upon the Credit of any particular Rate or Aſſeſſment, of which Part ſhall be then intended to be paid off, to be written upon diſtinct Pieces of Paper, of an equal Size, and all ſuch Papers ſhall be rolled up in the ſame Manner, as near as may be, and put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the ſaid Bonds, Aſſignments, or Securities, ſhall be drawn ſeparately out of the ſaid Box or Wheel, by the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen; and after any ſuch Ballot the ſaid Veſtrymen ſhall cauſe Notice, ſigned by their Clerk, to be given to or left at the uſual Place of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be entitled to the Money to be paid off purſuant to ſuch Ballot; and where there is only One Creditor, to give Six Calendar Months Notice to ſuch Creditor of the ſaid Veſtrymen's Intention to pay him or her as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Notice ſhall expreſs the Sum to be paid off, together with the Intereſt due thereon, and that the ſame ſhall be paid at a Place mentioned in ſuch Notice, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving or leaving the ſame as aforeſaid; and the Intereſt of the Principal Money ſo to be paid off ſhall, from and after the End of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, ceaſe, and be no longer paid or payable, unleſs ſuch Money ſhall be demanded purſuant to ſuch Notice, and not paid; but the Principal Money, in reſpect whereof ſuch Notice ſhall be given, and alſo the Intereſt thereof, to the End of the ſaid Six Calendar Months, ſhall nevertheleſs be payable on Demand.

Creditors to be paid by Ballot.

Notice to be given to the Perſons whoſe Bonds are to be paid off.

Principal not demanded, Intereſt to ceaſe.

CCVIII. And be it further enacted, That in order to diſcharge the ſaid Principal Money and Intereſt, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, Yearly and every Year, to deduct, appropriate, and ſet apart, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny in the Pound of the Total Amount of the Yearly Rent or Value of all and every the Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, reſpectively, within the Limits aforeſaid; and the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be ſet apart and appropriated ſhall be from Time to Time taken and deducted from and out of the Rate and Aſſeſſment levied and collected for the Purpoſe of repairing, cleanſing, and lighting, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Paſſages and Places, within the Limits aforeſaid: Provided always, that ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be deducted, ſet apart, and appropriated as aforeſaid, ſhall not at any Time exceed the Proportion of One Penny Halfpenny in the Pound, according to the Yearly Rent or Value of ſuch Lands, Grounds, Houſes, Shops, Warehouſes, Coach Houſes, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, on which ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall have been actually levied and collected, and ſhall only be ſo deducted, ſet apart, and appropriated, at ſuch Time or Times as the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not exceed the full Sum of One Shilling in the Pound in any One Year.

A certain Proportion of the Rates to be applied in Diſcharge of the Money borrowed.

CCIX. And

Surplus of Paving Rate to be applied in Diſcharge of the Money borrowed.

CCIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Veſtrymen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, when and as often as the Surplus of the ſaid Paving Rate (if any) ſhall, together with the Produce of One Penny Halfpenny in the Pound ſo to be ſet apart and appropriated, amount to the Sum of Five hundred Pounds or upwards, to pay off and diſcharge the Money borrowed and to be borrowed on the Credit of the ſaid Paving Rate, in ſuch Manner as is herein directed, and a ſeparate Account ſhall be kept of the Sums of Money paid off and diſcharged by the Surplus of the ſaid Paving Rate diſtinct from thoſe which ſhall be paid off and diſcharged by the Sum ſo appropriated as aforeſaid by virtue of this Act.

Power to borrow Money at lower Intereſt to diſcharge Securities at a higher.

CCX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Veſtrymen can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Intereſt than the Bonds, Aſſignments, or Securities, which ſhall be then in force ſhall bear, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Veſtrymen from Time to Time to charge the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, in Manner aforeſaid, with ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall think proper, and the Intereſt thereof, at ſuch low Rate as aforeſaid, and to pay off and diſcharge the Bonds, Aſſignments, or Securities, bearing a higher Rate of Intereſt, according to the Directions and Regulations herein preſcribed for paying off Bonds, Aſſignments, or Securities.

CCXI. And be it further enacted, That the Securities for the Monies to be raiſed for the Purpoſes of this Act ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of Security.

'WE the Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Saint Mary-le-Bone* in the County 'of *Middleſex*, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the 'Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, 'intituled, [*Here ſet forth the Title of the Act*], in Conſideration of the 'Sum of paid to us 'by *A. B.* before the Delivery of theſe Preſents, do aſſign unto the ſaid '*A. B.*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, the Rate or Aſſeſſ-'ment made and to be made [*Here ſet forth the Rate on the Credit of 'which the Money has been lent*] of the ſaid Pariſh, to hold unto the 'ſaid *A. B.*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, until the ſaid 'Sum of together with 'the Intereſt at the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, (ſuch 'Intereſt to commence or be calculated from the of '), ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied. In Witneſs whereof 'we have hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals, the Day of 'in the Year of our Lord

And every ſuch Security ſhall be good, valid, and effectual, and ſhall entitle the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be made, his, her, or their, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profit and Advantage thereto, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, provided the ſame be not for a greater or leſs Sum than One hundred Pounds.

Security may be transferred.

CCXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons entitled to any of the ſaid Securities at any

any Time to assign and transfer the same, and their respective Interests to the Principal Money and Interest, to any Person or Persons, by Indorsement upon such Security, in the Words or to the Effect following:

Transfer.

'I *A. B.* do transfer the within Security, and the Principal Money and Interest thereby secured, unto
'Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my Hand and
'Seal, the Day of in the Year of our
'Lord

Clerk's Fee.

And every such Transfer shall be good, valid, and effectual, and a Copy of every such Transfer shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Vestrymen, and for the Entry of such Transfer such Clerk shall be paid the Sum of One Shilling, and no more; and every such Transfer so entered shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, and their, Executors and Administrators, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

Entries of Proceedings under former Acts good Evidence.

CCXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books, in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings of any of the Vestrymen, Commissioners, Directors and Guardians of the Poor, or other Officer acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Acts, such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to the Directions of, and made Evidence by the said recited Acts, shall be, and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Inhabitants deemed competent Witnesses.

CCXIV. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitants of the said Parish shall, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning any Matter or Thing touching or concerning the said Parish of *Saint Mary-le-Bone*, be, and be deemed a competent Witness, notwithstanding his or her paying the Rates of the said Parish; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Fines and Penalties, how to be levied and recovered.

CCXV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, by this Act inflicted, or authorized to be imposed, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein otherwise particularly directed), shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any One or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, or City and Liberty of *Westminster*, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Information of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice or Justices of the Peace is and are hereby empowered and required to administer, without Fee or Reward, and the Informer is hereby rendered a credible Witness), be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant; and the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus, if any be, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold, (the Costs, Charges, and Expences, of making such Distress, and the keeping and

felling thereof, being first deducted), shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Vestrymen, and applied towards the Purposes of this Act; but nevertheless it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, to order their Treasurer for the Time being, to pay such Part of the said Penalties to the Informer as they shall judge reasonable, not exceeding One Moiety thereof; and in every such Case where Distress is directed to be taken by this Act, and sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County of *Middlesex*, or City and Liberty of *Westminster*, where such Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month for the First Offence, and for the Second and every other Offence of the same Kind, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, nor less than Two Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reasonable Charges and Expences attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

CCXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Justice of Justices of the Peace, before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or any other Form of Words to the same Effect; (that is to say),

Form of Conviction.

'to wit. } 'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of the Reign 'of His Majesty King *A. B.* is con- 'victed before of His 'Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the of 'by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in 'the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King 'George the Third, intituled, [*Here set forth the Title of the 'Act, and specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when 'and where the same was committed*]. Given under our Hands 'and Seals, [*or*, or my Hand and Seal], the Day and Year 'aforesaid.'

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form;

CCXVII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any such Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Default or Want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the Special Damage in lieu of any Action on the Case.

nor Party be deemed a Trespasser *ab initio*, for subsequent Irregularity.

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CCXVIII. Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall recover in any Action, or for any ſuch Irregularity, Treſpaſs, or other Proceedings, if Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who ſhall have committed or cauſed to be committed every or any ſuch Irregularity, Treſpaſs, or wrongful Proceeding, before ſuch Action brought; and in caſe no ſuch Tender ſhall have been made, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action, by Leave of the Court where ſuch Action ſhall depend, at any Time before iſſue joined, to pay into the Court ſuch Sum of Money as he or they ſhall ſee fit, whereupon ſuch Proceedings, or Order and Judgement, ſhall be had, made, or given, in and by ſuch Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court. Plaintiff not to recover if Tender of Amends hath been made.

CCXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall apply for Relief to the Veſtrymen for putting this Act in Execution, at any Meeting to be held within One Calendar Month next after Demand made of ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or next after any ſuch Matter or Thing done and committed by or by Order of the ſaid Veſtrymen; and the ſaid Veſtrymen are hereby authorized and empowered (if they ſhall think ſuch Perſon or Perſons aggrieved) to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to them ſhall ſeem neceſſary; and if ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not be ſatisfied with the Determination of ſuch Veſtrymen, he, ſhe, or they, ſhall be obliged to pay ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and to comply with ſuch Order of the ſaid Veſtrymen; and then he, ſhe, or they, may appeal to the Quarter or General Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the ſaid County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, as the Caſe ſhall be, within Three Months next after ſuch Determination of the ſaid Veſtrymen, ſuch Appellant firſt giving or cauſing to be given Twenty-one Days Notice at the leaſt, in Writing, of his, her, or their, Intention to bring ſuch Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk to ſuch Veſtrymen, and within Two Days next after ſuch Notice, entering into Recognizance before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace for ſuch County, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, with Two ſufficient Sureties, conditioned to try ſuch Appeal, and to abide the Order of, and to pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter or General Seſſions; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch Quarter or General Seſſions, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice being given as aforeſaid, and of the entering into ſuch Recognizance, ſhall hear and determine the Cauſes and Matters of ſuch Appeal in a ſummary Way, and award ſuch Coſts to the Parties appealing, or appealed againſt, as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper; and the Determination of ſuch Juſtices at their Quarter or General Seſſions, ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive. Perſons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter or General Seſſions. Notice of Appeal to be given.

CCXX. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, nor any Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or tranſacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, ſhall be vacated or Proceedings not to be quaſhed for Want of Form;

nor removeable by *Certiorari*.

quaſhed for Want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari*, or by any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Limitation of Actions.

CCXXI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, until Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall be thereof given, in Writing, to the Clerk to the ſaid Veſtrymen; or after ſufficient Satisfaction, or Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, for which ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, ſhall be ſo brought; and all ſuch Actions or Suits ſhall be laid and tried in the County of *Middleſex*, or City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* reſpectively, and not in any other County, City, or Place; and that the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Actions, Suit and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which ſhall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for or on which ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, ſhall be brought, was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the ſaid Matter or Thing ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or if it ſhall appear that ſuch Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforeſaid, or that ſufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforeſaid; or if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpoſe limited; or ſhall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforeſaid; then the Jury or Juries ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict ſhall be found for ſuch Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, ſhall become nonſuited, or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, or if upon a Demurrer or Demurrers in ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Judgement ſhall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then, and in either of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſuch Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for recovering the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Coſts, in other Caſes by Law.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

How the Expences of this Act ſhall be paid.

CCXXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences, of paſſing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, ſhall be borne, paid, and defrayed, out of the Monies ariſing by virtue of this Act.

Publick Act.

CCXXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be allowed and adjudged in all Courts whatſoever as a Publick Act; and all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, are hereby required to take Notice thereof as ſuch, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

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