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vantage of themſelves and the Inhabitants of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, whereby the ſaid Poor, inſtead of being wholly ſupported by the Publick, would contribute to the Support, Aſſiſtance, and Relief, mutually of each other, and be of ſome Advantage to the Community to which they have hitherto been only a heavy and grievous Burthen: But as ſuch ſalutary Purpoſes cannot be effectually carried into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That ſo much of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, which is in the Cloſe of *Lincoln* aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed to be within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, and incorporated therewith for the Purpoſes of this Act only; and that from and after the Second Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City of *Lincoln* for the Time being, and all and every Perſon and Perſons inhabiting in any of the ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes within the ſaid City and County thereof, and alſo of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Margaret*, (which is hereby declared to be deemed to be within the ſaid City for the Purpoſes of this Act as aforeſaid), rated and aſſeſſed in any Degree to the Relief of the Poor thereto reſpectively belonging, and who ſhall be in the actual Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment, or Receipt, of the Rents and Profits of Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Tythes, either in Fee or for Life, or for a Term of Ten Years, of the clear yearly Value of Fifteen Pounds or upwards; and alſo all and every Perſon and Perſons inhabiting in any of the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes, and being rated and aſſeſſed to the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, for or in reſpect of their holding or occupying any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſituate, or any Tythes ariſing and increaſing within any of ſuch Pariſhes reſpectively, of the yearly Rack Rent of Ten Pounds or upwards, or being poſſeſſed of a Perſonal Eſtate in Money or Goods of the Value of Three hundred Pounds or upwards, ſhall be, and are hereby delared to be incorporated by the Name of, and ſhall be called *The Guardians of the Poor within the City of Lincoln and Liberties thereof*, and ſhall for ever thereafter be, and be deemed and taken to be One Body Politick and Corporate in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes; and ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion, and a Common Seal, and ſhall be enabled to ſue and plead, and to be ſued and be impleaded by that Name in all Courts and Places whatſoever, and by that Name ſhall and may, without Licence in Mortmain, purchaſe, take, or receive, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and take and receive the Gift, Alienation, or Deviſe, of any Perſon or Perſons for any Eſtate or Intereſt whatſoever, and all Perſons whomſoever are hereby enabled to convey and deviſe the ſame, and to give and bequeath any Goods, Money, or Chattels whatſoever, for the Uſe and Benefit of the Corporation aforeſaid, and by that Name the ſaid Corporation may and are hereby empowered to convey, aſſign, releaſe, transfer, let, ſet, demiſe, or diſpoſe of any ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Money, Goods, or Chattels, or any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Money, Goods, or Chattels, which they may hereafter purchaſe, or become ſeiſed or poſſeſſed of for the Purpoſes of this Act, as there ſhall be Occaſion, ſubject to the Proviſions and Regulations herein-after contained.

Saint Margaret deemed within the City of *Lincoln*.

Guardians incorporated;

their Title;

their Powers.

II. And

First Meeting.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Perſons ſo qualified to be Guardians of the Poor as aforeſaid, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby required to hold their Firſt Meeting at the Guildhall of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, on the Second Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, and proceed to put this Act into Execution, and ſhall and may then, and from Time to Time afterwards, adjourn themſelves to meet at the ſame or any other Place within the ſaid City as the Guardians at any Time aſſembled ſhall think moſt proper.

For appointing Directors.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall, at the ſaid Firſt Meeting to be held after the paſſing of this Act, appoint a Meeting on ſome Day not exceeding Thirty Days, nor leſs than Twenty-one Days, from ſuch Firſt Meeting, for each of the reſpective Pariſhes, to return to them the Names of the Perſons whom they ſhall reſpectively elect to be Directors in the Manner hereinafter mentioned, and they ſhall cauſe Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt of the Time, Place, and Purpoſe of ſuch Meeting, to be given in Writing, to the Overſeers of the Poor and Churchwardens of each of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, who ſhall and they are hereby required to ſummon the Pariſhioners of their reſpective Pariſhes, (qualified by Law to vote in Veſtry) to meet in the Veſtry Room of and belonging to each of the ſaid Pariſh Churches, or in the uſual Place for holding ſuch Meetings, on ſome Day not exceeding Twelve Days, nor leſs than Six Days, from the Receipt of ſuch Notice, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon, and the Perſons then and there attending (being qualified as aforeſaid), ſhall proceed by Ballot to the Election of ſome One Perſon to be a Director for ſuch Pariſh for One Year from the Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, and the Name of the Perſon ſo elected ſhall be returned by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any One of them, to the Guardians aſſembled at the ſaid Meeting to be held for that Purpoſe: Provided always, that no Perſon, except One of the ſaid Guardians, ſhall be capable of being elected Director as aforeſaid, nor ſhall any ſuch Ballot be held, or ſuch Election be kept open, for a longer Term than Two Hours from the Commencement thereof.

Corporation Directors.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians ſhall alſo cauſe the like Notice of their ſaid Meeting, for receiving the Names of the Directors, to be given to the Mayor of the ſaid City of *Lincoln* for the Time being, who ſhall forthwith call a Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, to be held at the Guildhall thereof, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, on ſome Day not exceeding Twelve Days, nor leſs than Six Days, from the Time of calling the ſame; and the Mayor and Aldermen aſſembled at ſuch Meeting ſhall elect Three of the ſaid Aldermen to be Directors for One Year from the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and ſhall return the Names of the ſaid Three Aldermen ſo elected to the ſaid Guardians, at their ſaid Meeting to be held for that Purpoſe; and that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being ſhall, at leaſt One Calendar Month before the Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* in every Year, call a like Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, to be held at the Guildhall thereof, between the

Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, on ſome convenient Day previous to the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* in every Year, not exceeding Twelve Days, nor leſs than Six Days from the Time of calling the ſame; and the Mayor and Aldermen aſſembled at ſuch Meeting ſhall in like Manner elect Three of the ſaid Aldermen to be Directors for the Year enſuing, from the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and ſhall return the Names of the ſaid Three Aldermen ſo elected to the ſaid Directors, at One of their Weekly Meetings to be held on or before the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, which Rule ſhall be invariably obſerved and put in Execution in every Year, ſo that there may always be Three of the ſaid Aldermen Directors, which ſaid Aldermen, and the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Perſons who ſhall have been elected by the ſaid Pariſhes as aforeſaid, together with the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall be and be called *The Directors of the Poor within the City of* Lincoln *and Liberties thereof.*

For chuſing new Directors.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Pariſh Directors ſhall, at ſome One of their Meetings, at leaſt One Calendar Month before the Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſelect by Ballot One Third Part in Number, or as near thereto as may be, of the ſaid Pariſh Directors, to be diſcontinued as Directors from the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and ſhall forthwith cauſe Notice of the Names of the Perſons ſo ballotted out to be given (in Manner herein-before directed for the Notice to be given by the Guardians) to the reſpective Pariſhes, by which the ſaid Directors ſo ballotted out ſhall have been reſpectively appointed; and each of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes ſhall immediately proceed in Manner herein-before directed, to elect the ſame or ſome other Perſon to be a Director in the Room of the Director ſo ballotted out as aforeſaid, and ſhall, within Fourteen Days after ſuch Notice given as aforeſaid, return to the Clerk of the ſaid Corporation, to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, the Name of the Perſon ſo elected Director for the ſaid reſpective Pariſh, and on the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, the ſaid Directors ſo ballotted out as aforeſaid ſhall be diſcharged from the Direction, and ſuch new-elected Directors ſhall, in their Stead, be added to and joined with the remaining Directors; and that in like Manner, within One Calendar Month of the Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* in the Year then next enſuing, the Directors ſhall elect by Ballot One Half Part, or as near thereto as may be, of the Pariſh Directors who ſhall not have been ſo elected, in the Room of thoſe ballotted out as aforeſaid to be diſcontinued as Directors, from the ſaid Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* then next enſuing; and ſhall in like Manner cauſe Notice of their Names to be given, and the reſpective Pariſhes ſhall proceed to elect the ſame, or ſome other Perſons to be Directors in their Stead, in the Manner and within the Time herein-before preſcribed for the Firſt Election of new Directors; and that on the Firſt *Tueſday* in *September* in the next and every enſuing Year, One Third Part in Number of the ſaid Pariſh Directors who ſhall have been longeſt in Office, ſhall go out of Office, and Notice of their Names ſhall be given, and the like Number of Perſons elected to be Directors in their Room, in Manner and within the Time herein-before preſcribed and limited for the Firſt and Second Election of new Directors; and the new Directors ſo to be.

be from Time to Time elected, ſhall be added to and joined with the then remaining Directors.

In caſe the Pariſhes do not appoint Directors, the Directors may.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any or either of the ſaid Pariſhes ſhall at any Time neglect or omit to elect and return a Director as aforeſaid, or in caſe any Director ſhall die or become incapable of acting, by removing himſelf out of all and every of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes before the Expiration of the Time of his Continuance in Office as aforeſaid, and the Pariſh by whom ſuch Director ſhall have been appointed ſhall not, within the Space of Seven Days after Notice of ſuch Death or Incapability, given in Manner herein-before directed reſpecting Directors going out by Ballot, elect and return another Director in the Room of ſuch One ſo dying, removing, or becoming incapable as aforeſaid, and which they are hereby empowered to do, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby required, at any of their Quarterly Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, to elect and appoint by Ballot a Director for the reſpective Pariſh, ſo making Default as aforeſaid, from among the Guardians reſident in ſuch Pariſh, and every Director ſo elected and appointed ſhall continue in Office as long as the Director in whoſe Room or Stead he ſhall be ſo elected would have done, and ſhall have the ſame Powers, and be under the ſame Rules and Reſtrictions, as the Directors to be regularly appointed by the Pariſhes in Manner aforeſaid, are hereby declared to have, or be ſubject and liable to.

Churchwardens and Overſeers required to call Veſtries.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of each and every of the ſaid Pariſhes ſhall and they are hereby required to call and hold ſuch Veſtry as aforeſaid, and to give or cauſe to be given Notice thereof in the Pariſh Church, on ſome *Sunday* immediately after Divine Service, or by Writing affixed on the principal outer Door of ſuch Church, at leaſt Six Days preceding the Time on which ſuch Veſtry ſhall be appointed to be held; and in caſe there ſhall be no Pariſh Church, then to give or cauſe to be given the like Notice in the uſual Way, and in the uſual Place of giving Notices in ſuch Pariſh; and in caſe any ſuch Churchwardens or Overſeers ſhall neglect or refuſe to call and hold ſuch Veſtry, or to give ſuch previous Notice thereof as before directed, or to attend the ſame themſelves, (unleſs prevented by Illneſs, or any other reaſonable Cauſe or Occaſion of Abſence, to be allowed of by the Majority of the Perſons preſent), every ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer ſhall, for every ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be paid within the Space of Twenty Days after ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, that then the ſaid Sum of Five Pounds ſhall and may, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and County thereof, be recovered and levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer, for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation; and in caſe there ſhall not appear, at any ſuch Veſtry appointed to be held for the Election of a Director as aforeſaid, a ſufficient Number of the Pariſhioners qualified to vote in Veſtry as before directed, over and beſides the ſaid Churchwardens or Overſeers, then and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or any Two or more of them, together with ſo many of ſuch Pariſhioners as ſhall be then preſent, or for Want of ſuch Pariſhoners the

the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers, or the major Part of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered and directed to nominate ſuch a Director as aforeſaid, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the Churchwardens and Overſeers, and a ſufficient Number of the Inhabitants, had been then and there preſent.

Incorporated Pariſhes not having a qualified Perſon reſiding therein, to elect One from out of another Pariſh incorporated.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Pariſhioners and Inhabitants of any of the ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, intended to be hereby incorporated, in caſe there ſhall not be a reſident Pariſhioner in any One of ſuch Pariſhes qualified to be a Director, agreeable to the Rules, Orders, and Directions reſpecting Qualifications herein-before contained, to elect, nominate, and appoint One Perſon qualified as aforeſaid, from and out of, and being an Inhabitant in any other of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, to be a Director; and that ſuch Director ſo nominated and appointed ſhall be conſidered a Director duly elected under the Authority of this Act, and ſhall be ſubject and liable to the ſame Pains or Penalties hereby inflicted for Non-attendance on the Directors elected by the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof.

Directors refuſing to accept, new Ones to be appointed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon who ſhall be duly elected a Pariſh Director by virtue of this Act, ſhall, after Ten Days Notice of ſuch Election by Writing under the Hands of any Three of the ſaid Directors to him given, or left at his Houſe or Place of Abode, wilfully or deſignedly, and without reaſonable Cauſe of Abſence, ſhewn to and approved of by the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them, preſent at their then next Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, after the Expiration of ſuch Ten Days, refuſe or neglect to accept and take upon him ſuch Office, or having accepted the ſame, ſhall refuſe or neglect to act therein from Time to Time, during the Term for which he ſhall be appointed a Director, as the Duty of his Office ſhall require, every ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and then, and in every ſuch Caſe the ſaid Directors ſhall forthwith cauſe Notice thereof to be given to the Pariſh by which ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing ſhall have been elected, and ſuch Pariſh ſhall proceed to the Election of ſome other Perſon to be a Director in the Room of the Perſon ſo refuſing to take upon himſelf the Office, in Manner and within the Time herein-before directed for chuſing new Pariſh Directors.

Perſons having ſerved the Office of Pariſh Directors to be exempt from ſerving again for Three Years;

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon who ſhall be elected a Pariſh Director, and ſhall take upon him the ſaid Office, and act therein from Time to Time for and during the Term herein-before ſpecified for holding the ſame, and as the Duty of ſuch Office ſhall require, ſhall be liable to be again elected to ſerve the Office of Pariſh Director within the Space of Three Years then next following, without his own free Conſent firſt had and obtained, but nevertheleſs it ſhall be lawful for the reſpective Pariſhes immediately to re-elect any ſuch Director with his Conſent; nor ſhall any Perſon of the Age of Sixty-five Years or upwards, or any other Perſon or Perſons who is or are now exempt by Law from ſerving Pariſh Offices, be liable or compellable to take upon him the Place or Office of Director under this Act, without his own free Will and

also Perſons to be exempt who are now exempted from ſerving Pariſh Offices.

and Conſent; and that no Perſon, after he ſhall be elected into, and during the Time he ſhall execute the Office of Director as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable or compellable to ſerve any Pariſh Office or Offices whatſoever, unleſs it ſhall be by and with his own free Will and Conſent.

Directors required to take an Oath.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, before they take upon themſelves the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities hereby given, ſhall take the Oath following; (that is to ſay),

The Oath.

'I Do ſwear, That I will truly, faithfully, and impartially, according to the beſt of my Judgement, execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities, veſted in me as a Director, by virtue of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the ſeveral Pariſhes within the City of* Lincoln, *and County of the ſame City, and of the Pariſh of* Saint Margaret, *Part whereof lies within the ſaid City, and the other Part in the Cloſe of* Lincoln, *in the County of* Lincoln.

'So help me GOD.'

And that ſuch of the ſaid Directors as ſhall be of the People called *Quakers*, before they take upon themſelves the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities hereby given, ſhall make the following Affirmation:

Form of Affirmation.

'I Do ſolemnly affirm, That I will truly, faithfully, and impartially, according to the beſt of my Judgement, execute and perform all and every the Truſts, Powers, and Authorities, veſted in me as a Director, by virtue of an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the ſeveral Pariſhes within the City of* Lincoln, *and County of the ſame City, and of the Pariſh of* Saint Margaret, *Part whereof lies within the ſaid City, and the other Part in the Cloſe of* Lincoln, *in the County of* Lincoln.'

Which Oath ſuch of the ſaid Directors, or any of them, as are not Quakers, are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter to each other at their Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting, to be from Time to Time had and held in purſuance of this Act; and which ſaid Directors, or any of them not being Quakers as aforeſaid, are alſo hereby required and empowered to adminiſter the Affirmation aforeſaid, to ſuch of the Directors as ſhall be Quakers, or any of them, at their Firſt or at any ſubſequent Meeting, to be from Time to Time had and held by virtue and in purſuance of this Act.

Additional Directors for Pariſhes in the County of the City of *Lincoln*.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Miniſter and Curate for the Time being of, and all and every Perſon and Perſons being reſident, and having a clear Eſtate in Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of One hundred Pounds a Year or upwards, within any of the Pariſhes ſituate in the County of the City of *Lincoln*, if he and they ſhall think proper, to attend all or any of the Meetings of Directors, and, having taken the Oath required to be taken by Directors by this Act, to vote and act at all ſuch Meetings in every reſpect as Directors, but no ſuch Miniſter or Curate, or other Perſon as aforeſaid, ſhall be liable to any Penalty for not attending the Meetings

of Directors, as is hereby directed with reſpect to other Pariſh Directors; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Quarterly Meetings.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors for the Time being, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby empowered and required to hold Four Quarterly Meetings in every Year on the Days following; (that is to ſay), on the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *December*, the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *March*, the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *June*, and the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *September*, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon of each of the ſaid Days reſpectively; and that the Firſt of the ſaid General Quarterly Meetings ſhall be held on the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *December* next after the paſſing of this Act, ſuch Meetings to be held at the Guildhall of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, or ſome other convenient Place, until a proper Workhouſe or Houſe of Induſtry ſhall be provided, and then in ſuch Workhouſe or Houſe of Induſtry for the Time being afterwards for ever; and that at every ſuch Quarterly Meeting, the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby required to make up, ſettle, and ſtate the Accounts of the ſaid Corporation, and of the ſeveral Perſons employed under them, and tranſact ſuch other Buſineſs as ſhall come before them in the Execution of this Act.

Accounts to be ſtated.

Auditors to be appointed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, ſhall, at their ſaid Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting, by a Majority of Voices, chuſe and elect Three proper Perſons from among the Guardians, who ſhall not be returned for Directors as aforeſaid, to be Auditors and Examiners of Accounts, and for the Purpoſes hereafter mentioned, for the Term of One Year from the Firſt *Wedneſday* in *September* then next following, and then to go out of Office; and the ſaid Guardians ſhall in like Manner, yearly and every Year for ever thereafter, at ſome of their Meetings to be held previous to the Time of the then acting Auditors going out of Office, chuſe and elect Three more proper Perſons from amongſt the ſaid Guardians in their Stead, under the Reſtrictions aforeſaid, to ſerve for One Year from the Time of the then acting Auditors going out of Office, and no longer; and all Perſons having once ſerved the Office of Auditor, ſhall be exempt from ſerving ſuch Office again for Three Years thence next enſuing, if they deſire it.

Their Power.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Three Perſons ſo to be appointed Auditors or Examiners of Accounts of the ſaid Corporation, and all future Auditors to be appointed under and by virtue of this Act for the Time being, or any or either of them, ſhall, and they are hereby empowered at leaſt Once in every Year, and as much oftener as he or they ſhall ſee right, to give Notice to the ſaid Directors and to the Treaſurer for the Time being, to produce the Books, Papers, and Accounts of the ſaid Corporation, at any, or each and every of the ſaid Quarterly Meetings, who are hereby required to produce them accordingly at ſuch Meetings; and the ſaid Auditors, or any or either of them, ſhall and may, at all and every of ſuch Quarterly Meetings as to him or them ſhall ſeem requiſite, peruſe, inſpect, and audit all and every the ſaid Accounts; and ſuch Auditors, or any or either of them, ſhall then and there be at Liberty to declare his and their Approbation of, and Satisfaction with ſuch Accounts, or if he or they ſhall think it neceſſary he or they may proteſt

and declare his or their Objections to, and Obſervations upon any particular Charges, Rates, Matters, or Proceedings whatſoever therein contained, and the ſame ſhall be then heard and taken into Conſideration by the Directors preſent at ſuch Meeting; and in caſe the Matter objected to cannot then be finally obviated and explained to the Satisfaction of ſuch Auditor or Auditors, then the ſame ſhall be adjourned over to the next following Quarterly Meeting, to be then finally heard and ſettled, ſubject to ſuch Appeal to the Quarter Seſſions as herein-after mentioned.

Auditors to publiſh the Accounts.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Auditors for the Time being ſhall, at leaſt Once in every Year, cauſe a true Abſtract of the ſaid Accounts to be drawn up and ſtated, and ſhall alſo draw up a particular Account of their Receipts and Expenditures, of the Number of Poor received into and maintained in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry from each reſpective Pariſh, of the Baptiſms, Deaths, and Burials, and of the Profits ariſen from the Labour and Employment of ſuch Poor for the preceding Year, and ſhall cauſe written or printed Copies of ſuch Abſtract and Account to be made out and diſperſed, ſo that every Pariſh intereſted therein may receive at leaſt One Copy thereof; and that the Expence of drawing up and printing, copying, and diſperſing, ſuch Abſtract, be paid out of the Money to ariſe by virtue of this Act.

Weekly Meetings.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors or any Three or more of them, ſhall have Power, and are hereby enjoined and required, after their Appointment as aforeſaid, to meet and hold a Court or Aſſembly in the Guildhall aforeſaid, or in ſome other convenient Place, on the Second *Tueſday* in *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, and ſhall from Time to Time for ever afterwards hold a Court or Aſſembly, at the Place for the Time being appointed for holding the ſaid Quarterly Meetings, on *Tueſday* in every Week, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon; and the ſaid Directors at their ſaid Weekly Meetings, are hereby required to put in Execution the Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Directions made at any of the ſaid Quarterly Meetings, and to enquire into the Conduct of the Officers and Servants within the ſaid Houſe, and regulate all Matters concerning the Government of the ſaid Houſe; and that the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered, at any Time or Times as to them ſhall ſeem meet, to ſummon, aſſemble, and hold, any Special Aſſembly of the ſaid Guardians or Directors, of which Five entire Days Notice ſhall be given, under the Hands of the Directors requiring ſuch Special Aſſembly, by fixing the ſame on ſome publick and conſpicuous Place within the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, ſpecifying the Time for holding the ſame.

Special Aſſemblies may be held.

Quarterly or Weekly Meetings may be altered.

XVIII. Provided, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, at any of their Quarterly Meetings, to alter the Days of the Week and Places of the future Quarterly or Weekly Meetings, and appoint other Days and Places for thoſe Purpoſes, provided that Two Thirds of the Directors then preſent ſhall conſent thereto; and Notice of every ſuch Alteration ſhall be given in the *Lincoln*, *Rutland*, and *Stamford* Newſpaper, or ſome other Newſpaper circulating in the City of *Lincoln*.

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XIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Guardians and Directors reſpectively, ſhall, at every Meeting or Aſſembly, before they proceed to any other Buſineſs, elect and appoint One of the Guardians or Directors preſent at ſuch Meeting, to be Chairman or Preſident thereof, and all Queſtions which ſhall ariſe at any Meeting, (except in Caſes where the ſaid Guardians and Directors are hereby directed to vote by Ballot), ſhall be determined by the Majority of the Guardians and Directors preſent; and in caſe of an Equality of Votes on any ſuch Queſtion, the Chairman or Preſident ſhall have another, and the caſting and deciſive Vote.

Guardians to deliver in their Qualifications.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every the Guardians of the Poor aforeſaid, ſhall (if required) before he, ſhe, or they ſhall preſume to act in the Execution of any Power or Authority hereby given and granted, deliver or cauſe to be delivered to the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, an Account in Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, of his, her, or their Qualification, and in what Pariſh or Pariſhes, Place or Places, the ſame is ſituated; and that the ſeveral and reſpective Guardians and Directors, from Time to Time aſſembled at any Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act, ſhall defray their own Charges and Expences.

Guardians and Directors to pay their own Expences.

Women to vote by Proxy.

XXI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That all Women who ſhall be qualified to act as Guardians for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be and are hereby authorized to vote by Proxy at any of the Meetings where Guardians are directed and empowered to act, ſuch Proxies to be appointed under their Hands from among the Perſons qualified to be Guardians as aforeſaid; and the Perſons appointing ſuch Proxies, may from Time to Time revoke ſuch Appointment, and appoint others, but no more than One ſuch Proxy ſhall be granted to, or received by any One Guardian whatſoever; and that all Guardians and Directors who are Juſtices of the Peace, may act as Juſtices in the Execution of this Act, notwithſtanding their being Guardians or Directors, except only in ſuch Caſes where they ſhall be perſonally intereſted.

Guardians or Directors may act as Juſtices.

Penalty on acting if not qualified.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon, not being qualified to act as a Guardian agreeably to the Directions of this Act, ſhall nevertheleſs preſume to act as ſuch, every ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame, by Action of Debt, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; and every Perſon ſo proſecuted ſhall prove that he is qualified as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the ſaid Penalty, without any other Proof on the Part of the Proſecution, than that ſuch Perſon hath acted as a Guardian or Director in the Execution of this Act, within Three Calendar Months next before the Commencement of ſuch Suit, and ſuch Perſon ſhall alſo be incapable of ever acting again in the Execution of this Act; and if he ſhall have been a Director, the reſpective Pariſh by whom he ſhall have been elected, ſhall forthwith elect and return another Director in his Stead, in Manner herein-before directed for electing Directors in the Stead of thoſe annually ballotted out.

Directors to appoint Officers.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, aſſembled at their Firſt or at any ſubſequent

Quarterly Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act as aforeſaid, ſhall and may, if they think fit (by Ballot and not otherwiſe) elect One or more proper and ſufficient Perſon or Perſons to be Treaſurer or Treaſurers, and the ſame or One other ſufficient Perſon to be Clerk to the ſaid Directors and Guardians, and ſuch Clerk ſhall and he is hereby required, from Time to Time, to enter all the Proceedings of the ſaid Guardians and Directors in Meetings aſſembled, in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe; and alſo that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors in like Manner, from Time to Time, to appoint One or more Governor or Governors, and Steward or Stewards, Surgeon or Surgeons, Apothecary or Apothecaries, Matron or Matrons, and a School Maſter or School Miſtreſs, and ſuch other Officer or Officers as they ſhall think neceſſary, to govern, overſee, inſtruct, and inſpect the Poor maintained and employed in ſuch Houſe of Induſtry; and ſhall and may at any ſuch Meeting (if they think proper) appoint ſome Clergyman of the Church of *England* to attend and perform Divine Service in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, as often as they the ſaid Directors ſhall direct or appoint, to inſtruct the Poor and the Children in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion and in the Church Catechiſm, to viſit the Sick, and perform other Offices of his Function; and ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered to make ſuch Allowances to ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk, Governor or Governors, Steward or Stewards, and all other Officers to be appointed by virtue of this Act, out of the Money to be received by virtue of this Act, for their Pains and Trouble therein, as they ſhall think proper; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time, to diſplace or diſcharge any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk, Governor or Governors, Steward or Stewards, or other Officer, for any ill Conduct or Miſbehaviour in the Execution of his or her Office, as to them the ſaid Directors, at any of their Weekly Meetings, ſhall ſeem meet; and upon their or either of their Removal, or upon their Death or Reſignation, to chuſe others in his, her, or their Stead, until the next General Quarterly Meeting of the ſaid Directors.

Treaſurer, Clerk,

Governor, Steward, &c.

XXIV. And for inciting the Governor and Matron of ſuch Houſe of Induſtry to diſcharge the Duty of their Office with Diligence and Fidelity, be it enacted, That over and above ſuch Allowances as ſhall be made to them by Order of the ſaid Directors, they and each of them ſhall and may receive out of the Profits of the Work done by the ſaid poor People, ſuch Proportion thereof as by the ſaid Directors at a General Quarterly Meeting aſſembled ſhall be judged proper.

Granting Rewards to Governor and Matron.

XXV. Provided always, That the ſaid Directors ſhall and may, and they are hereby required to take ſuch Securities by Bond in ſufficient Sureties, from ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, or other Officers, for the due and faithful Execution of his or their Office or Offices, as to the ſaid Directors ſhall ſeem reaſonable.

Directors to take Security from Treaſurers.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Treaſurer, Clerk, and other Officers, and all other Perſons who ſhall be employed in building or furniſhing the Houſe or Houſes herein-after mentioned, or in the Receipt or Expenditure of any of the Monies ariſing by virtue of this Act, ſhall,

Officers to account.

ſhall, as often as thereunto required by the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, deliver to the ſaid Directors, at their then next Quarterly Meeting, true and perfect Accounts in Writing, under their reſpective Hands, of all Monies which ſhall have been by them reſpectively collected or received, and how and to what Uſes the ſame have been paid and applied, together with the proper Vouchers and Receipts for ſuch Payments, and ſhall pay over all ſuch Monies as ſhall, on the Balance of ſuch Accounts, remain in their Hands, to the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, and ſhall verify ſuch Accounts on Oath, if thereunto required by the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, (which Oath any Three of the ſaid Directors are hereby empowered to adminiſter); and if any of the ſaid Officers or other Perſons ſhall not give ſuch Accounts, or ſhall refuſe to verify the ſame in Manner as aforeſaid, then and in any or either of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and County of the ſame City or Place where ſuch Officer or other Perſon ſhall be or reſide, and ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and required, upon Application made to them by any Three or more of the ſaid Directors, to make Enquiry concerning ſuch Default in a ſummary Way, as well by Confeſſion of the Parties themſelves, as by the Teſtimony of any Witneſs or Witneſſes on Oath, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtices are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter); and if any ſuch Perſons ſhall be convicted of any ſuch Offence as aforeſaid, ſuch Juſtices ſhall commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol of the ſaid City or other Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account in Manner as aforeſaid; and in caſe any of the ſaid Officers or other Perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay any Sum or Sums of Money, which ſhall appear to remain in his or their Hands, it ſhall be lawful for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City or Place where ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall reſide, upon Application as aforeſaid, to make Enquiry touching ſuch Neglect or Refuſal in a ſummary Way in Manner as aforeſaid, and by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to cauſe ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as ſhall appear to them to be due and unpaid, to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, rendering the Overplus (if any) after the Money remaining due, and the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale are deducted, to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels; and if ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found, the ſaid Juſtices, or any other Two Juſtices as aforeſaid, ſhall commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons to the Common Gaol of the ſaid City or Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they ſhall have paid over ſuch Money in Manner as aforeſaid, or compounded for the ſame, and paid ſuch Compoſition Money to the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame; which Compoſition the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at any Meeting aſſembled, are hereby empowered to make.

Directors may contract for or purchaſe Lands or Buildings, &c.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, may, and they are hereby empowered and authorized, at any of their ſaid Quarterly Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, to contract or agree for the abſolute Purchaſe of any Eſtate

of Inheritance, or for the renting or hiring for any Term or Number of Years, any Quantity of Land or Ground, or any Buildings, Houſe or Houſes, to be ſituate, ſtanding, and being, within the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and to fit up and repair the ſaid Houſes or Buildings, or to erect and build on ſuch Land or Ground any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings whatſoever, for the Purpoſes of this Act, and to aſſign, ſet apart, or fix upon, any ſuch Rooms or Apartments within or adjoining to the ſame for a Place of Correction, and for ſuch other Purpoſes as they ſhall think fit, and ſhall appear to them neceſſary, for the better carrying this Act into Execution; and that it ſhall be lawful for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Guardians, Truſtees, and Committees, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their Infants, Wards, Ceſtuique Truſts, Lunaticks, Idiots, or Perſons of unſound Memory and Underſtanding, and to and for all Femes Covert, or who are or ſhall be ſeiſed or intereſted in their own Right, and to and for all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever who are or ſhall be poſſeſſed of or intereſted in any Houſe or Houſes, or other Buildings, Land, or Ground whatſoever, to contract with the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, for the Sale of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or other Buildings, Land, or Ground, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid; and likewiſe that they the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall and may, and are hereby empowered to demiſe or let, and alſo to convey, aſſign, releaſe, transfer, or diſpoſe of, all or any Part or Parts of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or other Buildings, Lands, or Grounds, for the Benefit and Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, as there ſhall be Occaſion; and all Contracts, Sales, and Conveyances, which ſhall be ſo made, ſhall be valid, to all Intents and Purpoſes, any Law, Statute, Uſage, or other Matter, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all ſuch Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Guardians, Truſtees, Committees, and all other Perſons, ſhall be, and are hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue of this Act; which Houſe or Houſes ſo to be purchaſed or hired, erected, or built, ſhall be called, *The Lincoln Houſe of Induſtry*; and the ſaid Directors ſhall keep the Buildings ſo purchaſed or hired, or to be erected as aforeſaid, in good and ſufficient Repair, and from Time to Time may alter or enlarge the ſame in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think convenient; and that the Expences of purchaſing or hiring ſuch Buildings and Lands, and of erecting and repairing ſuch Houſes or Buildings, and keeping the ſame in Repair, ſhall be defrayed out of the Money to be raiſed by virtue of this Act.

If Parties intereſted will not treat, or they and the Directors cannot agree, the Purchaſe Money or Recompence to be ſettled by a Jury.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Owner, Proprietor, or Occupier, Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Perſon or Perſons intereſted in any ſuch Lands or Grounds, upon Notice to him, her, or them, given, or left in Writing at the Dwelling Houſe or Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon, or of the Sole or Head Officer of ſuch Corporation, or at the Houſe of the Tenant in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Land (not being a Yard, Garden, Orchard, Park, Paddock, planted Walk, or Avenue to any Houſe, or any encloſed Grounds planted and ſet apart as a Nurſery for Trees), ſhall, by the Space of Thirty Days after ſuch Notice given or left as aforeſaid, neglect or refuſe to treat, or

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ſhall not agree in the Premiſes, or by reaſon of Abſence ſhall be prevented from treating, contracting, or agreeing, then and in every or any ſuch Caſe the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall cauſe to be enquired into, aſcertained, and aſſeſſed, (by and upon the Oaths of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the County of *Lincoln*, which Oath any Seven or more of the Directors are hereby empowered to adminiſter), what Damages ſhall be ſuſtained by, and what Recompence ſhall be made to ſuch Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, or other Perſons intereſted therein; and in order thereto the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby empowered from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall be, to ſummon before the ſaid Jury, and examine upon Oath any Perſon whomſoever as a Witneſs concerning the Premiſes, (which Oath any Seven or more of the ſaid Directors are hereby empowered to adminiſter), and they ſhall alſo order and cauſe the ſaid Jury to view the ſaid Places in Queſtion, if there be Occaſion, and uſe all lawful Ways and Means as well for their own as for the ſaid Jury's Information in the Premiſes, as they the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think fit; and after the ſaid Jury ſhall have enquired of, aſcertained, and aſſeſſed, ſuch Damage and Recompence, they the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall thereupon order, adjudge, and determine, the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury to be paid to the ſaid Owners, Proprietors, or Occupiers of, or other Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Lands or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Verdict or Inquiſition of the ſaid Jury; which ſaid Verdict, or Inquiſition and Judgement, Order, or Determination, ſo had or made, ſhall be fairly entered and kept amongſt the Records of the Quarter Seſſions for the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and County thereof, and 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 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 to take Copies thereof, paying after the Rate of Twopence a Folio, reckoning Seventy-two Words to the Folio, and ſo proportion bly for any greater Number of Words; and the ſame Verdict, or Inquiſition and Judgement, ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive, to all Intents and Purpoſes, againſt all Parties and Perſons whomſoever, claiming in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder, or otherwiſe, their Heirs and Succeſſors, as well abſent as preſent, Infants, Femes Covert, Idiots, Lunaticks, Ceſtuiqe Truſts, and Perſons under any Diſability whatſoever, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, and Committees, as well as all other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and all and every ſuch Owners, Proprietors, and Occupiers, and all and every Perſon and Perſons intereſted in ſuch Land, ſhall, upon Payment or Tender of the Sum or Sums of Money ſo aſſeſſed as aforeſaid, be thereby and from thenceforth, to all Intents and Purpoſes, diveſted of all Right, Title, Claim, Intereſt, and Property of, in, to, or out of the ſame, and the ſame ſhall from thenceforth become, and is hereby abſolutely veſted in the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors for ever; and for the ſummoning and returning ſuch Jury or Juries, the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, are hereby empowered to iſſue out their Precept to the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Lincoln*, thereby

thereby requiring him to impannel, ſummon, and return, Twenty-four indifferent Perſons to appear before the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at ſuch Time and Place as in ſuch Precept ſhall be appointed, ſuch Time not being leſs than Five Days after the Receipt of ſuch Precept; and the ſaid Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, is and are hereby required to impannel, ſummon, and return, ſuch Number accordingly, and out of the Perſons ſo impannelled, ſummoned, and returned, or out of ſuch of them as ſhall appear upon ſuch Summons, the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall ſwear or cauſe to be ſworn Twelve, to be drawn by Ballot out of the ſaid Twenty-four; and in Default of a ſufficient Number of Perſons ſo impannelled appearing, the ſaid Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, ſhall return other honeſt and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can ſpeedily be procured to attend that Service, who ſhall be ſworn in like Manner, until the Number of Twelve be completed, which Twelve ſhall be the Jury for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and all Perſons concerned ſhall have their lawful Challenges againſt any of the ſaid Jurymen when they come to be ſworn (but not to challenge the Array of the Pannel), and the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, acting in the Premiſes, ſhall have full Power, from Time to Time, to impoſe any reaſonable Fine or Fines on ſuch Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, making Default in the Premiſes, and on any of the Perſons who ſhall be ſummoned and returned on ſuch Jury and ſhall not appear, or who ſhall refuſe to be ſworn on the ſaid Jury, or being ſo ſworn ſhall refuſe to give or not give their Verdict, or in any other Manner wilfully neglect their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and on any of the Perſons who being required to give Evidence before the ſaid Jury touching the Premiſes, ſhall refuſe or neglect to appear, or appearing ſhall refuſe to be ſworn and give Evidence, and from Time to Time to recover, levy, and apply, ſuch Fine or Fines, in the ſame Manner as any other Forfeiture or Penalty is by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied, ſo as that no ſuch Fine ſhall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds upon any One Perſon for One Offence.

Upon Payment of Purchaſe Money Lands to veſt in the Corporation.

XXIX. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That upon Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo agreed for, or aſſeſſed or decreed as aforeſaid, the Perſon or Perſons who is or are to receive the ſame, or to whom the ſame ſhall be ſo aſſeſſed or decreed, ſhall make and execute, or cauſe and procure to be made and executed, good and valid Conveyances and Aſſurances in the Law to the ſaid Corporation, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall appoint, in Truſt for the ſaid Corporation, of ſuch Houſes, Lands, and Hereditaments, and ſhall do or procure to be done all Acts neceſſary to be done to make a clear and good Title thereto; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not be able to evince their Title to ſuch Premiſes, or to procure the neceſſary Conveyances for the ſame, or ſhall refuſe ſo to do, being thereunto required; or in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom any ſuch Purchaſe Money ſhall be due cannot be found, or if by reaſon of Diſputes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or otherwiſe, it cannot be diſcovered what Perſon or Perſons is or are entitled, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, to order

the Money agreed to be paid or awarded as the Value of any Houſes, Lands, or Hereditaments, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, for the Uſe of the Parties intereſted therein, and the Directors or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* are hereby required to receive the ſame, and to give a Receipt to the ſaid Corporation for the ſame, which Receipt ſhall be entered amongſt the Proceedings of the Corporation; and from and after ſuch Payment, the Houſes, Lands, or Hereditaments, the Price of which ſhall be ſo paid in as aforeſaid, ſhall be veſted in the ſaid Corporation, and the ſaid Corporation ſhall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Poſſeſſion thereof, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as fully and effectually, as if every Perſon having any Eſtate or Intereſt in the Premiſes had actually conveyed the ſame.

Directors may order the Money paid to be inveſted in the Funds.

XXX. And it is further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, may order the Money ſo paid into the Bank of *England*, or any Part thereof, to be laid out or inveſted in the publick Funds, or on any Government Security, for the Uſe and Benefit of the Parties intereſted in or entitled to the ſame.

Directors may enter into Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, or any Perſon authorized by them, ſhall, after any Houſes, Lands, or Premiſes, ſhall be purchaſed as aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes of this Act, give Three Calendar Months Notice in Writing, to all and every the Tenants or Occupiers of any ſuch Houſes, Lands, or Premiſes, which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, to quit or deliver up the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Houſes, Lands, or Premiſes, at the Expiration of ſuch Three Calendar Months; then all and every ſuch Tenants or Occupiers ſhall, at the End of ſuch Three Calendar Months after every ſuch Notice, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes ſo by him, her, or them, reſpectively occupied, whether upon Leaſe or otherwiſe, to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ſo appointed by the ſaid Directors 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 Three Calendar Months after every ſuch Notice as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time to iſſue a Precept or Precepts, to One or more Conſtable or Conſtables for the Time being of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, or Place within the County of *Lincoln* where the Property to be purchaſed, agreeably to the Directions of this Act, may happen to lie, to cauſe Poſſeſſion thereof to be delivered to ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be in ſuch Precept or Precepts nominated to receive the ſame; and ſuch Conſtables are hereby required to deliver Poſſeſſion, according to ſuch Precept or Precepts, of the Premiſes therein mentioned, and to levy ſuch Coſts as ſhall accrue by Means of the iſſuing and Execution of every ſuch Precept or Precepts, 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 and neglect to pay the ſame Coſts.

Paying the Expences of the Jury.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any ſuch Jury ſhall give in and deliver a verdict or Aſſeſſment for more Money, as a Recompence for the Right, Intereſt, or Property of any Perſon or Perſons

in any ſuch Lands or Hereditaments, or for any ſuch Loſs or Damage, than what ſhall have been agreed to and offered by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, before the ſummoning or returning the ſaid Jury, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for any ſuch Right, Intereſt, or Property, or Loſs or Damage as aforeſaid, that then and in ſuch Caſe the Coſts and Expences of ſummoning and maintaining the ſaid Jury and Witneſſes, ſhall be borne and paid by the ſaid Directors, out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby granted, or out of any Money to be borrowed upon the Credit thereof; but if any ſuch Jury ſhall give and deliver a Verdict or Aſſeſſment for no more, or for leſs Money than ſhall have been agreed to and offered by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, before the ſummoning and returning the ſaid Jury, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for any ſuch Right, Intereſt, or Property, or Loſs or Damage as aforeſaid, that then the Coſts and Expences of ſummoning and maintaining the ſaid Jury and Witneſſes, ſhall be borne and paid by the Perſon or Perſons with whom the ſaid Directors ſhall have ſuch Controverſy or Diſpute, which Coſts ſhall and may be deducted and retained by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, out of the Money ſo aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury as the Value of the ſaid Premiſes, or elſe may be ſued for and recovered by the ſaid Corporation by Action at Law.

Lands which ſhall be purchaſed to be rated as heretofore.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all future Rates, Taxes, and Levies to be made for any Pariſh or Place wherein any Lands, Grounds, or Buildings, which ſhall be purchaſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be ſituate, ſuch Lands, Grounds, or Buildings, ſhall not be aſſeſſed to any ſuch Rates, Taxes, or Levies, of an higher Value or improved Rent than the ſame were at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe.

Money paid for Lands in Settlement to be laid out to the ſame Uſes.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which ſhall be paid to any Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Truſtees whatſoever, for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatick, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Ceſtuique Truſt, or to any Perſon or Perſons who is or are only Tenant or Tenants for Life, for the Purchaſe of any Houſe or Houſes, or other Buildings, or Lands or Grounds as aforeſaid, ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, be by ſuch Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Perſon or Perſons, Truſtee or Truſtees reſpectively as aforeſaid, laid out as ſoon as conveniently may be in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Fee Simple, which ſhall be conveyed to or to the Uſe of ſuch Bodies Politik, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Perſon or Perſons, Truſtee or Truſtees as aforeſaid, and for ſuch Eſtates, and to, for, upon, and ſubject to ſuch Uſes, Truſts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Premiſes for or in reſpect whereof ſuch Purchaſe Money ſhall be ſo paid as aforeſaid were limited, ſettled, and aſſured, at the Time ſuch Purchaſe was made, or ſo many of ſuch Uſes as ſhall be then exiſting and capable of taking Effect, ſuch Purchaſes and Settlements to be made at the Expence of the ſaid Directors, and charged by them together with the Purchaſe Money in their Accounts; and in the mean Time, and until ſuch

ſuch Purchaſe or Purchaſes ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall be placed out by ſuch Bodies Politick or Collegiate, or other Perſon or Perſons, Truſtee or Truſtees, in ſome of the Publick Funds, or on Government or Real Security, in the Name or Names of Two or more Perſons, the One to be named by the Party or Parties intereſted therein, and the other by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them; and the Intereſt ariſing or to be produced from ſuch Funds or Securities, and alſo the Annual Rent where the ſaid Premiſes ſhall be rented, ſhall be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively, as would for the Time being be entitled to the Rents and Profits of ſuch Premiſes ſo to be purchaſed and ſettled, purſuant to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act: Provided always, that after the Purchaſe and Settlement of ſuch other Premiſes as aforeſaid, the ſaid Corporation ſhall not be in any Reſpect anſwerable for the Miſuſe or Miſapplication of them, or of the Rents or Profits thereof.

Part of the Ground to be incloſed for a Burial Place.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, at any One of their Quarterly Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, if they ſhall think proper, to direct a ſufficient Part of the Ground ſo to be purchaſed or hired as aforeſaid, to be incloſed with a Brick or Stone Wall, and to convert the ſame into a Burial Ground, for the Interment of the Perſons maintained within or belonging to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry only, and to pay or cauſe to be paid the Expence of ſuch Incloſure and Converſion, out of the Monies ariſing by virtue of this Act; and the Rectors, Vicars, and other Miniſters of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes for the Time being, ſhall from Time to Time be entitled to, and have, hold, exerciſe, perform, and enjoy the ſame Rights, Liberties, Duties, and Privileges, over all the Ground ſo to be converted into a Burial Ground as aforeſaid, as they now lawfully have, or can or may claim over and in reſpect to the preſent Church Yards or Burying Ground of each reſpective Pariſh; and alſo that the ſaid reſpective Rectors, Vicars, and Miniſters, and the Clerks and Sextons for the Time being, ſhall for ever receive and take the like Rates, Dues, Fees, and Profits, for or on Account of Burials, in any Part or Parts of the ſaid Ground ſo to be purchaſed or hired, and converted into a Burial Ground, as they or any of them reſpectively now take and receive for or on Account of Burials, in their preſent Church Yards or Burial Grounds reſpectively.

Burial Ground not to be uſed till conſecrated.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Ground but what is Freehold, or held by Leaſe for a Term of Nine hundred and ninety-nine Years at a Pepper Corn Rent, ſhall be ſet apart for a Burial Ground as aforeſaid, or be made uſe of as ſuch, until it ſhall have been firſt conſecrated by the Biſhop of the Dioceſe; and that the ſaid Ground, when it ſhall be ſo converted into a Burial Ground as aforeſaid, ſhall be from thenceforth for ever thereafter the Property of the ſaid Corporation.

Directors to furniſh the Houſes;

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That after ſuch Houſe or Houſes or other Buildings are purchaſed or hired, or erected as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, at or by Order

Order made at any of their ſaid Weekly Meetings, to contract for the Purchaſe of, or provide ſuch Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Proviſions, Cloathing, Utenſils, Materials, and Things, as ſhall be thought proper for receiving, ſetting to Work, employing, maintaining, cloathing, managing, and regulating the Poor under the Care and Power of the Directors, of what Age, Sex, or Condition ſoever they be, and for other the Purpoſes of this Act; and that the ſaid Directors ſhall have, and they are hereby veſted with the Care, Controul, and Management, as well as Power to provide for the Maintenance and Employment of the Poor of and belonging to the ſeveral Pariſhes aforeſaid, and of ſuch other Poor who ſhall be taken and received into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, (except ſuch Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes who ſhall be otherwiſe ſufficiently provided for by the charitable Gifts of others, or in private Hoſpitals or Alms Houſes), and that the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered to ſet the ſaid Poor to work in ſuch Manner as Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor are empowered to do by any Law now in being relating to the Poor, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think proper, ſubject to the Rules, Orders, and Regulations herein contained; and ſhall and may receive, order, and compel, all and every idle and diſorderly Perſon and Perſons, who ſhall neglect or refuſe to maintain, or ſhall leave, or threaten to leave and deſert their Families, not being afterwards able to maintain themſelves, and alſo all other People who ſhall beg, ſeek, or want Relief for the Time being, and who ſhall belong to and ought, according to the Proviſions of this Act, or of any Law now in being, to be relieved and provided for by any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, to come in, work, dwell, and inhabit, in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, and to detain, keep, maintain, and employ, all ſuch reſpective poor Perſons therein during ſuch Time, and ſo long as it ſhall appear to the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, that ſuch poor Perſons, or any of them reſpectively, are not of Ability ſufficiently to maintain and provide for themſelves without the Aid of the ſaid Corporation; and that all ſuch Poor who ſhall be ſo received, or who ſhall come to dwell in, or be brought into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, ſhall, during ſuch their Abode and Reſidence there, and whilſt maintained by the ſaid Corporation as aforeſaid, do, execute, and perform, ſuch Work, Labour, Buſineſs, and Employ, as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think fit and judge proper to be done by them reſpectively for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation; and that the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them ſhall and may detain and keep all ſuch idle and diſorderly Perſons who ſhall have ſo deſerted, threatened to leave, neglected, or refuſed to maintain his, her, or their Families, and to ſet each of them to work in ſuch Houſe of Induſtry, during ſuch Time, and until each ſuch Perſon, by his, her, or their Work and Labour there, ſhall have got and raiſed ſo much Money above his, her, or their Maintenance, as ſhall be ſufficient to repay and reimburſe to the ſaid Corporation the Charges and Expences they ſhall have ſuſtained in maintaining and providing for every ſuch idle or diſorderly Perſon, and his or her Family; and in caſe ſuch idle or diſorderly Perſon ſhall not, by his or her Work and Labour, be able to get ſo much Money as ſhall be ſufficient to reimburſe the ſaid Corporation the Charges and Expences of maintaining him or her, or his or her Family as aforeſaid, then and ſo often as it ſhall ſo happen, the

and to ſet the Poor to work.

Perſons who deſert their Families, &c.

ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby empowered to detain every ſuch idle and diſorderly Perſon within their Place of Correction, and to keep him or her to ſuch hard Labour as he or ſhe ſhall be judged able to undergo, for the Space of Thirty Days, or ſuch other Time as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think fit; and may, if they think neceſſary, cauſe him or her to be puniſhed by moderate Correction, ſolitary Confinement, or by Abatement of Diet or Diſtinction of Dreſs, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them.

Poor to continue under the Care of the Churchwardens and Overſeers till the Houſe or Houſes be ready for them.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all poor Perſons incapable of providing for themſelves within the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, ſhall continue under the Government and Management of, and be maintained by, the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of their ſeveral Pariſhes reſpectively, in the ſame Manner they were and are now maintained previous to the paſſing of this Act, until the Houſe or Houſes hereby directed to be built or provided ſhall be ready for their Reception; and that as ſoon as ſuch Houſe or Houſes ſhall be provided and ready as aforeſaid, the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall give Notice to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, requiring them to convey, within Twelve Days after ſuch Notice, all poor Perſons incapable of providing for themſelves then applying for Relief, and being in a proper State to be moved unto ſuch Houſe or Houſes to be provided for their Reception; and that all the Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes ſhall be from thenceforth under the Care and Management of the ſaid Directors, who ſhall receive and provide for them according to the Directions of this Act; and that no ſuch poor Perſons ſhall, from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Twelve Days mentioned in ſuch Notice, be relieved by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of their reſpective Pariſhes, unleſs by an Order under the Hands of Three or more of the ſaid Directors: Provided always, that as ſoon as any Part or Parts of the ſaid Houſe or Houſes ſhall be ready and fitted for the Reception of the Poor of any One or more Pariſh or Pariſhes, although the ſame ſhall not be ready for the Reception of the Poor of all the ſaid Pariſhes, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, if they ſhall think fit ſo to do, to chooſe and direct which of the ſaid Pariſhes ſhall firſt ſend in their Poor as aforeſaid.

For diſcovering poor Perſons wandering Abroad.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That for the better apprehending and Diſcovery of all ſuch Poor in and belonging to the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, as ſhall wander and beg or ſeek Relief, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall nominate and appoint, (taking to his or their Aſſiſtance One or more Conſtable or Conſtables of ſome of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes), to apprehend, remove, and convey, or cauſe to be removed and conveyed, the Perſon or Perſons ſo wandering, begging, or ſeeking Relief, to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, to be there employed and maintained purſuant to the Directions of this Act; and they the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hand and Seal of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, may and are hereby reſpectively empowered to apprehend, or cauſe to be apprehended, all Vagrants, ſingle pregnant

Women, Street Walkers, common Proſtitutes, and other idle or diſorderly Perſons coming to, or being or wandering within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, and not having any lawful Employment or viſible Means of getting his or her Livelihood, and to inform themſelves, by the Examination upon Oath of the Perſon or Perſons apprehended, or of any other Perſon or Perſons, of the Condition and Circumſtances of the Perſon or Perſons ſo apprehended, and of his, her, or their Place or Places of legal Settlement, and by a Paſs under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, or under the Hand and Seal of ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, to cauſe every ſuch Vagrant, ſingle pregnant Woman, common Proſtitute, or other idle or diſorderly Perſon, to be conveyed and paſſed to the Place of his, her, or their laſt legal Settlement, and to make ſuch Allowances, in reſpect to the Apprehenſion and paſſing of every ſuch Perſon or Perſons as any Juſtice of the Peace is empowered to do by any exiſting Law reſpecting Vagrants and other idle or diſorderly Perſons, or the ſaid Directors, or any Three of them, or ſuch Juſtice of the Peace may cauſe every ſuch Perſon to be brought into, and to be ſet and kept at Work in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, or otherwiſe to be employed under the Direction of the Governor, Steward, or other proper Officer, to and for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation; and ſuch Vagrants, and other idle or diſorderly Perſons, (and alſo all other Perſons maintained in the ſaid Houſe or Houſes), who ſhall be guilty of any lewd, immoral, indecent, or diſorderly Behaviour, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to do or perform the Work or Service which he or ſhe ſhall be required to do, or ſhall be remiſs therein, (ſuch Work or Labour being ſuited to his or her Age, Strength, and Ability), ſhall be ſubject to ſuch corporal or other reaſonable Puniſhment as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall inflict or cauſe to be inflicted; and every ſuch apprehended Perſon ſhall be detained in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, for any Time not leſs than Five Days, nor longer than One Year, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, and ſhall then be diſmiſſed or otherwiſe paſſed to the Place or Places of his, her, or their laſt legal Settlement, as the ſaid Directors ſhall appoint, during all which Time ſuch apprehended Perſon ſhall be maintained and provided for by the ſaid Directors at the Coſts of the ſaid Corporation; and that all ſuch Coſts, above the Profit to ariſe from each ſuch Perſon's Work and Labour, (the Profits of which Work and Labour ſhall be ſet againſt the Charge of Maintenance, and ſuch Charge of Maintenance ſhall be rated according to the Charge *per* Head of all the other Poor provided for by the ſaid Corporation), ſhall be paid for by all the ſeveral Pariſhes, according to the Average Rate hereafter mentioned.

Children taken in to be apprenticed.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children, who ſhall at any Time be maintained by the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be and remain under their Care and Government until they arrive at the Age of Fourteen Years, and that after ſuch Children ſhall have attained the Age of Fourteen Years reſpectively, or ſooner if the ſaid Directors ſhall think fit, the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered and required, at any of their Meetings, by Writing under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to bind and put forth any ſuch Children Apprentices to any reputable Perſon in *England* or *Wales*, to be taught any Art, Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation, or any

any Handicraft Buſineſs or Manufacture, or to be employed in the Sea Service, as the Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall think moſt ſuited to the Strength and Capacity of ſuch Child or Children, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years, or until ſuch Child (being a Male) ſhall attain the Age of Twenty one Years, or (being a Female) until ſuch Child ſhall attain the Age of Eighteen Years, or Day of Marriage; and that every ſuch Writing ſhall be mutually binding as an Indenture between the Maſter, Miſtreſs, and Apprentice, and ſhall in all Reſpects be enforced according to the Laws in force concerning the apprenticing of poor Children whoſe Parents are not able to provide for them; and that the ſaid Directors ſhall, and they are hereby required to provide neceſſary Cloathing for every ſuch Apprentice, upon his or her being bound as aforeſaid.

Apprentices may be turned over with Conſent of Directors.

XLI. Provided always, That no Apprentice to be bound in purſuance of this Act ſhall, (except with the Conſent of any Three or more of the ſaid Directors), be aſſigned or turned over to any other Perſon, but with ſuch Conſent any ſuch Apprentice may be aſſigned or turned over to any Perſon whomſoever, and then and in that Caſe, (except for ſome ſufficient and particular Reaſon to be allowed by the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them), only to One of the ſame Trade, Buſineſs, or Occupation, as that to which ſuch Apprentice was originally bound.

Children may be bound Apprentice to the Governor of the Workhouſe.

XLII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall ſeem more expedient to the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſo to do, it ſhall be lawful for them to bind any ſuch Child or Children Apprentice to the Governor or Steward of the ſaid Houſe or Houſes of Induſtry, and on the Death, Reſignation, or Removal of ſuch Governor or Steward, ſuch Apprentice ſhall belong or appertain to the ſucceeding Governor or Steward, without any formal Aſſignment of ſuch Apprentice to ſuch new Governor or Steward, and ſo from Time to Time to the Governor or Steward for the Time being, until the Expiration of the Term for which ſuch Apprentice ſhall have been bound, and ſuch Apprentices ſhall reſpectively ſerve the ſaid Governor or Steward for the Time being; and ſuch Children ſo to be bound Apprentices, ſhall be provided for and maintained by the ſaid Corporation during ſuch their reſpective Apprenticeſhips, in the ſame Manner as other poor Children are to be provided for and maintained by virtue of this Act; and all Profits, Benefits, and Advantages ariſing from ſuch Apprentices ſo bound to the ſaid Governor or Steward, ſhall be accounted for to the ſaid Directors, and ſhall be had, received, and taken by them, and be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Directors to give Notice to Pariſhes in the County of the City of *Lincoln*, of their Intention to bind out Apprentices.

XLIII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it enacted, That when the ſaid Directors ſhall intend to bind and put forth Apprentice any Child or Children belonging to any of the Pariſhes which are ſituate in the County of the City of *Lincoln*, no ſuch Child or Children ſhall be ſo apprenticed out by the ſaid Directors, until Notice in Writing under their Hands, of their Intention ſo to do, ſhall have been given to the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor of the reſpective Pariſh to which ſuch Child ſhall belong, or to One of them, or by fixing the ſame on the outer Door of the Church of ſuch Pariſh; and it ſhall be lawful for

the ſaid Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, or the major Part of them, if they think proper, to appoint and direct to whom, and to what Trade or Occupation ſuch Child ſhall be apprenticed; but if no ſuch Appointment and Direction ſhall be made, given and notified to the Directors, at or before their Second Quarterly Meeting next after ſuch Notice given to the ſaid Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor, or in caſe the Perſon to whom they ſhall appoint the Child ſo to be apprenticed, ſhall refuſe to take him or her, then ſuch Child ſhall be apprenticed as they the ſaid Directors ſhall think proper as aforeſaid.

Juſtices may grant Redreſs to Children ill uſed.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all poor Children who may be abuſed or ill treated by the Maſters or Miſtreſſes they may happen to be apprenticed to or by their Aſſigns or Executors, may, by themſelves, Relations, or Friends, or any of the ſaid Directors, complain to any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, Diſtrict, or Liberty wherein ſuch Apprentice ſhall happen to be or reſide, who may, if he or they ſees or ſee Cauſe, diſcharge any ſuch poor Child or Children of his, her, or their Service, and order the Maſter or Miſtreſs to pay ſuch a Sum of Money to the ſaid Directors or their Treaſurer, not exceeding Twenty Pounds as ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall think right, to be levied, in caſe of Nonpayment, by Diſtreſs and Sale, and applied by the ſaid Directors to the Purpoſes of this Act; or if the Maſter or Miſtreſs ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by ſuch Order, he or ſhe may appeal to the next ſucceeding General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the City, County, or Diſtrict for which ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall act, entering into a Recognizance, with ſufficient Surety, effectually to proſecute ſuch Appeal, and abide the Order of ſuch Seſſions.

Children may be hired out.

Poor may be employed in Harveſt.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered, to hire out, either before or after any Child ſhall have attained the Age of Fourteen Years, any of the poor Children of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes to be Servants in Huſbandry, Houſewifery, or otherwiſe, for One whole Year at the leaſt, for the Benefit of ſuch Child or Children; and alſo before ſuch Age to hire out any of ſuch poor Children, and alſo any of the other Poor within the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, to work and labour in the Time of Hay and Corn Harveſt, or at any other Time for the Benefit of the ſaid Corporation, for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, and for ſuch Time and Term as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, and the Perſon or Perſons hiring ſuch Poor, ſhall agree and determine, Preference being given to the Pariſhes where ſuch Poor may belong, and to the Farmers of the ſaid Pariſhes requiring the ſame; and the poor Perſons ſo hired out ſhall do and perform the Work and Labour ſtipulated and agreed to be done, to the beſt of their Power; and after ſuch Work ſhall be completed and finiſhed, ſhall, without Delay, return with their working Implements, (if any), and the Apparel wherewith he, ſhe, or they went out to work (Allowance being made for reaſonable Wear of ſuch Apparel) to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, or in Default thereof, ſhall and may be apprehended by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of the Juſtices of the ſaid City, in any County or Place whatſoever, and conveyed back to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, to be employed and provided for as aforeſaid; and on every ſuch

poor Perſon being ſo apprehended and brought back, the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, at any Court or Aſſembly may, and they are hereby empowered to inflict ſuch reaſonable Puniſhment on the Perſon ſo apprehended, as they ſhall think fit; and that in all Caſes whatſoever, where any of the Poor under the Care and Management of the ſaid Directors, ſhall not from Time to Time work and labour, and obey and perform the Rules and Ordinances of the ſaid Corporation, they the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized, at any of their ſaid Meetings, to order ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons ſo miſbehaving, to be put in the Place of Correction, there to do ſuch Taſk Work, or to ſuffer ſuch Confinement, corporal or other reaſonable Puniſhment, as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall order to be inflicted.

Juſtices to ſettle Differences between them and People employing them.

XLVI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if any Diſpute ſhall ariſe between the ſaid Directors, or ſuch poor Perſons or Children ſo let out to work as aforeſaid, and the Perſon or Perſons hiring the ſame, either in Default of Payment of the Wages agreed upon, or of ill Uſage, or of Neglect of Work, or Idleneſs in the Perſons or Children ſo let out to work, it ſhall be lawful for the Perſon or Perſons aggrieved, to apply to any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, who ſhall have Power to ſettle ſuch Diſpute, and order ſuch Payment, and give ſuch Redreſs, and inflict ſuch Puniſhment, as Juſtices are now empowered to do by Law between Maſters and Servants in Huſbandry.

Hours of work limited.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Hours of Work for ſuch poor Perſons as ſhall be maintained by the ſaid Corporation, ſhall always be proportioned according to their Age, Strength, and Ability, and no Perſon ſhall be obliged to work for a longer Space of Time than Ten Hours in any One Day, and that there ſhall be allowed to all ſuch poor Perſons ſuch Number of Days in every Year, not leſs than Six nor exceeding Twelve, beſides *Sundays*, for their Eaſe and Recreation, as ſhall be ordered by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at any of their Quarterly Meetings, and that the Parents and Relations of the ſaid poor Perſons, ſhall have Acceſs to them at all proper and ſeaſonable Hours and Times, except at the Time of Meals; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Directors may contract for Employment of the Poor.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at any Quarterly Meeting aſſembled, from Time to Time to contract, if they ſhall think it expedient ſo to do, with any Perſon or Perſons not reſident in, or being an Officer of the ſaid Houſe, for employing and ſetting to work all or any of the poor Perſons in the ſaid Houſe or Houſes, upon ſuch Terms and Conditions as the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think proper, ſuch Contractor or Contractors being ſubject to the Rules and Regulations herein-before preſcribed for the Eaſe and Benefit of the ſaid poor People, and to receive the Profits of their Labour, deducting thereout the Gratuities payable to ſuch poor People, in Part, or in full Payment and Satisfaction for the Service to be performed by ſuch Contract, ſo as no ſuch Contract ſhall ſubſiſt or be in full Force for a longer ſpace than One Year.

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XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Profits ariſing from the Work or Labour of the ſaid poor Perſons, ſhall be from Time to Time paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Directors, and applied for the Purpoſes of this Act. Application of the Produce of the Labour of the Poor.

L. And be it further enacted, That if the Parents, Relations, or Friends of any ſuch poor Perſons or Children maintained by the ſaid Corporation, or any other Perſon ſhall deſire to provide for any ſuch poor Perſons, and ſatisfy the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, of their Ability ſo to do, the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, are hereby required, at any Weekly or other Meeting, to deliver up ſuch poor Children or other poor Perſons to their Parents, Relations, or Friends, or other Perſons deſiring to provide for them; or if it ſhall appear to the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, at any ſuch Meeting, that if the ſaid poor Perſons can maintain themſelves, and ſuch poor Perſons ſhall at any ſuch Meeting deſire to be diſmiſſed from the ſaid Houſe, the ſaid Directors ſhall diſmiſs ſuch poor Perſons from the ſaid Houſe, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding. Poor Perſons may be diſmiſſed to their Parents or their Friends. Poor Perſons capable of maintaining themſelves to be diſcharged.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any One Director in all Caſes of Emergency, if ſuch Director ſhall think proper, to give Permiſſion in Writing to any Churchwarden, Chapelwarden, or Overſeer, to convey any poor Perſon or Perſons to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry till the next Meeting, which Permiſſion ſhall be a ſufficient Authority to the proper Officer for admitting into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry every ſuch poor Perſon. Temporary Relief.

LII. And whereas it frequently happens that Perſons following Trades or occupying Lands within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, neglect or refuſe to employ poor Perſons who are willing and able to work, belonging to the Pariſh in which the ſaid Perſons dwell, carry on their Trade or occupy Lands, and retain or employ thoſe whoſe Settlements are not in any of the ſaid Pariſhes, to the great Injury and Diſcouragement of their own induſtrious Poor; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, whenever any poor Perſon or Perſons, whoſe Settlement is in any of the ſaid Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and the Liberties thereof, who is or are able and willing to be employed in any Work, Trade, or Service, at the uſual Rates and Prices in thoſe Pariſhes, ſhall apply for Relief to the ſaid Directors at a Weekly or any other Meeting, complaining that he or ſhe is willing and ready to be retained or employed, and that he or ſhe has applied to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or ſome One of them, in the Pariſh to which he or ſhe belongs, but that ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer has neglected or refuſed to procure him or her ſuch Service, Work, or Employment, for the Space of Seven Days after ſuch Application ſo made, it ſhall be lawful for any One or more of the ſaid Directors to complain to any One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, upon ſuch Complaint, ſummon ſuch Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor to appear before him or them, and enquire and examine into the Matter of the ſaid Complaint; and if the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices judge proper, For employing Perſons willing to work.

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ſhall order and direct that the ſaid poor Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſo retained, employed, or ſupplied, by ſome One Inhabitant of the ſaid Pariſh, with ſuch Service, Work, or Employment, as ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons is or are able and willing to be engaged in, at and for a fair, reaſonable, and uſual Recompence; and if any or all of the Inhabitants of ſuch Pariſh ſhall either neglect or refuſe forthwith to retain, employ, or ſupply with Work ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may, any Thing in this or any other Act to the contrary notwithſtanding, order, direct, and appoint, by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, that the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of ſuch Pariſh, ſhall make and pay an Allowance Weekly to ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons until retained, employed, or ſupplied with Work or Employment, and the Sum or Sums of Money ſo directed to be paid, ſhall be reimburſed and paid to ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, and ſhall and may be levied and raiſed in ſuch Pariſh in the ſame Manner and in the ſame Proportion as the other Rates and Aſſeſſments are, and over and above all other Sum or Sums of Money ordered and directed by this Act to be raiſed and levied for and towards the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation.

Directors, &c. not to be concerned in any Contract.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That no Director, Treaſurer, or other Officer authorized, appointed, or employed to put this Act in Execution, ſhall be capable of executing any of the Powers or Authorities hereby given, during the Time he ſhall have or be concerned in any Contract for Work, or ſhall ſupply the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry with any Materials or Neceſſaries for carrying this Act into Execution, or the ſupporting of the ſaid Poor; and in caſe any Perſon, during the Time of his being a Director, Treaſurer, or other Officer, either in his own Name, or by any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him, either directly or indirectly, ſhall have or be concerned in any Contract, Engagement, Undertaking, or Agreement for Work, or for ſupplying any ſaleable or vendable Goods, or Materials for Work to be done, or for providing any Neceſſaries whatſoever for carrying this Act into Execution, or the maintaining, ſupporting, relieving, or employing of the ſaid Poor, that every ſuch Contract ſhall be utterly void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and that every ſuch Director, Treaſurer, or other Officer, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered by Action of Debt, to be brought in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and that after any ſuch Offence as aforeſaid, every ſuch Director, Treaſurer, or other Officer ſhall from thenceforth be abſolutely diſqualified and diſabled from being elected into, and holding any ſuch Office as before mentioned.

Power to borrow Money.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Seven or more of the ſaid Directors, from Time to Time, at any of their ſaid Quarterly Meetings, to borrow and take up at legal or lower Intereſt, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds, upon ſuch Mortgages and Aſſignments, in Shares of One hundred Pounds each, or for ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be adjudged moſt convenient for raiſing the ſame, and to aſſig over by Writing under

under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, all and every the Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes of the ſaid Corporation, and all or any Part of the Poors Rates and Aſſeſſments to be collected within the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, to the Perſon or Perſons advancing or lending the ſame, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal Sum and Sums of Money ſo to be borrowed, with Intereſt for the ſame, (the Charges of ſuch Aſſignments to be paid out of the Money to be raiſed by virtue of this Act); and every ſuch Mortgage or Aſſignment ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay),

Form of an Aſſignment.

'BY virtue of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled [*Inſert the Title of this Act*], we the Guardians of the Poor within the City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, incorporated by the ſaid Act, in Conſideration of the Sum of now advanced and paid to the Treaſurer appointed by virtue of the ſaid Act, by *A. B.* do hereby aſſign unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, all and every the Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, of the ſaid Corporation, and all and every the Poor Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made and collected by virtue of the ſaid Act, with all Powers and Authorities for entering upon the ſame Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, and for receiving the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, and for collecting and raiſing the ſame Poor Rates and Aſſeſſments under the ſaid Act, to have, hold, and receive, and take the ſame to and for his and their own Uſe and Benefit, from this Day of until the ſaid Sum of with Intereſt, at the Rate of for One hundred Pounds for a Year, ſhall be repaid: In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal, the Day and Year aboveſaid.'

No Preference to be given to the Creditors on Account of Priority.

And all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom ſuch Aſſignments and Transfers ſhall be made, ſhall be in Proportion to the Sum or Sums therein mentioned, Creditors on the ſaid Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, and upon the ſaid Rates equally one with another, and ſhall have no Preference in reſpect to the Priority of advancing ſuch Money.

Money may be raiſed by Annuities.

LV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think it adviſeable or more advantageous to raiſe all or any Part of the Monies neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, by the granting of Annuities for Lives, that then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to grant Annuities out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be raiſed as hereafter mentioned, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation, any Sum or Sums of Money for the abſolute Purchaſe of any Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every ſuch Contributor, or of ſuch Perſon as ſhall be nominated by or on the Behalf of ſuch Contributor, at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchaſe Money, ſo as that no ſuch Annuity do exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds for every Hundred Pounds

for a Year, and ſo that the whole Money to be raiſed upon Mortgage, and by granting of Annuities as aforeſaid, do not exceed the ſaid Sum of Six thouſand Pounds, and the Grant of every ſuch Annuity ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay),

Form of the Grant.

'BY virtue of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of 'the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled [*Inſert 'the Title of this Act*], We the Guardians of the Poor within the City 'of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, incorporated by the ſaid Act, in Con- 'ſideration of the Sum of Pounds now paid by 'to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation, ap- 'pointed in purſuance of the ſaid Act, do hereby grant unto the ſaid 'and an Annuity or 'Yearly Sum of out of the Rates or 'Aſſeſſments to be made for the Relief of the Poor within the ſaid ſe- 'veral Pariſhes, and to ariſe by virtue of the ſaid Act, which Annuity 'or Yearly Sum of ſhall be paid to the ſaid 'or Aſſigns, by equal 'Days of Payment; that is to ſay, the Day of 'and the Day of during the natural Life of 'the ſaid and the Firſt Payment thereof ſhall be 'made upon the Day of next enſuing the 'Date of theſe Preſents: In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto affixed 'our Common Seal, the Day of in the Year of 'our Lord

Annuities charged on the Rates.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Grant ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, and every Annuity ſo to be granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be, and is hereby charged upon, and ſhall be payable and paid, from Time to Time, by and out of all and every the Buildings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, which ſhall belong to the ſaid Corporation at the Time of the purchaſing or granting ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, and alſo upon and out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be collected within the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes in purſuance of this Act, and the Money to ariſe and be paid by virtue thereof; and all and every the Contributor or Contributors, Purchaſer or Purchaſers of Annuities reſpectively as aforeſaid upon the Credit of this Act, and duly paying the Conſideration or Purchaſe Money for any ſuch Annuities as aforeſaid, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he, ſhe, or they ſhall appoint, or his, her, or their reſpective Aſſigns, ſhall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the ſaid reſpective Annuity or Annuities during the Term of the natural Life of the Perſon to be nominated by each ſuch Purchaſer or Contributor as before mentioned; and that all and every ſuch Purchaſer and Purchaſers, and their Aſſigns reſpectively, ſhall have good, ſure, abſolute, and indefeaſible Perſonal Eſtates and Intereſts in the Annuities ſo by them reſpectively purchaſed, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and that none of the ſaid Annuities ſhall be ſubject or liable to the Land-Tax, or any other Parliamentary or Parochial Tax whatſoever, but ſhall be payable and paid at ſuch Place within the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and on ſuch Days in every Year as ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Grant.

LVII. And

LVII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch Contributor, Purchaſer, or Annuitant as aforeſaid, and his, her, or their Aſſigns, upon Payment of the Conſideration or Purchaſe Money for the ſame Annuity as aforeſaid, or any Part or Portion thereof, ſhall have One or more Receipt or Receipts from the Perſon or Perſons receiving the ſame, and importing the Receipt of ſo much Purchaſe Money as ſhall be ſo paid; and on Payment of the Remainder, or full Payment of ſuch Purchaſe Money, every ſuch Purchaſer, Contributor, or Annuitant, ſhall have an Order or Security on Parchment, Vellum, or Paper, in ſuch Manner and Form as to the ſaid Directors, or any Five of them, ſhall appear proper for Payment of the ſaid Annuities or Annuity out of the Property and Rates aforeſaid, for and during the Life of ſuch Perſon and Perſons as ſhall be nominated by ſuch Purchaſers or Contributors as aforeſaid; which Order or Security ſhall be ſealed with the Seal of the ſaid Corporation, and when ſo ſealed ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, according to the true Meaning of this Act.

Annuitants to have Receipts for the Money.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That Copies of all ſuch Mortgages or Aſſignments, and Grants of Annuities, which ſhall be made in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation, and all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom any ſuch Mortgage or Aſſignment, and Grant of Annuities ſhall be made, or who ſhall be entitled to the Money thereby ſecured, is and are hereby empowered from Time to Time, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, executed in the Preſence of Two or more credible Witneſſes, to transfer ſuch Security or Securities, and his, her, and their Right to the Principal and Intereſt Money or Annuity thereby ſecured, unto any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and every ſuch Aſſignee may in like Manner transfer again, and ſo *toties quoties*; and all ſuch Tranſfers ſhall, within One Calendar Month from the Date thereof, be produced and notified to the ſaid Clerk, who ſhall cauſe an Entry to be made thereof, containing the Dates, Names of the Parties and Witneſſes, and the Sums of Money or Annuity therein mentioned, to be tranſferred in the ſaid Book or Books directed to be kept for entering the ſaid original Aſſignments, for each of which Entries the ſaid Clerk ſhall be paid the Sum of One Shilling, and no more, and which Book or Books ſhall and may, at all ſeaſonable Times, be peruſed and inſpected by any Perſon or Perſons without Fee or Reward; and after ſuch Entry made, every ſuch Transfer ſhall entitle every Aſſignee, his or her Executors or Adminiſtrators, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon, and it ſhall not be in the Power of any Perſon who ſhall have made ſuch Transfer, to make void, releaſe, or diſcharge the ſame, or any Monies due thereon; and ſuch Tranſfers which ſhall be made of ſuch Aſſignment may be in Words or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay),

Mortgages and Grants of Annuities to be entered in a Book.

Securities may be transferred.

Transfer to be regiſtered.

'TO all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, I of in the of ſend Greeting: Whereas by a certain Aſſignment, [*or*, Grant of Annuity], bearing Date the Day of and made and duly executed by the Guardians therein named, in purſuance of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third,

Form of Tranſfer.

'Third, intituled [*Inſert the Title of this Act*] all and every the Build-
'ings, Lands, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, thereby veſted in the Cor-
'poration therein named; and alſo all and every the Poor Rates and
'Aſſeſſments to be collected by virtue of the ſaid Act, and therein men-
'tioned and referred to, were aſſigned to me in Manner therein men-
'tioned, for ſecuring the Sum of by me then advanced
'and paid, and the Intereſt thereon [*or*, an Annuity of
'was granted to me out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments by virtue of the
'ſaid Act]: Now I do hereby, in Conſideration of the Sum of
'to me paid by of in the of tranſ-
'fer unto the ſaid the ſaid Aſſignment, [*or*, Grant of An-
'nuity], with all my Right and Title to the Principal and Intereſt [*or*,
'Money] thereby ſecured, and now due unto me, [*or*, to grow due
'thereon]. Witneſs my Hand and Seal this Day of

Twenty-one Days Notice to borrow Money.

LIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That before any Money ſhall be borrowed or Annuity granted as aforeſaid, Twenty-one Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given by the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation, Three Times in ſome publick Newſpaper publiſhed or circulating within the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, ſignifying the Intention of the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, of borrowing ſuch Money or granting ſuch Annuities as aforeſaid.

For making Aſſeſſments.

LX. And, in order to raiſe an adequate Fund to enable the ſaid Corporation to carry into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at their Firſt Meeting, or at any ſubſequent Quarterly or Special Meeting or Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and may, and they are hereby empowered and required to aſſeſs and raiſe ſuch Sum and Sums of Money (Regard being had by them to ſuch Average of the Rates within the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes as is herein-after mentioned) upon the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, as ſhall be needful from Time to Time to be raiſed and paid by and out of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, for paying the Intereſt of the Money to be borrowed, or ſuch Annuities as aforeſaid, and for defraying the Expences of the Maintenance of the Poor, and for and towards paying off and diſcharging the Principal Money to be borrowed as aforeſaid, and for the other Purpoſes of this Act; and ſuch Aſſeſſments, being ſigned and allowed by Two of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall be and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to iſſue Warrants under the Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of all and every the ſaid Pariſhes, requiring them to pay at ſome particular Time and Place to be ſpecified in ſuch Warrants, not being ſooner than Fourteen Days from the Date of ſuch Warrant, the Sums ſo fixed, aſcertained, and aſſeſſed, or any Part or Parts thereof, upon the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, whoſe Receipt for the ſame ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to ſuch reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor; and for raiſing the Sums fixed and aſcertained by the ſaid Directors, ſuch reſpective Church Wardens and Overſeers of the Poor ſhall and they are hereby required from Time to Time, with as much Equality as poſſible, to raiſe by Rate or Aſſeſſment of or upon every Inhabitant, Rector, Vicar, and every Occupier of Lands, Houſes, Tene-

Churchwardens and Overſeers to collect the Rates.

ments, Tythes impropriate, Impropriation of Tythes, Mines, or ſaleable Underwoods, and others, within their reſpective Pariſhes, ſo much Money as ſhall be fixed and aſcertained as the Quota upon each ſuch reſpective Pariſh by the ſaid Directors, for all which Sums of Money ſo aſſeſſed and received by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, in caſe of any Deficiency, the Pariſhioners and Inhabitants of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes wherein ſuch Sums of Money ſhall be ſo aſſeſſed and received, ſhall be anſwerable, and ſhall be compellable to pay the ſame upon a Re-aſſeſſment, which in that Caſe is hereby directed to be made by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers; and ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, and alſo ſuch Re-aſſeſſments for the Sums ſo fixed and aſcertained, ſhall be aſſeſſed, levied, and recovered in ſuch and the like Manner as Money aſſeſſed for the Relief of the Poor, is by the Laws now in being and in force to be aſſeſſed, levied, and recovered, and with the ſame Power of Appeal to Perſons aggrieved.

In caſe of Deficiency Re-aſſeſſment to be made; for levying the Rates.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor reſpectively of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes ſhall, and they are, and each of them is hereby required, from Time to Time, Quarterly, or as often as ordered by the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, to pay over all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money by them received, by virtue of the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments aforeſaid, into the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer, and ſhall alſo make up and render to the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, as often as thereunto required, full, true, perfect, and diſtinct Accounts in Writing, of all and every Sum and Sums of Money ſo collected and received by them reſpectively, by virtue of this Act, and ſhall pay over all Monies ſo by them collected, and remaining in their Hands, to the ſaid Treaſurer, in Manner aforeſaid; and if the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or any of them, ſhall refuſe and neglect to give and render a juſt, true, and perfect Account or Accounts, or to pay over the Monies remaining in their or his Hands, in Manner aforeſaid, then and in each of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and Liberties thereof, on Complaint made to them by any One or more of the ſaid Directors, and Proof thereof, by the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, (which Oath the ſaid Juſtices are hereby empowered to adminiſter), by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit ſuch Churchwardens or Overſeers, ſo refuſing or neglecting to give and render juſt, true, and perfect Accounts, or to pay over the Monies as aforeſaid, to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, and Liberties thereof, there to be and remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until they or he ſhall have made and delivered ſuch Accounts as aforeſaid, and ſatisfied and paid over to the ſaid Treaſurer all ſuch Monies as, upon fair and juſt Accounts, ſhall appear to be and remain in their or his Hands, or until they or he ſhall have compounded for or ſatisfied the ſaid Directors, reſpecting the Monies in their or his Hands, or the Balance of ſuch Accounts reſpectively, which Compoſition the whole Number of the ſaid Directors, being unanimous, are hereby empowered to make.

Churchwardens, &c. to account with Directors, and pay the Money collected to the Treaſurer.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Firſt Rate or Aſſeſſment to be fixed and made by the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more

Aſſeſſment be made upon an Average of the Poor Rates.

more of them, as the Quota of each Pariſh for the Relief and Support of the Poor of ſuch reſpective Pariſhes, and other the Purpoſes of this Act, for One Year, to be computed from their Firſt Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time be fixed and aſcertained upon each and every of ſuch Pariſhes, according to and ſhall be equal to the Amount of the Annual Expenditure of each ſuch reſpective Pariſh, upon an Average of Ten Years preceding *Eaſter*, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-nine, and ſhall never exceed that Average, unleſs a further Aſſeſſment ſhall be made as hereinafter mentioned, and ſuch Firſt Aſſeſſment, when made and allowed as aforeſaid, ſhall not be leſſened or reduced more than One Fourth until Two Third Parts of the whole Sum to be borrowed as aforeſaid ſhall be paid off and diſcharged, and that when Two Third Parts of ſuch Debt ſhall be paid off as aforeſaid, the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall and may, at any General or Quarterly Meeting to be by them held in purſuance of this Act, either continue ſuch old Aſſeſſment, or make another Aſſeſſment not exceeding the Amount of the former one, or make a leſſer Aſſeſſment on each Pariſh, and upon the like Average as the ſame was made, in order to raiſe ſuch Sums of Money as they ſhall from Time to Time think neceſſary and wanting for the Purpoſes of paying the Principal and Intereſt of the Money then due and owing, the Annuities then payable, if any, and of paying and defraying the Expences of the Maintenance of the Poor, and for the other Purpoſes of this Act.

Not to be reduced more than One Fourth until Two Thirds of Money borrowed is paid off.

Deduction of One Sixth Part of the Average of *Saint Michael's* Pariſh.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That out of the Sum to be fixed and aſcertained by the ſaid Directors as the Quota of the Pariſh of *Saint Michael*, for the Relief and Support of the Poor in the ſaid Pariſh for One Year, to be computed from the Firſt Meeting of the ſaid Directors to be held in purſuance of this Act, according to the Average Expenditure of the ſaid Pariſh, upon an Average, of Ten Years preceding *Eaſter* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-nine as aforeſaid, there ſhall be deducted One-Sixth Part every Year out of ſuch Sum as ſhall be fixed and aſcertained to be the Average Expenditure of the ſaid Pariſh for the Period above-mentioned, as a Recompence and Satisfaction to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Michael* for the Increaſe of, and Addition to their Poor Rates during that Time, occaſioned by the Erection of the County Hoſpital in the ſaid Pariſh; and that the ſaid Average ſo to be fixed and aſcertained as aforeſaid for the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Michael*, after a Deduction being made thereof of One Sixth Part as before mentioned, ſhall in future and for ever hereafter be, and be conſidered as the Average of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Michael*.

For making a further Aſſeſſment.

LXIV. Provided alſo nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall at any Time happen, that the Aſſeſſment to be made according to the Average as aforeſaid, ſhall be found inſufficient for paying and defraying the ſeveral Sums and Expences ſo before directed to be paid and defrayed, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors or any Three or more of them, to call a Special Meeting of all the Guardians, of which Meeting, and of the Purpoſe thereof, Twenty-one Days Notice at leaſt ſhall be given under the Hands of the Directors calling the ſame, and publiſhed on ſome *Sunday* immediately after Divine Service in each of the Pariſh

Pariſh Churches within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, or by Writing affixed on the principal outer Door of each ſuch Church; and in caſe there ſhall be no Pariſh Church, then to cauſe ſuch Notice to be given in the uſual Way or Place of giving Notice in ſuch Pariſh; and that it ſhall be lawful for the Guardians who ſhall attend at ſuch Meeting, or Two Thirds of them, to raiſe and aſſeſs ſuch further Sum, over and above the former Aſſeſſment, as they ſhall think neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, and that ſuch further Sum ſhall be aſſeſſed and raiſed upon the ſame Average, and in the ſame Manner, as the other Aſſeſſment is herein-before directed to be laid and raiſed, and ſhall continue for ſuch Time as the Guardians making the ſame ſhall direct and appoint, and no longer; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Church-wardens, &c. to produce Pariſh Books.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of each and every of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, and each and every of them, ſhall, and they are hereby reſpectively required, upon Order or Notice in Writing, ſigned by Three or more of the ſaid Directors, being delivered to them or left at their reſpective Places of Abode, at leaſt Seven Days before the Firſt or any ſubſequent Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to attend ſuch Meeting with the Books or Accounts of the Payments or Expences of the Overſeers for the Maintenance, Support, or on Account of the Poor of their reſpective Pariſhes, for Ten Years immediately preceding *Eaſter* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-nine; and where no ſuch Books ſhall have been kept, then with the original Rates and Accounts of the Diſburſements made for the Maintenance or on the Account of the Poor during the ſaid Ten Years; and all and every ſuch Books, Rates, and Accounts ſo produced, ſhall be verified as to the Authenticity thereof, by the Oath or Oaths of the reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, before any Three or more of the ſaid Directors (who are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter ſuch Oath), and the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor ſhall leave all and every ſuch Books, Rates, and Accounts, with the Directors then preſent at ſuch Meeting, to the End that they may examine the ſame, and fix and aſcertain the Proportions afterwards to be obſerved by the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor in aſſeſſing the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes; and the ſaid Directors ſhall return ſuch Books, Rates, and Accounts, to the ſaid reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers, whenever they ſhall reſpectively demand the ſame, after the Expiration of Sixty Days from the Delivery thereof.

Perſons who have acted as Pariſh Officers for Ten Years paſt to produce their Books and Accounts.

LXVI. And, for the better enabling the ſaid Directors to ſettle the juſt Proportions to be obſerved by them in fixing and aſcertaining, and by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor in aſſeſſing the Rates upon the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes; be it further enacted, That every Perſon who ſhall have been, or ſhall have acted as Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor of any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes for any Time or Times during the ſaid Ten Years, ſhall, and he is hereby required, upon Order or Notice in Writing, ſigned by Three or more of the ſaid Directors, being delivered to ſuch Perſon or left at his uſual Place of Abode, at leaſt Seven Days before the Time appointed for his Attendance, attend at any Meeting or Meetings of the ſaid Directors, and produce all

Books, Rates, and Accounts whatſoever, of or in anywiſe concerning the Payments and Expences for the Maintenance of the Poor of any ſuch Pariſhes during the ſaid Ten Years, which ſhall be in the Cuſtody or Power of ſuch Perſon, and ſhall verify the ſame upon Oath before any Three or more of the ſaid Directors (who are hereby authorized to adminiſter ſuch Oath), and all ſuch Books, Rates, and Accounts, ſhall be left with the Directors preſent at ſuch Meeting, and the ſaid Directors ſhall return the ſame to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have left the ſame as aforeſaid, upon Demand, at any Time after the Expiration of Sixty Days, from the Time of leaving thereof.

If Pariſh Officers omit to produce their Books, &c. the Rates to be made at Diſcretion.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe all or any of ſuch Books, Rates, or Accounts, for any of the ſaid Pariſhes, ſhall not be produced at ſuch Firſt or other Meeting, that then the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may at their Diſcretion, but as equally as they can with reſpect to the other Pariſhes, aſcertain and fix the Sum to be aſſeſſed and collected by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of ſuch Pariſh, Regard being had to the Value of ſuch Pariſh, and to the Number of Poor uſually maintained therein, and other incidental Circumſtances.

Pariſh Officers to aſſiſt in the Execution of this Act.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor for the Time being of all and every the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes ſhall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, aid and aſſiſt the ſaid Guardians and Directors reſpectively to the beſt of their Power, and ſhall at all Times obey their Orders and Notices relative to the Execution of this Act; and in caſe any Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor

Penalty on their making Default.

ſhall refuſe or neglect to aſſeſs and levy the ſeveral Sum and Sums of Money, that from Time to Time ſhall be fixed and aſcertained by the ſaid Guardians or Directors upon any of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, or to pay ſuch Sum and Sums of Money at the Time and Place appointed, according to the Requiſition and Requiſitions of the ſaid Directors made in purſuance of this Act, or to obey any ſuch Order or Orders, Notice or Notices as aforeſaid, every Churchwarden and Overſeer of the Poor ſo neglecting or refuſing, ſhall be ſummoned by Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of the ſaid Directors, to appear at the next or any ſubſequent Weekly Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to be holden as aforeſaid; and if any ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer of the Poor ſo ſummoned, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear at ſuch Meeting, or if appearing ſhall not ſufficiently excuſe or juſtify himſelf, but ſhall be adjudged by the Directors at ſuch Meeting to have made Default in any of the Matters aforeſaid, that then and in every or any ſuch Caſe, ſuch Churchwarden and Overſeer of the Poor ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence, any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, to be levied, in caſe of Nonpayment thereof on Demand, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, and ſuch Forfeitures ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation and applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Rents and Income of Pariſh Eſtates to be

LXIX. And whereas divers Eſtates have been given to, or are otherwiſe now veſted in the Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, Truſtees, or

Feoffees reſpectively, of and for ſeveral of the Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Libetties thereof, and the ſame have been leaſed out, and are now let by the ſaid Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, Truſtees, or Feoffees reſpectively, to divers Perſons, and the Fines on the Renewal of ſuch Leaſes, and the Yearly Rents of ſuch Eſtates have been applied as the ſame were received towards the Maintenance of the Poor in ſuch ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes in order to leſſen and reduce the Poor Rates within the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That where any ſuch Fines, and Yearly or other Rents, or Income of the ſaid Eſtates, or any Charity Money given to any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes for the Uſe and Benefit of the Poor thereof, ſhall appear in any of the ſaid Ten Years, of which an Average is to be made as aforeſaid, to have been applied to the Maintenance of the ſaid Poor, in order to leſſen the Poors Rates, ſo much of ſuch Fines, Yearly or other Rents, or Income and Charity Money, as ſhall have been ſo applied, ſhall be added to and deemed Part of the Aſſeſſments for the Maintenance of the Poor in ſuch reſpective Years for the Purpoſe of taking ſuch Average as aforeſaid; and all ſuch Fines, Yearly or other Rents or Income, and Charity Money reſpectively, ſhall hereafter be added to, and deemed Part of the Aſſeſſments to be raiſed by ſuch reſpective Pariſh for the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſhall be applied by the Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, Truſtees, or Feoffees reſpectively, for that Purpoſe accordingly.

Part of Aſſeſſments.

LXX. Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be deemed or conſtrued to extend to affect or interfere with the Management or Application of any Charity Monies or Eſtates now veſted in, or which ſhall hereafter be given to or veſted in the Corporation of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, or any of the Members thereof, either in their Corporate Capacity as Members of the ſame Corporation, or as a Corporate Body or Corporate Bodies, by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament for the Purpoſe of any particular Charity or Charities, but that the ſame and every of them, ſhall remain and be veſted in them for the Purpoſes for which they were or ſhall be given, and ſhall continue to be managed and applied as fully to all Intents and Purpoſes in all Reſpects as if this Act had not been made.

This Act not to interfere with the Management of Charity Eſtates now veſted in the Corporation of *Lincoln*, &c.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Firſt Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, in caſe any Legacy, Donation, or Sum of Money, ſhall at any Time or Times be given or bequeathed by any Perſon or Perſons to any Pariſh within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, for the Uſe of the Poor of ſuch reſpective Pariſh, and no other particular or poſitive Directions ſhall be given by the Donor thereof with regard to the Diſtribution of ſuch Donations, that then ſuch Legacies or Donations ſhall be diſtributed to ſuch Poor Indigent Perſons within ſuch Pariſh, as ſhall not aſk or receive any Relief from the ſaid Corporation; and that in ſuch Caſe the Overſeers of the Poor of ſuch reſpective Pariſh, and every other Perſon who ſhall be empowered or intereſted to diſtribute ſuch Donations, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Penalty of Treble the Value of ſuch Donations or Sum or Sums of Money if miſapplied by him or them, to be levied by Warrant under the Hands of Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City.

How Money hereafter left for the Poor without any particular Direction, is to be applied

Gifts and Bequeſts to the Poor to be applied by the Corporation.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Firſt Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, all Gifts, Donations, Benefits, and Sums of Money whatſoever, which ſhall become payable by the voluntary Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, or Contributions of charitable and well diſpoſed Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to or for the Uſe of the Poor of the Houſe of Induſtry aforeſaid, or in general Terms whereby it ſhall appear to be intended for the Benefit of all the Poor, or for the Furtherance of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time be applied to and for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation and for the Purpoſes of this Act, and for that Purpoſe be received by the Treaſurer for the Time being, and accounted for by him; and that in Caſes where Gifts, Donations, Benefits, or Sums of Money ſhall be given by charitable Perſons for any particular or ſpecifick Purpoſes, the Directions of the Donor or Teſtator ſhall be implicitly followed; and that a Liſt of all Donations and Bequeſts, ſo to be made to and for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be from Time to Time made and affixed in ſome conſpicuous Part of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry.

Pariſh Officers may raiſe Money for other Parochial Purpoſes.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to hinder or prevent the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of any of the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, from aſſeſſing and raiſing any Sum or Sums of Money to make any Payment or Payments, which is or ſhall be required by any Law to be made out of the Poors Rates, but ſuch Sum and Sums ſhall and may be aſſeſſed and raiſed for ſuch Purpoſes, over and above the Sums aſſeſſed and required to be raiſed by the ſaid Directors, and ſhall be accounted for in ſuch Manner as if this Act had not been made.

Allowing Money for occaſional Relief to be retained in Officers Hands.

LXXIV. Provided alſo, That the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, may, if they think neceſſary, allow the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes to retain in their Hands, out of the Money by them collected, ſuch Sums as the ſaid Directors ſhall think proper, to be by ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers applied occaſionally for the Relief and Support of ſuch Poor as cannot, on Account of Sickneſs or ſome Accident, be removed to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, or for defraying the Charge of burying the Dead, or Expences which may be incurred in the Removal of Paupers to their legal Settlements; and that the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers ſhall keep a diſtinct and ſeparate Account of all Sums of Money ſo by them from Time to Time paid and applied, and produce and deliver the ſame to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation, at the Time and Place to be ſpecified in the Warrants of the Directors for paying the Sums ſo fixed and aſcertained, and ſhall be accounted for as Caſh in the Account of the Churchwardens or Overſeers producing and delivering the ſame.

Directing how the Money borrowed on Securities ſhall be diſcharged.

LXXV. And whereas, it is intended that all the ſaid Mortgages or Securities for the Payment of any Principal Money, ſhall be liable to be diſcharged as expeditiouſly as poſſible, and without any Partiality or Preference; be it therefore enacted, That as ſoon as the Houſe of Induſtry ſhall be completed, or that Seven Directors or more ſhall at any Quarterly Meeting come to a Reſolution, that the ſaid Corporation will be able to, and ſhall diſcharge a certain Sum or Sums of the Money to be borrowed

by virtue of this Act upon Mortgage, in the Courſe of the next Six Months, that they ſhall then immediately cauſe an Advertiſement to be inſerted in ſome Newſpaper circulating in the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, for Three ſucceſſive Weeks, containing Notice of the Amount of the Money ſo intended to be paid off in the Courſe of the next Six Months, and appoint a Meeting to be held within Forty Days from the Day of the ſaid laſt Quarterly Meeting, and alſo ſpecifying in the ſaid Advertiſement, that at ſuch Meeting they, or ſome Five or more of the Directors, ſhall and will, and they are hereby required to proceed to cauſe all the ſaid Mortgages to be then and there drawn by Lot, and numbered according to the Event of ſuch Drawing, and that the Mortgages ſo drawn and numbered, ſhall and will be regularly and invariably diſcharged in Succeſſion, according to the Priority of Number: Provided always, that at ſuch Meeting, all or any of the Mortgagees under this Act may attend and be permitted to view or inſpect the Mode or Manner of drawing the Lots; and in caſe any One or more of the Mortgagees ſhall not be preſent at the Time of drawing the ſaid Lots, Notice of the Number of his, her, or their Mortgage or Mortgages as drawn and numbered, ſhall be ſent forthwith by the Treaſurer or Clerk of ſuch Corporation, to each of ſuch Mortgagees as were not preſent at ſuch Meeting.

That Notice ſhall be given of paying off the Money.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Drawing of the Lots, and ſuch Mortgages being ſo numbered, it ſhall at all ſuch Times as they ſhall be enabled, or that they poſſibly can raiſe Money for that Purpoſe become the Duty of the Directors to conſider and determine at each and every Quarterly Meeting, how many, or whether any of the ſaid Mortgages can be paid off or diſcharged in the then next ſucceeding Six Months, and that having ſo determined, in caſe any of the ſaid Mortgages are to be paid off, the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, ſhall cauſe immediate Notice thereof to be given to each and every of the Proprietors of ſuch Mortgage or Mortgages, and alſo to cauſe to be inſerted for Two or more ſucceſſive Weeks in the *Lincoln* Papers, or any Newſpaper uſually circulating in the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, the Number of each and every ſuch Mortgage as is intended to be ſo diſcharged, together with the Name of the Perſon by whom, the Place where, and the Day or Days on which the Principal Money is to be paid in Diſcharge of ſuch Mortgage.

In caſe of Refuſal to receive the ſame, Intereſt to ceaſe.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall at any Time hereafter become Creditors to the ſaid Corporation by any ſuch Mortgage or Aſſignment as before mentioned, ſhall neglect or refuſe, after ſuch Notice by Advertiſement or otherwiſe, to attend himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, or ſome Perſon properly authorized on his, her, or their Behalf to receive the Principal Sum or Sums then to be diſcharged, and ſhall not then deliver up the Security or Mortgage for the ſaid Money, and Aſſignment thereof, or give or execute a full and ſatisfactory Diſcharge for the ſame, that then and in that Caſe, no further Intereſt ſhall become due or be payable from the Day which was ſpecified and mentioned in the ſaid Advertiſement or Notice, as the Day on which the ſaid Principal Sum or Sums of Money would be ſo paid and diſcharged as aforeſaid.

LXXVIII. And

Furniture, &c. veſted in Directors.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Property of all and every the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Materials, and Things whatſoever, to be from Time to Time had, made, bought, uſed, or provided for the Uſe of the ſaid Poor, and for carrying into Execution the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo all Debts due to the ſaid Corporation for the Poors Work or otherwiſe, ſhall be and are hereby abſolutely veſted in the ſaid Directors for the Time being for the Purpoſes of this Act; and they the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to bring Actions in the Name of the Corporation, againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall diſturb them in the Poſſeſſion thereof, or any Part thereof; and that if any Perſon ſhall, by open Violence, or maliciouſly, obſtruct the repairing or erecting ſuch Houſe, or other Buildings, or the incloſing any ſuch Lands or Grounds as aforeſaid, or wilfully damage any ſuch Buildings, or the Fences of ſuch Incloſures, or of any other Lands or Grounds ſo to be purchaſed as aforeſaid, or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be guilty or ſuſpected of ſtealing any of the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, Matters or Things whatſoever belonging to the ſaid Corporation, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace, before whom ſuch Accuſation ſhall be brought againſt any Perſon or Perſons, immediately to cauſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to be apprehended and proceeded againſt according to Law, and the Court before whom ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be tried and convicted, ſhall and may, and have hereby Power and Authority to cauſe the Offender or Offenders to be tranſported for Seven Years, in like Manner as Felons are directed to be tranſported by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or in Mitigation of ſuch Puniſhment ſuch Court may, if they think fit, award ſuch Sentence as the Law directs in Caſes of petit Larceny; and if any of the Poor who ſhall be received into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, ſhall be found guilty of any of the Offences aforeſaid, or of wilfully deſtroying or ſpoiling any of the aforeſaid Effects, or ſhall pawn, ſell, or diſpoſe of any Apparel with which they ſhall be cloathed at the Expence of the ſaid Corporation, or the Apparel of any Perſon maintained in the ſaid Houſe, or ſhall go away with any Apparel provided by the ſaid Corporation, without the Leave of the Governor, or the major Part of the Directors preſent at any Weekly Meeting, and ſhall be convicted thereof before any Three or more of the ſaid Directors, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, to order ſuch Confinement, or corporal Puniſhment of ſuch Offender in the Place of Correction, inſtead of any other Proſecution, or otherwiſe proceed againſt him, her, or them at Law, as they ſhall think proper; and in caſe he or ſhe ſhall have abſconded, may, by Warrant under the Seal of the ſaid Corporation, cauſe ſuch Perſon to be apprehended in any City, Town, County, or Place in *Great Britain*, and to be conveyed to the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, there to be confined or puniſhed as aforeſaid, ſuch Warrant being firſt indorſed by and with the Name of ſome Juſtice of the Peace within whoſe Juriſdiction ſuch Warrant is executed, Oath having been firſt made before ſuch Juſtice of the Authenticity of ſuch Warrant; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall knowingly buy or receive, or cauſe to be bought or received, or ſhall otherwiſe take into his, her, or their Cuſtody or Power,

Puniſhment of Perſons who ſhall ſteal or deſtroy Goods, &c.

or ſhall pawn, ſell, &c.

Puniſhment of Perſons buying or receiving Goods, &c.

by Way of Pawn or otherwiſe, any of the aforeſaid Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Proviſions, Clothes, Linen, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utenſils, or Materials whatſoever, from or by Means or Connivance of any of the Poor under the Care and Management of the ſaid Directors, or from any other Perſon or Perſons, without the Privity and Conſent of the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, knowing the ſame to belong to the ſaid Corporation or Directors; or in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall receive, entertain, keep, or conceal, any poor Perſon who ſhall have been under the Care of the ſaid Directors, knowing they have abſconded, eloped, or deſerted from the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry without their Privity and Conſent, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and being thereof convicted on his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or upon the Oath of any One credible Witneſs, or upon the Oath of any poor Perſon who ſhall have ſold, pawned, or delivered any of ſuch Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Apparel, or Materials, or that ſhall have eloped as aforeſaid, before any One Juſtice of the Peace of the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, or of the Place where the Offender ſhall dwell, which Oath any ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to adminiſter, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, over and above the Value of the Goods or Materials ſo bought, received, or taken, into his, her, or their Cuſtody, (the Value of which ſhall be eſtimated at the Price the ſame originally coſt when new), for the Uſe of the ſaid Coporation, to be recovered and levied, if not paid upon Demand, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the proper Goods, Cattle, and Chattels of every ſuch Offender or Offenders, together with the Charges of every ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of ſuch Juſtice before whom ſuch Conviction ſhall be made as aforeſaid; and for Want of ſufficient Diſtreſs, it ſhall be lawful for the ſame or any other Juſtice, having Juriſdiction, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal to apprehend any ſuch Offender or Offenders, and to commit him, her, or them, to the Common Gaol of the ſaid City, Town, or County, where ſuch Perſon ſhall be apprehended, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until Payment of the aforeſaid Sums of Money, and the Charges attending the Conviction, Purſuit, and Commitment, of ſuch Offender, (ſuch Charges to be aſcertained by ſuch Juſtice), or until the Offender ſhall have compounded for the ſame, and paid ſuch Compoſition to ſuch Perſon as the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall direct and appoint to receive the ſame, (which Compoſition the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, are hereby empowered to make); and all Convictions whatſoever to be made in purſuance of this Act ſhall be in the following Words or in Words to the like Effect; (that is to ſay),

or concealing Elopers.

'City of *Lincoln*, and County thereof.' 'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord and in the Year of His Majeſty's Reign, is convicted before One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and County thereof, of [*Here ſpecify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the ſame ſhall be committed, as the Caſe ſhall be.*] Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year above written.'

Form of Conviction.

Penalty on Officers purloining Money or Goods.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Governor or Steward, Matron, Treaſurer, Clerk, or other Officer appointed, or any other Perſon whatſoever employed by the ſaid Directors, ſhall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully miſapply any of the Monies, Materials, or Implements of Work, Utenſils, Goods, or Chattels, belonging to the ſaid Corporation, every ſuch Offender ſhall not only be diſcharged from his or her Office, and be rendered incapable of ever afterwards being elected into ſuch Office, but ſhall alſo forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Forty Shillings, and alſo Treble the Value of ſuch Money, Materials, or Implements of Work, 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 ſuch Offender, in ſuch Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereinafter directed to be levied, and to be applied to the Uſe of the Poor in the ſaid Houſe or Houſes; 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 City of *Lincoln* and the Liberties thereof, to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol for the ſaid City and County thereof, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space not exceeding Twelve Months, nor leſs than One Calendar Month.

Poor guilty of Miſbehaviour may be puniſhed in the Workhouſe.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be maintained in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, ſhall be guilty of profane Curſing and Swearing, or of any lewd, indecent, or diſorderly Behaviour, or of profaning the Sabbath by Riot or Drunkenneſs, or otherwiſe ſhall miſbehave himſelf or herſelf, or ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Work or Service which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be required to do, or ſhall be remiſs therein, (ſuch Work or Service being ſuited to his, her, or their Age, Strength, and Ability), every ſuch Perſon, (if a Child under the Age of Twelve Years), ſhall or may be puniſhed by moderate Correction, or Abatement of Diet, or Diſtinction in Dreſs and Diet; or if of the Age of Twelve Years or upwards, then either by ſolitary Confinement, Abatement of Diet, or Diſtinction in Dreſs and Diet, or by being ſet in the Stocks to be provided for that Purpoſe, for any Space not exceeding Twenty-four Hours; which Puniſhment ſhall be inflicted by Order of the Governor, if ſuch Offence or Offences ſhall happen between the Days appointed for holding the Weekly Meetings, or of the major Part of the Directors preſent at any of their Weekly Meetings; and the ſaid Governor is hereby required to keep a Book, wherein he ſhall enter the Names, Ages, and Crimes of all Delinquents, and what Puniſhment hath been inflicted on them, whether by his own Order, or by Order of the Directors; and the ſaid Governor ſhall produce the ſaid Book to the Directors at every Meeting.

How Perſons conveying Spirituous Liquors into the Houſe are to be puniſhed.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall convey any Spirituous or Strong Liquors into the Houſe or Houſes to be erected by virtue of this Act, or ſhall endeavour ſo to do, each and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be, and is and are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch and the like Pains and Penalties as are, by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, directed to be inflicted on Perſons

ſons conveying or endeavouring to convey Spirituous Liquors into Priſons or Gaols.

No Buſineſs to be done by Directors but at Meetings.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Buſineſs is hereby directed to be done or tranſacted at any Quarterly Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to be held in purſuance of this Act, for the Purpoſe of carrying the ſame into Execution, it ſhall not be done or tranſacted unleſs Seven or more of the ſaid Directors ſhall be preſent at ſuch Meeting; and that all other Buſineſs, Matters, and Things, which are ordered and directed to be done and tranſacted under and by virtue of this Act by the ſaid Directors, ſhall and may be done and tranſacted either at any Quarterly or Weekly Meetings of the ſaid Directors; but that at all and every ſuch Weekly Meeting or Meetings of the ſaid Directors there ſhall be Three or more of the ſaid Directors preſent to tranſact the Buſineſs at ſuch Meeting, or elſe that no Buſineſs whatſoever ſhall be done; and if at any Time a ſufficient Number of Directors ſhall not meet at the Time and Place appointed for holding their reſpective Meetings as aforeſaid, every Pariſh Director, except the Directors for the ſeveral Pariſhes within the County of the City of *Lincoln*, who ſhall not attend at ſuch Meeting, ſhall for every ſuch Default forfeit any Sum, not exceeding Forty Shillings, as ſhall be adjudged by the major Part of the ſaid Directors preſent at any ſuch Meeting, or at the next Meeting of the ſaid Directors, ſuch Sum to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Director for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, by Order of the Juſtices of the Peace at their next General Quarter Seſſions to be holden in and for the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, unleſs ſufficient Reaſon ſhall be given for the Non-attendance of ſuch Director, to be allowed by the Juſtices at ſuch Seſſions; but Three Days Notice at leaſt of every Application for Recovery of every ſuch Forfeiture ſhall be given by the Directors adjudging the ſame, to the Perſon made liable thereto, ſuch Notice to be in Writing, and left at his laſt or uſual Place of Abode.

Penalty on Directors.

If Directors omit making Rates, Rates for the preceding Year to be continued.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That after the Debt to be contracted by virtue of this Act ſhall be paid off, and the Annuities to be granted ſhall ceaſe to be payable, whenever there ſhall not appear a ſufficient Number of Directors at any of their Meetings to fix and aſcertain the Sum or Sums to be raiſed for the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſame Sums, Quotas, and Rates, ſhall be aſſeſſed and collected in ſuch reſpective Pariſhes for the enſuing Year, as were raiſed in the preceding Year, and ſhall be paid to the ſaid Treaſurer in ſuch Manner as is herein-before directed with reſpect to the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made, raiſed, and collected by the ſaid reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers in the laſt preceding Year, by or under the Order of the ſaid Directors.

Directors may grant Certificates.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That after the Poor within the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, ſhall be under the Care of the ſaid Corporation, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, at any of their Meetings, if they ſhall think proper, to grant Certificates under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to any Perſon whoſe legal Settlement ſhall be in any One of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, and who

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ſhall be willing to remove, or who ſhall have removed out of ſuch Pariſh to any other Pariſh or Place, or who ſhall remove from One Pariſh to another of the aforeſaid Pariſhes, which reſpective Certificates, under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, atteſted by the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, and ſigned by Two Juſtices of the Peace, as Certificates by Law are now directed to be, ſhall be good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes; and no Certificates whatſoever, granted by the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, or by any other Perſon or Perſons, after the paſſing of this Act, ſhall be valid or of any Effect, any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding; and that Copies of all Certificates ſhall be delivered by the Clerk of the ſaid Corporation, to the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh to whom the certificated Perſon ſhall belong.

Certificates in the Cuſtody of Pariſh Officers to be given up.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as the Poor ſhall be under the Government of the ſaid Corporation as aforeſaid, all Certificates which have been delivered to, and then remain in, the Cuſtody of the reſpective Pariſh Officers within the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, by or from Perſons reſiding in the ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, ſhall be delivered forthwith by ſuch Pariſh Officers to the Clerk for the Time being to the ſaid Corporation; and all Certificates which hereafter ſhall be delivered to the ſaid reſpective Pariſh Officers, by Perſons coming to reſide or reſiding in the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, ſhall from Time to Time be delivered, within the Space of Fourteen Days after the Receipt thereof by ſuch reſpective Officers, to the Clerk for the Time being to the ſaid Corporation, who ſhall cauſe the ſame to be filed, ſo that Recourſe may be had thereto at any future Time; and if any of the Pariſh Officers of any of the ſaid Pariſhes, ſhall ſuffer any Perſon or Perſons whoſe legal Settlement is not within the ſame, to inhabit or reſide within any ſuch Pariſh, without producing and delivering to them a Certificate from the Place of his, her, or their laſt legal Settlement, or giving Notice thereof to the ſaid Directors at ſome of their Weekly Meetings, within Forty Days next after ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall come to reſide or inhabit within any ſuch Pariſh, and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall afterwards become chargeable to the ſame, that then the whole Charge and Expence which ſhall be occaſioned by or on Account of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be defrayed by the Inhabitants of ſuch particular Pariſh, without the Aſſiſtance of the ſaid Corporation; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Pariſh Officers to give Notice to the Directors of Perſons coming to reſide.

Bonds for indemnifying againſt Baſtards, to be given to the Corporation.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds already given to any Pariſh Officers within the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, for indemnifying ſuch Pariſhes from any Charge which may ariſe from Baſtard Children, ſhall be forthwith delivered by ſuch reſpective Pariſh Officers to the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation, and that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Corporation, to ſue on ſuch Bonds in the Name of the ſaid Corporation, and they ſhall recover the Penalties thereof, as if ſuch Bonds had been originally made to them, and all Bonds hereafter to be given for the ſame or the like Purpoſes, ſhall be made to the ſaid Corporation only; any Law, Statute, or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall and may, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, at any of their General or Quarterly Meetings, to make ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions, as well for the Benefit of the ſaid Corporation, and for the better Employment and ſupporting of the Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, as for effecting the Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo to conſtitute and appoint ſuch and ſo many Committees, to conſiſt of ſuch a Number of the ſaid Directors as ſhall be thought fit, for the more eaſy and effectual Execution of the ſeveral Truſts and Powers by this Act repoſed and veſted in the ſaid Directors, and from Time to Time afterwards to repeal, alter, or amend, ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions, as to them the ſaid Directors ſhall ſeem meet, ſo that no ſuch Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, or Conſtitutions, be repugnant to Law; and alſo to lay, impoſe, and ſet ſuch Fine or Fines, Penalty or Penalties, upon any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall knowingly and wilfully be guilty of any Breach or Neglect of the ſaid Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Conſtitutions, as to them the ſaid Directors, or any Five or more of them, at any of their ſaid Meetings, ſhall in their Judgement and Diſcretion think reaſonable and proper, and proportioned to the Nature of the Offence, ſo as no ſuch Fine or Penalty ſhall exceed Three Pounds on any One Perſon, for any One ſuch Breach or Neglect.

Bye Laws may be made.

LXXXVIII. Provided always, That no ſuch Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Conſtitution, ſhall be amended, altered, or repealed, unleſs a Motion for that Purpoſe ſhall be made and entered in the Books, and unleſs a ſubſequent Meeting ſhall be called for the expreſs Purpoſe of conſidering ſuch Motion, and Notice of the Time and Purpoſe of holding ſuch Meeting ſhall be given, at laſt Eight Days before the Time of holding the ſame, nor unleſs Seven of the Directors ſhall be preſent, and the major Part of them ſhall give their Aſſent thereto.

No Bye Law to be altered or repealed, unleſs a certain Number of Directors be preſent.

LXXXIX. And, to the End that all poor Perſons in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, who are able to work, may be encouraged to apply themſelves with Diligence to ſuch Work as they ſhall be employed in, be it further enacted, That, out of the Profits ariſing to the ſaid Corporation from the Work which ſhall be done by ſuch poor Perſons, ſuch Rewards ſhall be diſtributed to the induſtrious and ſkilful, in Proportion to the Quantity and Quality of their Works, as to the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, ſhall appear reaſonable, ſo as no Part of the Money ſo diſtributed ſhall be expended in the Purchaſe of unwholeſome or unneceſſary Liquors, the drinking of which by any of the ſaid poor Perſons, the proper Officers of the Houſe for the Time being are hereby ſtrictly enjoined to prohibit and prevent.

Rewards to be given to the Induſtrious Poor.

XC. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall cauſe all Contracts which ſhall be made for the Purchaſe or Hire of any Houſe or Houſes, Lands or Grounds, or that ſhall be made with any Artificers, Workmen, or other Perſons to be employed in or about the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, Matters, and Things, relating thereto or appertaining to the ſaid Corporation, and all Proceedings at their reſpective Meetings, to be fairly written and entered

Contracts and Proceedings to be entered in Books.

by the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Corporation, in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpoſe, and ſigned by the ſaid Clerk or Clerks; and that ſuch Book or Books, when ſo ſigned, ſhall at all Times be admitted and read as Evidence in all Courts and Places whatſoever.

Allowing Inhabitants to inſpect Books and Papers.

XCI. And be further enacted, That all and every the Books, Papers, and Accounts whatſoever, of and belonging to the ſaid Corporation, ſhall and may be produced at any of the ſaid General and Quarterly Meetings, upon the reaſonable Requeſt and previous Notice of any Inhabitant or other Perſon, rated to or paying in reſpect of his or her Eſtate in any of the ſaid Pariſhes for the Relief of the Poor, for his or her Peruſal or Inſpection.

Guardians may examine the Management of the Houſe.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Guardians, or any of them, at all ſeaſonable Times, and as often as they ſhall think proper, to ſurvey and examine the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, and the Government and Management of the Poor therein, and to make ſuch Obſervations as may occur to them upon the ſame, and to make a Report of them to any Quarterly or Annual Meeting of the ſaid Directors, which it is hereby declared the ſaid Guardians, or any of them, ſhall be at Liberty to attend; but that they ſhall not, on any Account or Pretence whatſoever, interfere at any of the ſaid Meetings, or have any Vote or Direction in any of the Buſineſs of the ſaid Directors, except only ſo far as may relate to the Accounts of ſuch Directors, which they are hereby authoriſed and empowered to look over, inſpect, and make Objections to, if they ſee Occaſion.

Directors may contract for the Maintenance of the Poor of other Pariſhes.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, at any of their ſaid General or Quarterly Meetings, ſhall and may, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, if they ſhall think proper, from Time to Time, or at any Time or Times hereafter, to enter into any Contracts or Agreements on the Part of the ſaid Corporation, with the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, or other Perſon or Perſons having the Care of the Poor of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, within the Liberties of the Bail and Cloſe of *Lincoln*, or in the County of the City of *Lincoln*, or in the County of *Lincoln*, or of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, not being diſtant more than Twenty Miles from the ſaid City of *Lincoln*, or with any Perſons or Agents on their reſpective Parts and Behalfs, for the receiving, maintaining, and employing, of the Poor of any ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, upon ſuch Terms, for and during ſuch Time (not being leſs than One Year), and for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, and to be paid or payable either altogether, or by ſuch Yearly, Quarterly, or other Payments as ſhall be mutually agreed upon, all which Poor, immediately after any ſuch Contracts or Agreements ſhall have been made, ſhall be compellable to go and be received into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, to be provided for as aforeſaid, and ſhall not during ſuch Contract be otherwiſe relieved, and ſhall from thenceforth reſpectively be ſubject in all reſpects to the Government, Rules, Orders, Proviſions, and Regulations of the ſaid Corporation and the acting Directors for the Time being; and ſhall alſo be ſubject and liable to be puniſhed, corrected, ordered, and diſpoſed of, in ſuch and the like Manner

Manner as the Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof are hereby made ſubject to, and in all reſpects the ſame as if ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, included within any ſuch Contracts or Agreements, had originally been Parties to and comprized in this Act; and ſuch Poor ſhall be ſeverally liable to be diſmiſſed and diſcharged from under the Care of the ſaid Directors, and to be ſent to his, her, or their proper Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, at the Expiration of the Term of ſuch Contract, there to be again relieved and provided for according to Law, or for any Breach of Contract in the Contractors; and in caſe of the incorrigible or refractory Miſbehaviour of any ſuch Poor belonging to any contracting Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, ſuch incorrigible or refractory Poor ſhall and may be diſcharged or diſmiſſed out of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, but for ſuch Cauſes only as ſhall be particularly ſpecified and ſet forth in ſuch Contracts reſpectively; and that each and every Churchwarden and Overſeer, or other Perſon having the Care of the Poor of any ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, ſhall be, and he is hereby fully empowered to raiſe and levy, by Taxation of the Inhabitants within the ſame, ſuch Sum and Sums of Money for the Maintenance and Employment of their reſpective Poor in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, as the ſaid Directors ſhall direct and apportion to be paid from Time to Time, purſuant to the Tenor of ſuch Contract, and ſhall have ſuch Power and Authority for rating, levying, and raiſing the ſame, as is herein-before given and preſcribed for raiſing Money for the Relief of the Poor of and belonging to the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes, and the Perſon or Perſons paying the ſame, ſhall be entitled to the like Power of Appeal as is herein-before allowed to Perſons appealing againſt the Rates to be made in any of the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes; and in caſe any ſuch Churchwarden, Overſeer, or other Perſon contracting on Behalf of any ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, ſhall neglect or refuſe to raiſe, levy, and pay, the Sums from Time to Time by them agreed to be paid, within the Space of Fourteen Days after the ſame ſhall become due and payable, that then and in ſuch Caſe he and they are hereby made liable to pay and make good the Money ſo behind and unpaid out of his and their proper Eſtate and Effects; and in Default thereof, after Demand made by Order of the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, for that Purpoſe iſſued, it ſhall be lawful for any One Juſtice having Juriſdiction there, upon Proof of ſuch Order, Demand, and Non-payment, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to levy the Sum in Arrear by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Churchwarden, Overſeer, or other contracting Perſon, together with the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and for Want of ſuch Diſtreſs may, by like Warrant, cauſe him to be committed to the Common Gaol of the County in which ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place ſhall be ſituate, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until all ſuch Arrears and Charges of Diſtreſs and Sale (ſuch Charges to be aſcertained by ſuch Juſtice) ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied or compounded for, which Compoſition the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, are hereby empowered to make and receive.

The contracting Pariſhes may ſend a Director.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Pariſhioners and Inhabitants of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, with whom any ſuch Contract ſhall be made and entered into as aforeſaid (if

(if they think proper), to nominate and appoint One Perſon qualified as aforeſaid, and being an Inhabitant of ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, or if they ſhould not have an Inhabitant qualified as aforeſaid, then to nominate One Perſon being an Inhabitant of any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, to be a Director, and that ſuch Perſon ſo nominated and appointed ſhall and may, if he thinks proper, attend all or any of the Meetings or Aſſemblies of the ſaid Directors, and ſhall and may have a Vote in common with the Reſt of the Directors aſſembled at any ſuch Meeting at which he ſhall ſo attend; but no Director ſo to be appointed for ſuch contracting Pariſh, ſhall be ſubject or liable to any of the Pains or Penalties hereby inflicted for Non-attendance on the Directors elected by the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof.

Poor employed or born in the Houſe of Induſtry, or apprenticed to the Governor or Steward, not to gain a Settlement.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons whomſoever received, maintained, educated, or employed within, or born in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, or any Place or Places thereunto belonging, nor any Child who ſhall be apprenticed to the Governor or Steward of the ſaid Houſe, ſhall gain any Settlement in the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Houſe of Induſtry, Place or Places are ſituate, by reaſon of his, her, or their being ſo received, maintained, educated, or employed, or of being born therein, or apprenticed as aforeſaid; any Law, Cuſtom, Uſage, Matter, or Thing, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Aſcertaining the Place of Settlement of Baſtard Children.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That no Baſtard Child or Children, born of the Body of any poor Woman whoſe legal Settlement is in any of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof (other than ſuch Pariſh in which the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry is or ſhall be ſituate), or in any of the Pariſhes, Townſhips, Liberties, or Places reſpectively, with the Churchwardens and Overſeers whereof the ſaid Directors ſhall at any Time have entered into any Contract or Agreement for the Maintenance of the Poor, purſuant to the Powers given by this Act, and who ſhall be under the Care and Government of the ſaid Directors for the Time being, ſhall gain or be entitled to gain any Settlement in the Pariſh in which the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry is ſituate, and where ſuch Baſtard Child or Children ſhall be born, unleſs the ſame ſhall happen to be in the proper Pariſh and Place of Settlement of the Mother of ſuch Child or Children, but that the Settlement of each ſuch Baſtard Child or Children ſhall follow that of the Mother, as fully as if ſuch Baſtard Child or Children had been born in ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place to which the Settlement of ſuch Mother ſhall belong, and ſhall be deemed as One of the Poor thereof by the ſaid Directors, to all Intents and Purpoſes; but nevertheleſs, that it ſhall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of every Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place to which the Settlement of every ſuch Woman ſhall belong, to have and take, and they are hereby entitled to have and take ſuch Remedy againſt the Mother and the reputed Father of any ſuch Baſtard Child or Children reſpectively, for the indemnifying the ſame Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, from any Charge by reaſon of ſuch Baſtard Child or Children, and otherwiſe in all Reſpects as the Law directs in Caſes of Baſtardy, and as fully and effectually as if ſuch Baſtard Child or Children had been actually born in the Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place to

which the Mother's Settlement ſhall belong; and alſo that any Three or more of the ſaid Directors ſhall and may, and they have hereby Authority, at the End of One Calendar Month from the Time of the Delivery of ſuch Woman, or at any Time after ſhe ſhall have declared on Oath who the Father of ſuch Child is, in caſe he ſhall be One of the Poor under the Care of the ſaid Directors, to ſet and inflict ſuch reaſonable Puniſhment on ſuch Mother and ſuch Father, either by Confinement or hard Labour, Abatement of Diet, or Diſtinction in Dreſs, as the ſaid Directors ſhall think fit and proper to direct.

No Appeal againſt Removal without Conſent of Directors.

XCVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Pauper ſhall be removed by an Order to any of the ſaid Pariſhes, as the Place of his or her laſt legal Settlement, from and out of any other Pariſh or Place, at any Time before the Poor ſhall be under the Care of the ſaid Corporation, the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh to whom ſuch Removal ſhall be made, ſhall not commence or proſecute any Appeal againſt ſuch Order of Removal, without the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid Directors, or any Three or more of them, at ſome Weekly Meeting firſt obtained; and that the Coſts and Charges attending any Appeal, with ſuch Conſent and Approbation, ſhall be paid and borne by and out of the Money to be raiſed by virtue of this Act, and not by the particular Pariſh or Place who ſhall appeal as aforeſaid.

When the Profits of the Poor's Labour ſhall be ſufficient for their Maintenance in any Year, Rates to ceaſe for that Time.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Whole of the Debt to be contracted under and by virtue of this Act, ſhall be paid off and diſcharged, and the Annuities to be granted under the Authority of the ſame ſhall ceaſe to be payable, that then, in caſe it ſhall at any Time or Times happen that by reaſon of the Labour and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, there ſhall ariſe and increaſe ſuch Benefit and Profit as ſhall in the Judgement of the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, be more than ſufficient of itſelf to maintain and employ the Poor in ſuch Houſe of Induſtry, for a Time not leſs than One Year to come, that then and ſo often as the ſaid Directors, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall find ſuch clear Benefit, Profit, and Increaſe, no Sum or Sums of Money whatſoever, during any One ſuch Year only in which ſuch clear Profit and Increaſe ſhall happen to accrue as aforeſaid, ſhall be rated or collected upon or from any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, or the Poor under their Management, by virtue of any Precept from the ſaid Directors or otherwiſe; and all ſuch Benefit, Profit, and Increaſe, ſo from Time to Time to ariſe, ſhall be, and is hereby veſted in the ſaid Directors for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, with Power to place all ſuch Surplus Money as ſhall ariſe from ſuch Profits of Labour (after deducting thereout the Charge of maintaining and employing the Poor as aforeſaid) at Intereſt, or to lay out the ſame in the Purchaſe of Lands of Inheritance, and to aſſign or alienate any ſuch Lands, or otherwiſe to manage the ſame for the future Advantage of the ſaid Corporation, as they ſhall from Time to Time think proper.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed or made payable by virtue of this Act to the Uſe of the

ſaid Corporation, and alſo all other Penalties and Forfeitures whatſoever herein mentioned, (not otherwiſe directed to be levied by this Act), or which ſhall be inflicted or impoſed by virtue of any Bye Law or Ordinance of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall and may be ſeverally recovered and levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons liable to pay the ſame, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, or Diſtrict, where ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall happen to be or reſide, (which ſuch Juſtices are hereby empowered to grant), together with the Coſts and Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, (ſuch Coſts and Charges to be aſcertained by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices); and in caſe no ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall be found, then it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices as aforeſaid, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, to apprehend or cauſe to be apprehended any ſuch Offender or Offenders, and to commit him, her, or them to the Common Gaol of the County, City, Liberty, or Diſtrict, where ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be apprehended, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for ſuch Time as the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall direct, not exceeding Six nor leſs than Three Calendar Months, unleſs he or they ſhall ſooner pay ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Charges attending the ſame, (ſuch Charges to be aſcertained by any One Juſtice of the ſaid City); and ſuch of the aforeſaid Penalties and Forfeitures as ſhall be ſo recovered for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, and all other Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, ariſing from any Offences committed within any ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, where the Whole or any Part thereof is or ſhall be by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament, given to the Poor of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, which ſhall be maintained and employed in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, to be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Inhabitants deemed competent Witneſſes.

C. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, or of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, with the Churchwardens and Overſeers whereof the ſaid Directors ſhall at any Time have entered into Contract for the Maintenance of the Poor, purſuant to the Powers given by this Act, ſhall and may, and he, ſhe, and they is and are hereby deemed and declared to be a competent Witneſs or Witneſſes before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, Action, Suit, Proceeding, or otherwiſe, in, about, touching, or concerning ſo much of this Act as relates to the Relief and Employment of the Poor as aforeſaid, or any Matter or Thing herein contained, notwithſtanding his, her, or their being ſuch Inhabitant or Inhabitants, or paying the Rates of the ſaid Pariſh, unleſs he, ſhe, or they ſhall be aſſeſſed and pay the Rates to the particular Pariſh, Townſhip, Liberty, or Place, liable to be affected by the Removal of any poor Perſon.

Not to extend to certain Pariſhes without Conſent.

CI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to include under the Powers and Proviſions of this Act the Pariſhes of *Waddington*, *Branſton*, *Bracebridge*, and *Canwick*, in the County of the City of *Lincoln*, or either of

of them, unleſs on or before the Second Day of *Auguſt*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, Four Fifths in Value of the Owners of Eſtates within each of thoſe reſpective Pariſhes (ſuch Value to be aſcertained by the Land-Tax Aſſeſſment) ſhall conſent thereto, and ſignify ſuch their Conſent by Notice in Writing under their Hands, to be delivered to the ſaid Directors at ſome Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act; but after ſuch Notice given ſuch Pariſh ſhall from thenceforth to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever be and be deemed to be included under the Powers, Proviſoes, Regulations, and Authorities of this Act.

Act not to extend to the Poor in any Alms Houſe.

CII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, ſhall not in anywiſe extend to give the ſaid Corporation any Power or Authority over any Alms Houſe, Hoſpital, or other Building of ſpecial Donation whatſoever, within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, already given, ſettled, or erected, or hereafter to be given, ſettled, or erected, nor any Power or Authority over any of the Poor dwelling therein, or receiving the Benefit of ſuch Alms Houſe or other charitable Donation; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Not to extend to Diſtricts liable to maintain their own Poor.

CIII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend to the Poor belonging to or reſiding within any Chapelry, Diſtrict, Townſhip, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, or within ſuch contracting Pariſh or Pariſhes, the Inhabitants whereof are liable to and chargeable with the Maintenance and Relief of their own Poor, diſtinctly from and independent of ſuch Pariſh wherein ſuch Chapelry, Diſtrict, Townſhip, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, is or are ſituate, unleſs the Poor of ſuch Places reſpectively are made ſubject to the Proviſions of this Act, under and by virtue of any Contracts or Agreements to be entered into as herein-before is mentioned.

Power to Juſtices to proceed in all Caſes not otherwiſe provided for in this Act.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes not herein otherwiſe provided for, 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 or Overſeers of the Poor of any of the ſaid Pariſhes, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and he or they is or are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any of the ſaid Directors, or of the ſaid Governor for the Time being, in ſuch and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if this Act had not been made, and as if ſuch Complaint had been made by any ſuch Churchwarden or Overſeer.

Directors may appoint ſpecial Conſtables.

CV. And, for the more effectual Execution of this Act, be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors or any Seven or more of them, at any General Quarterly Meeting, from Time to Time to appoint One or more proper Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be willing to accept and execute ſuch Office, to be a Conſtable or Conſtables within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, for the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act, and the Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed having taken the uſual Oath required by Conſtables, (which

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Oath any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid City and Liberties is hereby empowered to adminiſter), is and are hereby empowered to act as a Conſtable or Conſtables within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, in all Caſes relating to the Execution of this Act, as fully as any Petty Conſtable within the ſaid City can or may act within their reſpective Pariſhes.

Governors may execute Warrants.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That the Warrants to be granted by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace relating to the Poor of the ſaid Pariſhes, or to putting this Act into Execution, may be directed to the Governor of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry for the Time being, as well as the Conſtables or other Peace Officer or Officers of any Pariſh or Place where the ſame is to be executed, and ſuch Governor is hereby authorized to execute ſuch Warrant or Warrants within the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, and all Perſons are hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting the ſaid Governor in the Execution of ſuch Warrant or Warrants, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Warrants had been executed by a Conſtable or other Peace Officer.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

CVII. And be it enacted, That all the Charges and Expences incident to and attending the procuring and paſſing of this preſent Act of Parliament, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, ſhall be borne, paid, and diſcharged by the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the ſaid City of *Lincoln* or their Succeſſors.

Perſons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Seſſions.

CVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, Pariſh or Pariſhes, ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any Thing done in purſuance of the ſeveral Matters and Things herein-before contained, and for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already appointed, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Pariſh or Pariſhes, may appeal to the Juſtices at the then next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden at *Kirton*, in and for the Parts of *Lindſey* in the ſaid County of *Lincoln*, after the Cauſe of ſuch Complaint ſhall have ariſen, ſuch Appellant firſt giving, or cauſing to be given Eight 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 or Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation, and within Four Days after ſuch Notice entering into a Recognizance before ſome Juſtice of the Peace of and for the ſaid City, with Two ſufficient Sureties conditioned to try ſuch Appeal, and abide the Order and pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch Seſſions, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice being given as aforeſaid, and of the entering into ſuch Recognizance, ſhall hear and finally determine the Cauſe and Matter of every ſuch Appeal in a ſummary Way, and award ſuch Coſts to the Party appealing or appealed againſt, as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper; and the Determinations of ſuch Quarter Seſſions ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive, to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Appeals not to ſuſpend the Payment of Rates.

CIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch Appeal ſhall extend to protract, ſuſpend, or delay the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money by the ſaid Guardians or Directors, required to be

raiſed and paid as herein-before is mentioned, but that the ſame ſhall be raiſed and paid at the reſpective Times ſpecified in the Orders of the ſaid Directors, notwithſtanding any ſuch Appeal ſhall be pending; and in caſe the Juſtices before whom ſuch Appeal ſhall be heard, ſhall be of Opinion that any Pariſh appealing is aggrieved with reſpect to the Quota to be raiſed and paid by ſuch Pariſh, and ſhall make an Order accordingly, that then the ſaid Directors ſhall, and they are hereby enjoined (within Twenty-one Days next after Notice in Writing of ſuch Order, authenticated by the Clerk of the Peace, or by the Town Clerk of the ſaid City, and given to the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation) to refund to the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Pariſh, in reſpect of which ſuch Appeal ſhall be brought, ſuch Sum of Money as the ſaid Juſtices by their Order ſhall determine to exceed the juſt Proportion that ſuch Pariſh ought to raiſe and pay.

Proceedings not to be quaſhed for Want of Form.

CX. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforeſaid, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed for Want of Form, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; and that where any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, or of any Bye Law of the ſaid Directors, ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall not be unlawful, nor ſhall the Party or Parties making the ſame be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers, on Account of any Defect or Want of Form, or any other Irregularity in the Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor ſhall the Party or Parties making the ſame 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 any ſuch Irregularity, ſhall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only, in an Action upon the Caſe.

Limitation of Actions.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, or any of the Powers hereby given, or in anywiſe relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall have been thereof given in Writing to the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation, or after Satisfaction or Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall have been made, and every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be commenced or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cauſe of Complaint ſhall have ariſen, and not afterwards, and ſhall be laid and brought in the ſaid City of *Lincoln* and Liberties thereof, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, on any Trial to be had thereupon; and if it ſhall appear to be done in purſuance of this Act, or that ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforeſaid, or before or after the Time herein before limited for bringing the ſame as aforeſaid, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place than as before limited, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall be nonſuited, or ſhall diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon

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upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover Treble Coſts, and have and be entitled to the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in any other Caſe by Law.

Treble Coſts.

Publick Act.

CXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons whomſoever, without the ſame being ſpecially pleaded.

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