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CAP. IX.

An Act to explain and amend an Act, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor.* [8th *December* 1800.]

Preamble. 22 *Geo.* III, Cap. 83 recited.

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor*, the Juſtices of the Peace are empowered to appoint One Guardian, and no more, for each Pariſh deſirous of being regulated according to the Proviſions of the ſaid Act: And whereas in many Pariſhes, by reaſon of their Extent and Population, One ſuch Guardian is not found to be ſufficient for the Performance of the Duties thereby required: 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 if in any Pariſh which ſhall have adopted the Proviſions of the ſaid Act, either alone or in Conjunction with any other Pariſh, it ſhall be the Opinion of Two Thirds in Number and Value of the Owners or Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, qualified as by the ſaid Act is required, who ſhall be preſent at a Publick Meeting to be called for that Purpoſe, purſuant to Notice thereof given in the Church or Chapel of the ſaid Pariſh, on the

Two Juſtices of the Diſtrict may appoint additional Guardians of the Poor, under recited Act, on its being certified, in Manner

herein directed, that one is insufficient.

Sunday preceding, that One Guardian is insufficient for carrying into due Execution the Provisions of the said Act, and the same shall be certified by Two or more of the Persons present at such Meeting, in Writing under their Hands, to Two or more Justices of the Peace acting for the District or Division within which such Parish shall be situate, together with the Names of Four or more fit and proper Persons qualified for the Office of Guardian as by the said Act is required, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices, by Writing under their Hands, according to the Form prescribed in the Schedule to the said Act, to appoint such and so many of the said Persons to be Guardians of the Poor within such Parish, as they in their Discretion shall think fit, and as shall be necessary for duly carrying the Purposes of the said Act into Execution.

Guardians of the Poor, at Monthly Meetings, with Approbation of the Visitor, may make an Order on the Churchwardens, or Overseers, *etc.* for such Money as shall be necessary for the Purposes of recited Act.

II. And whereas by the said Act the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are directed to pay to the Guardians of the Poor in Parishes not united, and to the Treasurer in Parishes united as therein mentioned, such Sums as may be necessary for the Support of the Poor in Manner therein mentioned, and the Guardians are also directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Poor House the Sums required for the Maintenance and Support thereof, which in Default of Payment may be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Guardians, under the Hand of a Justice of the Peace; but no Provision is made to enforce the Payment of the Monies directed to be paid by the Churchwardens and Overseers aforesaid: Be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Guardians of the Poor present at a Monthly Meeting held according to the Directions of the said Act, with the Approbation of the Visitor, who shall sign the same, to make an Order on the Churchwardens or Overseers, or Collector of the Poor's Rates, some or One of them, for so much Money as shall be necessary for the Purposes of the said Act; and if the Churchwardens or Overseers, or Person or Persons to whom the Order shall be directed, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same to the Treasurer or Guardian to whom the same is made payable, within Seven Days after it shall be demanded, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace within the Division or District, upon Proof made on Oath of such Default, to issue his Warrant for levying the said Sums by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or other Person or Persons, in like Manner as by the said Act is provided in case of Non-payment by the Guardians of the Poor.

In Default of Payment, Justice may levy it by Distress.

Two Justices may, on Application, appoint a Treasurer for a single Parish, with a Salary not exceeding 10 *l.*

III. And whereas by the said Act no Provision is made for the Appointment of a Treasurer, in the Case of a single Parish adopting the Regulations of the said Act, although from its Population it may be found necessary and convenient; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Two Justices for the District or Division within which any such Parish shall be situate, to whom the Expediency of such Appointment shall be made appear, by Application from Two Thirds in Number and Value of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, qualified as by the said Act is directed, to appoint a Treasurer for the Poor House in such Parish, with a Salary not exceeding Ten Pounds, according to the Form prescribed in the Schedule to the said Act, in the Case of United Parishes.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That any Perſon aggrieved by the Act of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace out of Seſſions, in and concerning the Execution of this Act, may appeal to the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County, Riding, Liberty, Diviſion, Precinct, or Diſtrict wherein ſuch Act was done, giving Eight Days Notice thereof to the Party againſt whom the Complaint ſhall be made, and giving Security by Recognizance to be acknowledged before a Juſtice of the Peace, with a ſufficient Surety to pay the Coſts attending ſuch Appeal, if the Matter ſhall be determined againſt the Appellant; and the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions are hereby authorized to hear and determine ſuch Appeal, and to award ſuch Coſts for or againſt the Appellant, as they ſhall ſee juſt Cauſe ſo to do, which Determination ſhall be final, and ſhall not be removed by *Certiorari*. Perſons aggrieved may appeal to the next Quarter Seſſions.

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

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