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CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act for rendering effectual an Act of the Thirty-second Year of His preſent Majeſty, *for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Pariſhes of* Montgomery *and* Pool, *and the Places united therewith, in the Counties of* Montgomery *and* Salop. [7th *March* 1796.]

Preamble recites Act 32 *Geo.* III.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Thirty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, *for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor belonging to the Pariſhes of* Montgomery *and* Pool, *and certain other Pariſhes and Places therein mentioned, in the Counties of* Montgomery *and* Salop, the ſaid Pariſhes and Places are united into One Diſtrict, and ſeveral Perſons are incorporated and made Guardians of the Poor of the ſaid Diſtrict, and Twenty-one of the ſaid Guardians are appointed Directors of the ſaid Corporation, and divers Proviſions and Regulations were made and eſtabliſhed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and Power was given to the ſaid Directors to borrow any Sum not exceeding Twelve thouſand Pounds for defraying the Expences of carrying the ſaid Act into Execution: And whereas the ſaid Directors have erected ſeveral Buildings and other Works, for the Reception and Employment of the ſaid Poor, and have borrowed ſeveral Sums of Money, amounting to Eleven thouſand ſix hundred and twenty-five Pounds, and duly applied

the ſame according to the Directions of the ſaid Act, and have incurred a further Debt of Two thouſand Pounds and upwards in erecting ſuch Buildings and other Works, and for Intereſt of the ſaid Monies ſo borrowed; and it will require a further Sum of Money to enable them to finiſh and complete the ſaid Buildings and Works; and it is alſo neceſſary to alter and amend the ſaid Act, in order fully to effectuate the Purpoſes thereof: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Five of them, from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands and the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, to raiſe any Sum or Sums of Money, to and for the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, not exceeding Seven thouſand Pounds in the Whole, (over and beſides what they are authoriſed to borrow by the ſaid recited Act), by granting any Annuity or Annuities to any Perſon or Perſons for the moſt Money that can be reaſonably gotten for the ſame, during the natural Life of every ſuch Perſon, or the natural Life or Lives of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be named in ſuch Grant or reſpective Grants (either with or without Benefit of Survivorſhip, and with or without any Proviſo or Power for leſſening the ſame Annuities on the Deaths of any of the Perſons for whoſe Lives the ſame ſhall be granted, or any Claſs or Claſſes of them); and that every ſuch Annuity ſo granted ſhall be and is hereby charged upon, and ſhall be payable and paid out of the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be raiſed and collected by virtue of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, or either of them, unto the Grantee or Grantees thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, during ſuch Life or Lives, and on ſuch Days of Payment as ſhall be agreed on; and the ſeveral Grants thereof ſhall be in the Form or to the Effect following; *(videlicet)*,

Power to raiſe Money by granting Annuities.

Form of Grants.

'No. 'KNOW all Men by theſe Preſents, that the Corporation of 'Guardians of the Poor of the Pariſhes of *Montgomery* and '*Pool*, and the Pariſhes, Chapelries, and Townſhips, united there-'with, in the Counties of *Montgomery* and *Salop*, by virtue of an 'Act of Parliament of the Thirty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His 'Majeſty King *George* the Third, for rendering effectual an Act of 'the Thirty-ſecond Year of the ſame Reign, for the better Relief 'and Employment of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſhes and Places, 'and in purſuance of a Reſolution of a Court [*or*, a Meeting of 'Directors] of the ſaid Corporation, holden the Day of 'and for and in Conſideration of the Sum of 'now advanced and paid by *A. B.* of to *C. D.* now Trea-'ſurer to the ſaid Corporation, doth hereby grant unto the ſaid '*A. B.* an Annuity or Yearly Sum of to be iſſuing and 'payable out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be raiſed and col-'lected within the ſaid united Diſtrict, by virtue of the ſaid Acts, 'or either of them, and to be paid unto the ſaid *A. B.* and his Aſ-'ſigns, henceforth during the natural Life of the ſaid *A. B.* *or*, 'unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, 'during the natural Life of *E. F.* of [*or*] the joint na-'tural Lives of the ſaid *A. B.* and *C.* his Wife, *or*, of *E. F.* of 'and *G. H.* of and the natural Life of

'the longeſt Liver of them] by equal Quarterly Payments on 'every [*Here ſpecify the Four Days*] the Firſt Payment thereof to 'be made on the ſaid [*Here repeat the Firſt of the ſaid Four Days,*] '[*and if any ſuch Annuities ſhall be granted to increaſe by Survivor-'ſhip, then ſuch Alterations and Additions ſhall be made in the 'Grants thereof reſpectively, as will ſuit the Circumſtances of the 'Caſe*]. Given under the Common Seal of the ſaid Corporation, 'and the Hands of Five of the Directors thereof, this 'Day of

Transfer of Annuities.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the reſpective Grantees of the ſaid Annuities, or any of them, their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, from Time to Time, by Writing atteſted by Two Witneſſes, to aſſign and transfer ſuch their reſpective Annuities and Securities, or any of them, unto any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

'THESE Preſents witneſs, That I the within named *A. B.* [*or, if 'not by Indorſement*, I *A. B.* of], in Conſideration of 'the Sum of now paid to me by *C. D.* of 'do hereby aſſign and transfer unto the ſaid *E. F.* and his Aſſigns, [*or,* 'his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns], the Annuity within 'granted [*or, if not by Indorſement*] a certain Annuity of 'now payable Quarterly during my Life, [*or, as the Caſe ſhall be*], and 'ſecured by a certain Writing numbered and dated the 'Day of under the Common Seal of the 'Guardians of the Poor of the Pariſhes of *Montgomery* and *Pool*, and 'the Pariſhes, Chapelries, and Townſhips united therewith, in the Coun-'ties of *Montgomery* and *Salop*, and the Hands of Five of the Directors 'thereof unto me [*or, if the Perſon ſhall claim as Executor, Adminiſtra-'tor, or Aſſignee, then*, unto the within named *A. B. or*, unto *A. B.* of 'under whom I claim and am entitled as Executor of his 'Will, *or*, Adminiſtrator of his Effects, *or*, as his Aſſignee, *as the Caſe 'ſhall be*] and the Benefit of Survivorſhip, [*if ſuch be the Caſe*], and all 'my Right, Title, and Intereſt of, in, and to the ſaid Annuity, and 'to all Arrears thereof [*if any ſhall be due*]. In Witneſs whereof I 'have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal this Day of

Power to borrow more Money.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be alſo lawful for the ſaid Directors, or any Five of them, from Time to Time, to borrow and take up at Intereſt all or any Part of the ſaid Sum of Seven thouſand Pounds in ſuch Shares or Amounts of not leſs than Fifty Pounds each, as they ſhall judge to be moſt convenient, and to convey and aſſign over by Writing, under their Hands and the ſaid Common Seal, unto the reſpective Perſons advancing or lending the ſame, all and every the Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatſoever, of or belonging to the ſaid Corporation, and alſo all or any Part of the Poor's Rates and Aſſeſſments to be collected within the reſpective Pariſhes, Chapelries, Diviſions, and Townſhips, in the ſaid united Diſtrict, as a Security for the Re-payment of the reſpective Principal Sums ſo borrowed, with Intereſt for the ſame.

Regulations as to Monies raiſed, and Conveyances, Grants, and Transfers.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Mortgages, as well under the ſaid recited Act as under this Act, and all Grants of Annuities under this Act, ſhall be reſpectively diſtinguiſhed in the Margins thereof by a numerical progreſſive Number, in the Order of Time they have been or ſhall be executed; and the Securities for the ſame reſpectively ſhall be deemed Perſonal Eſtate, and all Mortgages and Grants under this Act, and the Monies and Annuities thereby reſpectively ſecured, together with all Transfers and Diſpoſitions thereof reſpectively, ſhall be ſubject to the ſeveral Proviſions, Regulations, and Reſtrictions, contained in the ſaid recited Act, concerning or relating to the Monies thereby authorized to be borrowed, or the Securities for the ſame, ſo far as they or any of them are or can be applicable thereto reſpectively, and ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, without any Inrolment thereof reſpectively, in any Court of Law or Equity.

Mode of paying off Debt by Inſtalments.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever the ſaid Directors, or the major Part of them, under the Power given to them by the ſaid recited Act, ſhall think proper to pay off or diſcharge any Part or Parts of the Monies which are or ſhall be borrowed by virtue of the ſame Act or of this Act, they ſhall ſettle by Lot, or in ſuch other Manner as ſhall be conſented to in Writing by the Perſons to whom the ſaid Money ſo borrowed ſhall remain due, to which One or more of them the ſame ſhall be paid in Part or in full Diſcharge (as the Caſe ſhall be) of the Money ſo due to him, her, or them reſpectively; and ſhall cauſe Notice under the Hand of their Clerk to be given to or left at the uſual Place or reſpective Places of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame is ſo to be paid, ſpecifying the Sum to be paid to him, her, or them reſpectively, and the Place, Day, and Hour fixed for Payment thereof, (the ſaid Time not to be leſs than Three nor more than Six Calendar Months from the Day of ſuch Notice), and the ſaid Monies ſhall be paid accordingly, and no Intereſt ſhall become payable or grow due for the Principal Money ſpecified in ſuch Notices reſpectively after the Day or reſpective Days therein mentioned for Payment thereof, except for ſuch Principal Money (if any) as ſhall be demanded, and not paid, purſuant to ſuch Notice; but no Perſon ſhall be obliged to receive any Money in Part of the ſaid Principal Money, otherwiſe than in One or more Sum or Sums of Fifty Pounds.

Reſignation or Removal of Directors.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Court of the ſaid Guardians from Time to Time to accept the Reſignation of any of the ſaid Directors, or to remove any of them, who, by Illneſs or otherwiſe, ſhall become incapable, or be adjudged by ſuch Court to be improper to act as a Director of the ſaid Corporation; and in every ſuch Caſe another Perſon ſhall be elected, and become and be a Director in the Place of him ſo reſigning or removed, and ſhall qualify himſelf in like Manner as is directed in and by the ſaid recited Act, in caſe of the Death of any Director.

Returning Liſts for Directors;

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Liſts of Perſons who ſhall be nominated from Time to Time as proper to be Directors of the ſaid Corporation, and out of which the ſaid Directors are to be elected, ſhall be tranſmitted by the reſpective proper Officers, in Manner directed by the

the ſaid recited Act, unto the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation, at the Houſe of Induſtry erected by virtue of the ſaid Act, at or before the Hour of Ten in the Morning of the Day on which the next Court or Meeting is to be holden after forming the ſame reſpectively; and that upon any Vacancy by the Death or Removal of any Guardian named in any of the ſaid Liſts, a Veſtry ſhall be called and holden, without Delay, in or for the Place to which ſuch Liſt ſhall relate, and another proper Perſon ſhall be there nominated, and be duly returned to the Weekly Meeting of Directors, in like Manner as is required in and by the ſaid recited Act and this Act with reſpect to the Formation and Return of the ſaid original Liſts annually. and ſupplying Vacancies therein.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful, from Time to Time, for any Annual Court of Guardians, at which the Directors are by the ſaid recited Act to be elected, to nominate and elect any Perſon or Perſons (not exceeding Five in the Whole) to be an Honorary Director or Honorary Directors of the ſaid Corporation for and during the then enſuing Year, which Perſon or Perſons (firſt taking the Oath of a Director, as ſpecified in the ſaid recited Act) is and are hereby empowered to act as a Director or Directors in the Execution of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, as fully and effectually as any other Director or Directors can or may act; but ſhall not be thereby compellable to act or attend as a Director or Directors, nor be ſubject to any Fine or Penalty for not attending, or not acting as ſuch, nor ſhall he or they, by being ſo elected and acting, be ineligible or exempted from being elected and ſworn a Director or Directors under the ſaid recited Act. Honorary Directors.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Guardians from Time to Time, by any Bye Law or Bye Laws to be made in the Manner ſpecified in the ſaid recited Act, to diminiſh (if they ſhall ſee Occaſion) the Number of the ſaid Directors fixed by the ſaid recited Act to be elected annually for any Place or Places in the ſaid united Diſtrict, and to increaſe the Number for any other Place or Places therein, ſo as ſuch Alteration ſhall not increaſe or diminiſh the total Number of Twenty-one Directors in the whole Diſtrict, and in like Manner to alter the Days on which the Quarterly Courts of Guardians, and Weekly Meetings of Directors, or either of them, are appointed to be held by the ſaid recited Act; and that it ſhall be lawful, from Time to Time, for the ſaid Guardians aſſembled at any Quarterly or Special Court to adjourn the ſame, and for the ſaid Directors preſent at any Meeting to adjourn ſuch Meeting when they ſhall find it neceſſary or think proper, for the more convenient Diſpatch of any Buſineſs, Matter, or Thing there to have been tranſacted, and remaining undone, and no other. Altering Number of Directors, and Days of Meetings. Adjournments.

X. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors reſpectively aſſembled at every of their Meetings, or any Adjournment thereof, ſhall form and be, and be deemed a Board, in caſe they ſhall be ſufficient in Number for that Purpoſe, and as ſuch ſhall and may proceed with and carry into Execution every Act, Matter, and Thing, which ſhall remain undone, or be left incomplete at the ſaid original Meeting, or at any former Directors at Meetings to form Boards.

former Meeting of Directors, and although they ſhall not be the ſame Perſons who held ſuch original or preceding Meeting.

Special Conſtables.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Weekly Board or Meeting, from Time to Time, to appoint One or more proper Perſon or Perſons to be Conſtable or Conſtables within the ſaid united Diſtrict, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, which Perſon or Perſons, having taken the uſual Oath of a Conſtable before any Juſtice of the Peace, ſhall and may act as a Conſtable or Conſtables within the ſaid Diſtrict in all Caſes relating to the Execution of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, as fully as any Petty Conſtable can or may act within any Pariſh or Place within the ſaid Diſtrict; and

Petty Conſtables.

that all Petty Conſtables, within their reſpective Conſtablewicks, ſhall and may aid and aſſiſt the ſaid Special Conſtables, or any of them, in the Execution of their or his Duty, and alſo obey and execute every lawful Order and Warrant which ſhall be directed to them reſpectively of or from any Court of the ſaid Guardians, or Meeting of the ſaid Directors, in or concerning any Matter or Thing relative to the Execution of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, as fully and effectually, in every Reſpect, as they ought to do in caſe ſuch Order or Warrant was iſſued by any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor, and ſhall be ſubject to the like Pains and Penalties for any Refuſal or Neglect therein as in caſe of not obeying any Order or Warrant of or from any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace in any Matter or Thing relative to the Poor.

Removal of Paupers, Orders in Baſtardy, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Meeting of the ſaid Directors (a Juſtice of the Peace for either of the ſaid Counties of *Montgomery* and *Salop*, or either of the Boroughs of *Montgomery* and *Pool*, being one) from Time to Time to take any Examination, and receive Evidence on Oath, of or concerning the Settlement of any Perſon who ſhall be chargeable to, and not legally ſettled in the ſaid united Diſtrict, or any Place therein, and by Warrant or Order under their Hands and Seals to cauſe any ſuch Perſon to be removed and conveyed to the Place where he or ſhe was laſt legally ſettled; and upon any Baſtard Child being born within the ſaid united Diſtrict, to take Order as well for the Apprehenſion and Puniſhment of the Mother and reputed Father of ſuch Child, as alſo for the Relief and Indemnity of the ſaid united Diſtrict, and the Inhabitants for the Time being of the ſame therein, and for the keeping of ſuch Child; and alſo to make, do, and execute, all ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things, as ſhall or may be neceſſary for enforcing the ſaid Warrants and Orders, or any of them, and ſecuring the Benefit thereof reſpectively, in like Manner, and as fully and effectually in every Reſpect as any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace is, are, or ſhall be empowered to do by any of the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and ſubject to the ſame Right of Appeal, and other Reſtrictions, Laws, and Regulations, as the ſame would be ſubject and liable unto reſpectively, if duly made or granted by any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices.

Juſtices may act on Complaint of Directors, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes, where any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace is, are, or ſhall be empowered by any Law or

Statute to proceed or act in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of the ſaid united Diſtrict, or of any Part thereof, on the Complaint of any Churchwardens, Chapelwardens, or Overſeers of the Poor, or of any of them, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may proceed and act therein, on the Complaint of any of the ſaid Directors, or of the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, in like Manner as if ſuch Complaint was made by ſuch Church or Chapelwardens and Overſeers reſpectively.

Apprehending runaway Poor.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful, from Time to Time, for any of the ſaid Directors, or any Churchwarden, Chapelwarden, Overſeer of the Poor, or Conſtable of or for any Place within the ſaid united Diſtrict, or for the Steward for the Time being of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, without any Warrant, or for any other Perſon authorized by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of the ſaid Directors, or of the ſaid Steward, to apprehend any poor Perſon, Vagrant, or idle and diſorderly Perſon, who ſhall be brought, ſent, or admitted into the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, and ſhall abſcond, elope from, or deſert the ſame, not being lawfully diſcharged therefrom, and to bring him or her back to the ſaid Houſe, there to be confined until the next Meeting of Directors, in order to be dealt with according to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act.

Official Seal.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Directors ſhall have and keep, from Time to Time, an official Seal, and that all Certificates of Settlement, and all Warrants for raiſing the Monies which ſhall be fixed and charged, from Time to Time, on the ſaid reſpective Places in the ſaid united Diſtrict, for defraying the Expences of maintaining the ſaid Poor, and other the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, or either of them, which ſhall be iſſued by virtue of the ſame Acts or either of them, and alſo all Warrants, Orders, and Proceedings of the ſaid Directors, or any of them, which by the ſaid recited Act, or this Act, are required to be under their reſpective Hands and Seals, ſhall be good and valid, if made by a competent Number of the ſaid Directors, and ſigned by the Chairman of the Day, and ſealed with the ſaid Official Seal only.

Reſtriction as to the Uſe of Spirituous Liquors in Houſe of Induſtry.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous Liquor ſhall be kept or uſed in the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, without the Order of a Meeting of the ſaid Directors, or the Preſcription of the Phyſician, Apothecary, or Surgeon, who ſhall be there employed by, or by the Order of ſuch Meeting; and that every Perſon who ſhall convey or attempt to bring any ſuch Liquor into the ſaid Houſe, without ſuch Order or Preſcription, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch and the like Penalty and Puniſhment as is, are, or may be inflicted by an Act of the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, or any other Law, upon any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall convey, or attempt to bring any Spirituous Liquors into any Gaol or Priſon.

Penalty on Officers embezzling Goods, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Steward, Matron, Porter, or other Perſon employed by any Meeting of the ſaid Directors, ſhall wilfully embezzle, purloin, miſapply, or miſuſe, any Money, Materials, Implements, Utenſils, Goods, or Chattels, belonging to the ſaid Corporation,

poration, every ſuch Offender ſhall not only be diſcharged from his or her Office or Employ, but ſhall alſo forfeit and pay to the ſaid Corporation any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, together with double the Amount of ſuch Money, or Value of ſuch Materials, Implements, Utenſils, Goods, or Chattels ſo embezzled, purloined, miſapplied, or miſuſed.

Officers to account.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Treaſurer, Clerk, Steward, and other Officer or Perſon, who ſhall be employed in the Receipt or Expenditure of any of the Monies ariſing by the ſaid recited Act or this Act, or in the Care or Management of the ſaid Houſe of Induſtry, or of any Manufactory, Work, or Poor therein, ſhall, from Time to Time, when and as often as required by any Meeting or Committee of the ſaid Directors, give to ſuch Meeting or Committee a true and perfect Account, in Writing under his or her Hand, of all Monies, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which ſhall have been received or had by him or her in ſuch Office or Employ, and how and to what Uſes the ſame ſhall have been reſpectively paid, applied, and diſpoſed of, together with proper Vouchers for all Payments or Deliveries thereof, in ſuch Manner and Form as ſhall be required or directed from Time to Time by any Bye Law or Order of the ſaid Corporation, or of any Meeting of the ſaid Directors; and ſhall alſo, whenever required as aforeſaid, verify ſuch Account upon Oath before ſuch Meeting or Committee, and pay and deliver over ſuch of the ſaid Monies, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, as ſhall be remaining in his or her Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, unto the ſaid Meeting or Committee, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall direct.

Remedy, &c. on their not accounting;

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Officer or Perſon ſo employed as aforeſaid ſhall refuſe or neglect to give and verify ſuch Account in Manner aforeſaid, any Two Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Counties and Boroughs, or any or either of them, ſhall and may, upon due Proof thereof, commit him or her ſo refuſing or neglecting to the Common Gaol of the ſaid County of *Montgomery*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he or ſhe ſhall give ſuch Account, and verify the ſame upon Oath as aforeſaid; and if any ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay or deliver over any ſuch Money, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, or Effects as aforeſaid, any Two ſuch Juſtices ſhall and may examine into the ſame, and by Warrant under their Hands and Seals cauſe ſuch Sum of Money as ſhall appear to them thereon to be due and unpaid to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party ſo making Default, rendering to him or her the Overplus (if any) after deducting the reaſonable Charges of ſuch levying, (to be aſcertained by the ſaid Juſtices), and alſo to cauſe all ſuch Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, as ſhall appear to the ſaid Juſtices to remain in the Hands, Cuſtody, or Power, of the Party ſo making Default in the Delivery thereof, to be ſeized and delivered unto any Meeting or Committee of the ſaid Directors, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſuch Meeting or Committee ſhall nominate to receive the ſame; and if ſuch ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be made, or ſuch Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, cannot be ſeized as aforeſaid, then the ſaid Juſtices, or any other Juſtice for either of the ſaid Counties or Boroughs, ſhall and may commit ſuch Perſon ſo making Default to the

or not paying Balances, &c.

ſaid Common Gaol, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months, unleſs he or ſhe ſhall ſooner pay ſuch Money, and deliver ſuch Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects reſpectively as aforeſaid.

Compounding Debts, &c.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful, from Time to Time, for any Court of the ſaid Guardians, or Meeting of the ſaid Directors, to compound with any Perſon for any ſuch Penalty as aforeſaid, or any Money, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, or Effects, due or belonging to the ſaid Corporation, or reſpecting any Contract or Agreement, relating to any Work or Labour to be done for, or any Goods or Articles to be provided for, or delivered to or on Account of the ſaid Corporation, which ſuch Perſon ſhall appear to ſuch Court or Meeting to be unable to pay, deliver, provide, do, or perform reſpectively; and the ſaid Directors, or the Treaſurer to the ſaid Corporation, ſhall and may receive and accept of ſuch Compoſition accordingly, and give a full Acquittance or Diſcharge in the Premiſes thereon; but a Motion for every ſuch Compoſition ſhall be made and entered in the Minute Book of the ſaid Guardians or Directors Thirteen Days at leaſt previous thereto, and be publickly read at the Court or Meeting next after the Time of ſuch Entry, and Notice in Writing under the Hand of the Clerk to the ſaid Corporation of the Time at which ſuch Motion is intended to be conſidered and determined on ſhall be fixed at the Guildhalls, and proclaimed in the Towns of *Montgomery* and *Pool* during each Market which ſhall be there reſpectively holden between the reſpective Days of making and determining ſuch Motion.

Preſervation of Poor's Books, Writings, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds, Books, Rates, Accounts, and other Evidences, Papers, and Writings, relating wholly to the ſaid Poor, which, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall be produced to and left with the ſaid Directors, ſhall be depoſited and kept with the Books, Papers, and Writings of or belonging to the ſaid Corporation, for the better and more ſafe Preſervation thereof, and ſhall be open at all ſeaſonable Times to the Inſpection of any Perſon who is or ſhall be entitled to inſpect the ſame.

Enforcing a due Application of charitable Benefactions, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That an Account in Writing of the Receipt and Expenditure or Application of all Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, or Contributions, for or towards the Relief or Uſe of the Poor within the ſaid united Diſtrict, or any Part thereof, or any particular Claſs or Deſcription of them, ſhall be laid, by the reſpective proper Parties having the Diſpoſition thereof, before a Meeting of the ſaid Directors annually, and be there examined; and if it ſhall not appear to any ſuch Meeting that the ſaid Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, or Contributions, have been duly or properly applied, ſuch Meeting ſhall report the ſame to ſome Court of the ſaid Guardians, and ſuch Court may thereupon, if it ſhall ſo think proper, cauſe any Suit at Law or in Equity to be commenced and proſecuted for Remedy thereof, and to enforce and obtain a due and regular Application and Diſpoſition of the ſame Gifts, Donations, Benefactions, or Contributions reſpectively.

General Money Donations.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money belonging to the reſpective Pariſhes, Chapelries, Diviſions, and Townſhips, within the ſaid united Diſtrict, and applicable to or for the Relief of the Poor of ſuch

ſuch Places reſpectively in general, and not of any particular Claſs or Claſſes, or Deſcription of them, and alſo all ſuch Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as have or hath been purchaſed by or with any ſuch Monies, ſhall be and be deemed, and is and are hereby declared to be within ſuch of the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act as concern or relate to the Diſpoſition of the Houſes, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattels, not of ſpecial Donation, or any of them, in or belonging to the reſpective Places within the ſaid united Diſtrict, which was or were applicable to the Relief of the ſaid Poor therein reſpectively at the Time of the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act.

Exchange of Poor's Eſtates.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Corporations, Truſtees, or other Perſons or Parties, who now are or hereafter ſhall be reſpectively ſeiſed or poſſeſſed of any Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of or belonging to, or which is, are, or ſhall be applicable to or for the Uſe or Benefit of any Poor of or within the ſaid united Diſtrict, or in caſe it ſhall not be known what Corporation, Truſtee, or other Party or Perſon is or are ſeiſed or poſſeſſed thereof, then for the Miniſter, Churchwardens, or Chapelwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor of the Place in or to which the ſaid Poor ſhall be or belong, by and with the Conſent of the ſaid Guardians, ſignified in Writing under their Common Seal, at any Time or Times to give, grant, and convey, in Exchange all or any Part of the ſaid Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for other Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of greater Value, either from Contiguity, Convenience of Situation, or otherwiſe, ſo as every ſuch Exchange be made by Deed duly executed by the reſpective Parties thereto; and every ſuch Exchange ſhall be good, valid, and effectual; and the ſaid exchanged Premiſes ſhall thenceforth reſpectively be, remain, and enure, and be held and enjoyed, and the ſeveral Parties to whom the ſame ſhall be ſo reſpectively conveyed in Exchange ſhall thenceforth ſtand and be ſeiſed and poſſeſſed thereof reſpectively, to, for, and upon ſuch and the ſame Eſtates, Uſes, Truſts, and Conditions, and ſubject to the ſame Limitations, Powers, Authorities, Charges, and Incumbrances in every Reſpect as the Premiſes in lieu, or for or in reſpect of which the ſame ſhall be ſo conveyed, ſhall be ſeverally and reſpectively held for and ſtand limited or ſubject and liable unto at the Time or reſpective Times when ſuch Exchange ſhall be made, and no other.

Exchanged Lands to be ſubject to Uſes.

Proviſions of former Act to extend to this.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid recited Act, and all the Clauſes, Powers, Proviſions, Matters, and Things therein contained, (except ſo far as the ſame are hereby varied or altered), ſhall extend to the Powers, Proviſions, Matters, and Things contained in this Act, for the Purpoſe of recovering Penalties, and in all other Reſpects, ſo far as the ſame are reſpectively applicable thereto, in like Manner and as fully and effectually as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in this Act with the neceſſary Alterations for extending them thereto.

Expences of the Act.

Publick Act.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Charges and Expences attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, ſhall be paid and defrayed out of the firſt Money to be raiſed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, or either of them: And that this Act ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, without being ſpecially pleaded.

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