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An Act to enlarge the Powers of the Directors and Guardians of the Poor within the several Hundreds, Towns, and Districts, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, incorporated by divers Acts of Parliament, for the Purpose of the better Maintenance and Employment of the Poor, as to the Assessments to be made upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places therein mentioned, until the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and two. [16th *May* 1800.]

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief of the Poor within the several Hundreds, Towns, and Districts, in that Part of* Great Britain *called* England, *incorporated by divers Acts of Parliament for the Purpose of the better Maintenance and Employment of the Poor; and for enlarging the Power of the Guardians of the Poor, within the said several Hundreds, Towns, and Districts, as to the Assessments to be made upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, within their respective Hundreds, Towns, and Districts, for the Support and Maintenance of the Poor*, Powers were given to the Directors and acting Guardians of the Poor, incorporated by Acts of Parliament, in certain Cases, to make such Assessments as might be necessary for the Support Preamble. 36 *Geo.* III, Cap. 10.

and Maintenance of the Poor, notwithſtanding they might exceed the Aſſeſſments limited by the reſpective Acts; and it was by the ſaid recited Act provided, that, from and after the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, the Sums to be aſſeſſed by virtue thereof on any Pariſh, Hamlet, or Place, ſhould never exceed, in any One Year, the Amount of double the Sum at that Time raiſed by virtue of any incorporating Act then exiſting: And whereas, on account of the Scarcity of Corn, in conſequence of the late unfavourable Harveſt, and the advanced Price of almoſt every neceſſary Article of Subſiſtence or Utility, the Amount of the Rates and Aſſeſſments, ſo limited by the ſaid recited Act to be collected, are become inſufficient for the neceſſary Relief and Maintenance of ſuch Poor, who have of late very much increaſed in Number; and it is expedient, that ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as directs ſuch Limitation, ſhould be repealed, be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as directs that, from and after the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, the Sums to be aſſeſſed on any Pariſh, Hamlet, or Place, ſhould never exceed, in any One Year, the Amount of double the Sum at that Time raiſed by virtue of any incorporating Act then exiſting, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

So much of the recited Act as directs that, after *Jan.* 1, 1798, the Sums to be aſſeſſed on any Place ſhould not exceed the Amount of double the Sum at that Time raiſed, ſhall be repealed.

II. And whereas by the ſaid recited Act, the Directors and acting Guardians of the Poor, incorporated by Acts of Parliament as therein mentioned, were empowered, at any of their Annual, Quarterly, or other General Meetings, to make the ſaid Aſſeſſments under the Limitation in the ſaid Act mentioned, whenever the average Price of Wheat, at the Corn Market in *Mark Lane, London*, for the Quarter immediately preceding ſuch Annual, Quarterly, or other General Meeting, ſhould have exceeded the Average Price of Wheat at the ſame Market, during thoſe Years from which the Average Amount of the Poors' Rates was taken, upon the paſſing of the ſeveral incorporating Acts reſpectively: And whereas it is proper that ſo much of the ſaid recited Act as regulates the Average Price of Wheat in the Manner before mentioned ſhould be repealed, and other Proviſions made for that Purpoſe, be it therefore further enacted, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the ſaid Directors and acting Guardians of the Poor incorporated as aforeſaid, ſhall be empowered to make the ſaid Aſſeſſments, whenever the Average Price of Wheat, at the Corn Market in *Mark Lane, London*, ſhall exceed Three Pounds *per* Quarter; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Inſtead of the Aſſeſſments directed to be made under recited Act, the Directors and Guardians of the Poor may make thoſe Aſſeſſments whenever the Price of Wheat at the Market in *Mark Lane* ſhall exceed 3*l.* *per* Quarter.

Continuance of Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue and be in Force until the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and two, and no longer.

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