Anno ſexto

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for the better regulating and employing the Poor, and for cleanſing, lighting, and watching, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within that Part of the Pariſh of Saint *Andrew, Holborn*, which lies above the Bars, in the County of *Middleſex*, and the Pariſh of Saint *George* the Martyr, in the ſaid County.

WHEREAS that Part of the Pariſh of Saint Andrew, Holborn, which lies above the Bars, and the Pariſh of Saint George the Martyr, in the County of Middleſex, from the great Increaſe of Buildings, are become very populous, and burthened with numerous Poor: And whereas the giving proper Powers for better governing, employing, and maintaining the ſaid Poor, will be a Means of their being more effectually relieved, and be more ſuitably employed: And whereas the Laws for providing and regulating the Nightly Watch within the ſaid Pariſhes, are found to be ineffectual, and the Proviſion by the Laws now in being for cleanſing and enlightening the ſeveral Streets, Squares, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, and other open Paſſages, and Places, within the ſame, cannot be extended thereto ſo ſpeedily as the Exigencies of the ſaid Pariſhes require: May it Preamble.

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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 on Friday next after Easter Day, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, or within Fourteen Days next after, and so annually on Friday next after Easter Day in every succeeding Year, or within Fourteen Days then next following, the Inhabitants within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, together with the Inhabitants of the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, respectively, paying Scot and bearing Lot, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to assemble themselves together at the Workhouse in Gray's Inn Lane, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon (Notice of the Time and Place of such Meeting having first been given in the said respective Parish Churches, on the Easter Day preceding) when and where the Inhabitants then present, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and elect Twenty five Gentlemen, or Persons of higher Degree, not in Trade, and Twenty five Tradesmen, substantial Inhabitants within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, every One of whom shall have been assessed to the Rate for Relief of the Poor, for the Year preceding, at not less than Twenty Pounds per Annum, who together with the Justices of the Peace, being Householders therein, and acting as Justices of the Peace for the said County, and the Rectors of the said Parishes, and the respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and of the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, so long as they shall act and continue in such their respective Capacities and Offices, shall be Governors and Directors of the said Poor for the said Year then next ensuing, and for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution; and shall and may, from time to time, make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better governing, employing, and regulating the said Poor, and for disbursing the Monies that shall, from time to time, arise by virtue of this Act, as to them, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at a publick Meeting assembled for that Purpose, shall appear necessary or expedient.

Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants at the Workhouse in *Gray's Inn Lane*.

for electing Governors and Directors of the Poor.

The Power of Governors and Directors.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors so elected, shall, on the Friday next after such their Election, meet toge-

A List of 16 Persons, to be made out by the Governors,

ther at the Workhouse in Gray's Inn Lane, and they, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them then present, shall then and there make out a List of Sixteen fit and proper Persons inhabiting within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or within the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, to be Overseers of the Poor; which List shall be returned to the next Petty Sessions to be held at the Workhouse in Gray's Inn Lane for that Purpose, of which public Notice shall be given in the said Parish Churches, on the Sunday next preceding the holding of such Petty Sessions; out of which List the Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them then present, and being resident within such Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or within the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, shall nominate and appoint Four Persons to be Overseers of the Poor for the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, for the Year then next ensuing: And in case such Petty Sessions shall not be held within Fourteen Days after such List shall have been so made out as aforesaid, or the Justices at such Petty Sessions, shall neglect or refuse to act in the Premisses, then such List shall be returned to any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, who shall make such Nomination and Appointment as aforesaid.

and returned to the Petty Sessions; out of whom the Justices are to appoint 4 to be Overseers;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Sir William Brown Knight, Thomas Brown, Vincent John Biscoe, Fitzwilliams Barrington, Richard Baynes, Ambrose Audrey, Samuel Cox, John Eames, Henry Fothergill, William Brown, Beversham Fillmer, Anthony Dawson, Paul Field, Joseph Hurlock, Daniel Fox, Henry Lewis, Thomas Lloyd, Robert Merry, Thomas Gataker, Morris Robinson, Francis Plumtre, John Peirce, John Willson, George Wilson, Esquires; Doctor James Parsons, Samuel Leightenhouse, William Adams, Henry Adkins, Richard Bellamy, John Blew, George Harrington Cox, John Collingwood, Lawrence D'Rippee, Rees George, John Hart, John Gorham, John Heaven, Nathaniel Hedges, William Lloyd, Nathaniel Morgan, Richard Sherman, Thomas Silvester, George May, Lawrence Owen, John Phillips, William Ridgway, John Taylor, Philip Williams, Robert Woolridge, and William Wright, being Inhabitants within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, together with the Justices of the Peace, being Householders therein, and the Rectors of the said Parishes, and also the respective Churchwardens and

The First Governors and Directors.

Overseers of the Poor for the time being, for the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and for the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, shall be, and are hereby appointed Governors and Directors of the said Poor, and for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution for the remaining Part of this Year.

They are to direct Advertisements to be published for Tradesmen willing to serve the Workhouse with Provisions and Necessaries, or to contract for maintaining, &c. the Poor, to deliver in Proposals.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors for the time being, being Eleven in Number at the least, assembled at a publick Meeting at the said Workhouse, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby required, to direct and cause Notices to be given by Advertisements in One or more of the publick News Papers, Three several Times, for all Tradesmen willing to serve the Poor within the said Workhouse with Provisions and Necessaries; and also, if the said Governors and Directors shall think fit, for all Persons willing to contract for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing, of all or any of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, and for furnishing Materials for such Employment in the said Workhouse, or in any other proper House or Houses, to deliver their Proposals in Writing; and the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven in Number at the least, assembled at a publick Meeting at the said Workhouse, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered to contract and agree, from time to time, with any Person or Persons, for all Provisions and Necessaries of what Kind soever, which shall be used or brought into the said Workhouse, or for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing the said Poor, for such Time and Times as the said Governors and Directors for the time being shall think fit, and for purchasing Materials for such Employment; to be made upon the best and most reasonable Terms.

Governors, &c. impowered to contract accordingly.

Governors, &c. or Parish Officers not to be interested in any Contract.

Provided always, That no such Contracts or Agreements shall be entered into with any Governor or Director, Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, or other Officer of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, during the Time of his being such Governor and Director, Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, or other Officer, of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, or wherein any such Governor or Director, Overseer of the Poor, or other Officer, shall have any Interest, Benefit, Profit, Advantage, or Reward.

Provided

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if at any Time it shall be thought necessary and expedient for the said Governors and Directors to meet at any other Place or Places within the said Parishes, than at the said Workhouse, for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Rectors of the said Parishes of Saint Andrew, Holborn, and Saint George the Martyr, for the time being, and they are hereby authorized and required, upon Application made to them, by any Five or more of the said Governors and Directors for that Purpose, to appoint some other fit and proper Place or Places accordingly.

If thought necessary, the Rectors may appoint some more convenient Place than the Workhouse to meet in.

And whereas it hath become a Practice for Overseers of the Poor to take certain Sums of Money of and from the putative Fathers of Children born or likely to be born Bastards, instead of obliging such Father to find Security for indemnifying the said Parishes against future contingent Charges, which Sums of Money so taken, such Overseers do not always bring to Account; wherefore, for Remedy thereof for the future, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, when any Person shall, by a Warrant granted by any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, have been apprehended as the Father of a Child or Children born or likely to be born a Bastard or Bastards, and to become chargeable to the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or to the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, or when any Person shall, of his own Accord, make known to the Overseers thereof respectively, or One of them, that he is the Father of any Child or Children born, or thereafter likely to be born, a Bastard or Bastards, and likely to become chargeable as aforesaid (which Confession, together with the Name and Place of Abode of the Person making the same, such Overseers are hereby required forthwith to make known to some Justice or Justices of the Peace acting within the said Parishes) and if the Person so apprehended or voluntary making such Discovery as aforesaid, shall be willing and desirous to pay into the Hands of such Overseers respectively, a certain Sum of Money in order to be discharged from all future contingent Expences, which such Person might be liable to by reason of such Offence; and if it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that such Person as aforesaid is unable to find Security to indemnify the said Parishes respectively, on account of such Bastard or Bastards, and that it will be more for the

How Overseers are to proceed with the real or putative Fathers of Children born, or likely to be born Bastards, and become chargeable to the Parish.

Advantage of the said Parishes to receive such Sum or Sums so offered; then, and in every such Case, such Justice or Justices shall and may impower such respective Overseers to receive the Sums so offered, or such other Sum as to such Justice or Justices shall seem reasonable, by a Note in Writing under the Hand or Hands of One or more such Justice or Justices, signifying his or their Consent thereto, in Manner or to the Effect following:

IF *A. B.* shall pay into the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor of that Part of the Parish of Saint *Andrew, Holborn*, above the Bars, or of the Parish of Saint *George* the Martyr (*as the Case shall be*) the Sum of let him be discharged from all future Claims and Demands whatsoever, in relation to the Matter for which he was apprehended—Or in relation to the Matter of which he made a voluntary Discovery.

Overseers acting contrary thereto, forfeit 20*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any such Overseer or Overseers shall, from and after the First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, accept, receive, or take, any Sum or Sums of Money, or other Gratuity (otherwise than in Manner above directed) on any Pretence whatsoever, of and from any Person who shall stand accused of being, or be suspected, or confess himself to be, the Father of any Child or Children born, or thereafter likely to be born, a Bastard or Bastards, and to become chargeable to the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or to the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; or shall forbear to make Complaint of such Person or Persons guilty of the Offences aforesaid, in order to bring him or them to Justice; or shall contract with any Person or Persons for the Care and Maintaining of any Bastard Child or Children, not born in, or belonging to, the said Parishes; such Overseer or Overseers, or other Officer of the said Parishes, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, with full Costs, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which respectively no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and One Moiety of the said Forfeiture shall be applied to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the said Parishes so mentioned as aforesaid.

and full Costs of Suit:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Overseer or Overseers shall, from time to time, account, upon Oath, if required, to be taken before any One

One Justice of the Peace, for all such Sums of Money as shall have been received by them, or any of them, under the Licence of the said Justices, and shall pay over all such Sums of Money which they shall have so received, to the Use of that Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and of the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, respectively. They are to account upon Oath, if required, with respect to Money received under Licence of a Justice;

Provided always, That out of every the Sums of Money to be received by virtue of each respective Licence as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Overseer and Overseers respectively to deduct and detain, to the Use of him or themselves, for his or their Trouble and Expences incurred on that Account, such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be allowed by Two or more Justices of the Peace residing within either of the said Parishes. but may retain to their own Use such a Sum as shall be allowed for their Trouble and Expences.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person maintained in the said Workhouse shall neglect or refuse to work, or shall embezzle or purloin any of the Goods or Materials belonging thereto, or be guilty of profane Cursing, Swearing, Drunkenness, or any lewd, immoral, or indecent Behaviour; or refuse to perform the reasonable Work or Service which he, she, or they, shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein; it shall and may be lawful for the Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, to cause such Person or Persons so offending, to be punished in the said Workhouse, either by Confinement, or Distinction in Dress or Diet, or by such other Method as may best tend to prevent such Offence for the future. Governors, &c. impowered to punish idle, dishoneſt, or disorderly Poor.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, or receive into Pawn, any of the Clothes or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor, who are, or hereafter shall be, received into, and be maintained in, the said Workhouse; or who shall knowingly buy, or receive into Pawn, any of the Goods or Materials being in the said Workhouse, or any other House or Place, in order to be wrought up, manufactured, or used, by the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, or any of the Goods and Furniture of the said Workhouse; every Person so offending in any of the said Cases, and being thereof convicted, by his or her own Confession, or by the Oath of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, (which Oath such Justice and Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay Treble Persons buying, or receiving into Pawn, any Clothes, &c. of the Poor, or Goods or Materials in the Workhouse, &c.

forfeit Treble Value;

treble the Value of the Goods which shall have been so purloined or embezzled; One Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the said Overseers, for the Use of the said Poor; and if any Offender shall not on such Conviction pay the same, the said Justice or Justices shall cause the Money so forfeited, by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, and the Overplus (if any) after such Forfeiture and Charges of the Distress and Sale are deducted and paid, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattles: And in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he or they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender to be committed to the House of Correction for the County of Middlesex for any Time not exceeding One Month, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

and on Non-payment, or want of sufficient Distress, are to be committed to the House of Correction.

Governors, &c. to meet on *Wednesday* weekly;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them, shall meet on every Wednesday after the passing of this Act, at the aforesaid Workhouse, or at any other convenient Place, as they shall from time to time appoint, for the Purposes of putting this Act in Execution; and the said Governors and Directors, at all their Meetings, shall defray their own Expences.

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In case of Death, Removal, or Refusal to act, of any Governor, &c. another to be chosen in his Room.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any One or more of the Governors and Directors, nominated or elected as aforesaid, shall happen to die, remove out of the said Parishes, or, having due Notice of his or their Nomination and Appointment, shall, by Writing under his Hand, decline acting in the Execution of this Act; then, and in either Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the rest of the Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them, at their next Weekly Meeting, to nominate and appoint One or more fit Person or Persons, qualified as aforesaid, to be a Governor and Director in the Room or Stead of such Person or Persons so dying, removing, or refusing to act, keeping the Distinction of Gentlemen and Tradesmen as above directed, so as the Number of each may be equal.

Annual or other Meeting of Governors, &c. for appointing a Watch, and making Orders touching the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet and assemble, at the said Workhouse, on the First Monday in July,

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One thousand seven hundred and sixty six, and on the same Day in every succeeding Year, or within Fifteen Days then next following, of which publick Notice shall be given in the said respective Parish Churches, and appoint what Number of Watchmen and Beadles they shall judge necessary or proper to be kept in the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, for the Year then next to come; and nominate and elect such able bodied Men, to be employed in the said Services, as the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall think best qualified; as also where the several Watchmen shall be stationed, and in what Manner they shall be armed, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue upon Duty, and what Wages shall be allowed to such Watchmen and Beadles for their Attendance and Duty; and shall order and direct what Number of Constables and Headboroughs shall attend every Night, and in what Parts; and also shall and may erect or hire a proper Place or Places within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, for the Reception of the said Constables, Headboroughs, and Watchmen, and make all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as the Nature of each particular Service shall require. And if any of the said Watchmen or Beadles so appointed, shall die within the Year, or shall be negligent in his or their Duty, or be guilty of any Misbehaviour, or if it shall be found necessary to repeal, amend, or alter any of the said Rules, Orders, and Regulations, it shall and may be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven or more in Number, or the major Part of them present at the then next Weekly Meeting, to nominate and appoint One or more Person or Persons, fitly qualified, in the Room or Stead of him or them so dying or guilty of Misbehaviour, as aforesaid; and also to make such other Nominations and Appointments, and such further Orders and Regulations, for the better Government and Direction of the said Constables, Watchmen, and Beadles, as they shall think proper.

Power to appoint intermediate Watchmen, &c. in the Room of such as shall die, or be removed;

and of altering or repealing Orders.

Provided always, That such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, are not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom.

Orders not to be repugnant to the Laws.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a true Copy or Transcript of all such Nominations, Appointments, Acts, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as shall be so made, from time to time, shall be fairly

Copy of all Nominations and Orders, &c. to be written and signed by the Vestry Clerks, and delivered to the Constables.

fairly written and signed by the respective Clerks of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, and shall be delivered to the said Constables and Headboroughs for the time being, and to every of them, who shall attend every Night by Turns, and shall keep Watch and Ward within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, for such respective Times, and in such Manner, as shall be, from time to time, appointed by the said Governors and Directors, or any Five or more of them; and shall, in their several Turns and Courses of Watching, use their best Endeavours to prevent Fires, Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and other Outrages and Disorders; and in case any One or more of the said Watchmen shall be found to have misbehaved himself or themselves, or to have neglected his or their Duty, the said Constables and Headboroughs shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the Governors and Directors for the time being, or any Five or more of them, for the Examination and Punishment of such Offenders; and every Person offending, being convicted by his or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex (which Oath such Justice and Justices is and are hereby authorized and impowered to administer) shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for the Use of the said Poor; and if any Offender shall not, on such Conviction, pay the said Money, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender to be committed to the House of Correction for the County of Middlesex, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Space of Time not exceeding One Month: And if any of the said Constables or Headboroughs shall wilfully neglect to attend any Night in his or their Turn, or shall otherwise misbehave himself or themselves, contrary to the Duty prescribed to them by this Act, and shall be thereof convicted as aforesaid, the Person or Persons so offending shall respectively forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be recovered as herein after directed.

Duty of the Constable of the Night.

Watchman offending, forfeits 20 s.

and if not paid, he is to be committed to the House of Correction.

Constable neglecting his Duty, or misbehaving, forfeits 20 s.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the Appointment of a Raker or Rakers, to sweep and cleanse the several Streets, Lanes, Ways, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and other open Places, within

Notice to be given of the Time and Place of Meeting of the Governors, &c. for appointing a Raker, and receiving Proposals.

in the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, Notice shall be given Three several Times in One or more of the publick News Papers, and Once in the said respective Parish Churches, on a Sunday, immediately after the Morning Service, at least Eight Days before such Appointment, of the Time and Place for the Meeting of the said Governors and Directors for such Purpose, and for receiving Proposals for the Performance of that Business; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them then present, to contract and agree with such fit and proper Person or Persons, who shall have delivered in Proposals most reasonable and beneficial for the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, to be Raker or Rakers for the Year ensuing; and the Person or Persons so contracted with, shall, Twice in every Week, or oftener, bring, or cause to be brought, Carts, or other proper Carriages, into all the Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and other open Places, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, where such Carts and Carriages can pass, and at or before their Approach, by Sound of Bell, or with an audible and distinct Voice, give Notice to the Inhabitants of their coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Alley, or Place, into which the said Carts and Carriages cannot pass, and shall abide and stay a convenient Time near the said Court, Alley, or Place, to the Intent that all Persons respectively may bring forth their Ashes, Dirt, Dust, Soil, or other Filth, to the Door of their respective Houses, all which such Raker or Rakers shall take and carry, or cause to be taken and carried away; and such Raker or Rakers shall sweep, or cause to be swept, all the Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and other open Places, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, and carry, or cause to be carried away, all the Dirt and Soil out of the same, at least Once in every Week; and in Default thereof, in either of the said Cases, shall forfeit and pay respectively any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Neglect respectively; and that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall throw, cast, or lay, or cause, permit, or suffer, to be thrown, cast, or laid, any Ashes, Dirt, Dust, or other Filth

11 Governors, &c. may contract.

Rakers Duty;

if guilty of Neglect, he forfeits any Sum not exceeding 40 s.

Persons laying Ashes, and other Annoyance, in the Streets,

Filth or Annoyance whatsoever, in any Street, Square, Lane, Court, Alley, Passage, or Place, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, before his, her, or their own Dwelling-house or Houses, or before the Dwelling-house or Houses of any other Person or Persons, Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, but shall keep, or cause to be kept, all such Ashes, Dirt, Dust, and other Filth, in their respective Houses or Yards, until such Time as the Person or Persons so contracted with, to carry away the Ashes, Dirt, Dust, Soil, or other Filth, from the said Streets, Ways, Lanes, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and Places, where they dwell, do come by or near their Houses, Doors, or Places, with his or their Carts or other Conveniencies, for carrying away such Ashes, Dirt, Dust, Soil, or other Filth, upon pain of forfeiting, for every Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Forfeiture of Sum not exceeding 20 s.

Annual Meeting of the Governors, &c. for appointing the Number of Lamps, and contracting for lighting the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at a Meeting to be held for that Purpose, shall and may yearly and every Year order, direct, and appoint, what Number and Sort of Lamps shall be erected and set up within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; and in what Manner, and at what Distance, the same shall be placed, so as the Distance does not exceed Twenty Yards from each other; which said Lamps shall be kept lighted from Sun-setting to Sun-rising through the whole Year; and, upon Notice being given in some or One of the Publick News Papers, the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at such Meeting, may contract and agree with any Person or Persons for such Lamps, and also for the cleansing, lighting, supplying, maintaining, and repairing, the same; And if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously break, throw down, damage, displace, or spoil, any such Lamp or Lamps; or extinguish any Light within the same; or damage the Pedestal, Posts, Iron, Materials, or other Furniture, thereto belonging, or therewith, every Person or Persons so offending in any of the Matters aforesaid, may be seized by any Person or Persons, and carried before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, and being thereof convicted by the Oath of One or more credible Witness

Lamps not to exceed 20 Yards Distance asunder, and to be kept burning from Sun-rising to Sun-setting.

Penalty of wilfully breaking or extinguishing any of the Lamps,

Witness or Witnesses, or his or their own Confession, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each Lamp so thrown down, broken, or otherwise damaged, and for each Light so extinguished; One Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other to the said Governors and Directors, to be disposed of as the other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereby directed to be applied; and shall also make full Satisfaction for the Damage done, to the Person sustaining the same; and for Non-payment thereof, the Person or Persons so convicted shall be committed to the House of Correction, there to remain for the Space of One Month, or until he, she, or they, shall have paid the said Forfeiture and Damages as aforesaid.

Penalty is 20s.

besides making good the Damage; and on Non-payment, Offender is to be committed to the House of Correction.

And it is hereby further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, throw down, or damage, any such Lamp or Lamps, or the Irons, or the other Furniture thereof, and shall not immediately on Demand make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more of the said Justices, upon Complaint thereof to him or them made by One or more credible Person or Persons, to summon the Party or Parties complained of; and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or Non-appearance of the Party or Parties complained of, to award such Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction for such Damage, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay the Money so awarded, within Five Days after Demand, to cause the same to be levied in like Manner as Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, are by this Act directed to be levied.

Persons accidentally breaking, &c. any Lamp, not making Satisfaction,

the Damage may be levied, as other Penalties of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors shall, and they are hereby authorized and required annually, on the First Monday in June, or within Fifteen Days next following (of which Meeting Eight Days Notice shall be given on a Sunday in the said respective Parish Churches) to assemble and meet together, and they, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at such Meeting, shall settle and ascertain the several Sum and Sums of Money necessary to be raised in the ensuing Year, for the Relief, Maintenance, Lodging, and Employment, of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; and for regulating and keeping a Nightly Watch and Beadles; and also for cleansing and lighting the said Streets, Lanes, Ways,

Annual Meeting of the Governors, &c. for settling the Poor and other Parochial Rates.

Ways, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and other open Places, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, as to the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall seem reasonable and sufficient to answer all the Ends and Purposes of this Act.

After ascertaining the necessary Rates, the Governors, &c. and Inhabitants to meet in Vestry, and make Four distinct Assessments;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors, and the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, paying Scot and bearing Lot, shall, at a Vestry to be held at the said Workhouse for that Purpose, consisting of not less than Twenty one Persons, or the major Part of them then assembled, within Fourteen Days next after the said several Sums of Money shall have been so ascertained as aforesaid, of the Time and Place of which Meeting publick Notice shall be given in the said respective Parish Churches, on the Sunday preceding, shall, and they are hereby required to make and sign Four distinct Rates or Assessments, to be raised by an equal Pound Rate, not exceeding the Amount of the respective Sums so settled and ascertained; that is to say, One Rate or Assessment for Relief of the Poor of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, and for raising a Stock for purchasing Materials for the Employment of the Poor, upon all and every Person or Persons, except such as shall be omitted to be rated upon account of their Poverty, who do and shall inhabit, hold, or occupy, any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and on every other Person or Persons who by Law is and are chargeable or rateable for and towards the Relief of the Poor within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; One other Rate or Assessment for defraying the Expence of the Watch and Beadles, not exceeding Four Pence in the Pound; One other Rate or Assessment for defraying the Expence of cleansing the several Streets, Squares, Lanes, Ways, Courts, Alleys, Passages, and Places, not exceeding Four Pence in the Pound; and One other Rate or Assessment for defraying the Expence of lighting the said Streets and Places, not exceeding Six Pence in the Pound; all which said Rates or Assessments, being first examined and approved of, shall be respectively signed and confirmed by Two or more Justices of the Peace residing

One for the Relief of the Poor, &c.

One for the Watch;

One for the Scavenger;

and One for the Lamps;

To be signed and confirmed by Two Justices;

ding within that Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; and which said Rates or Assessments, together with all Arrears then due, shall be collected quarterly from the said Inhabitants and Occupiers; and the Monies raised by the Three last mentioned Rates or Assessments shall, from time to time, be collected and applied in paying the Watchmen and Beadles, and the Contractor or Contractors for cleansing and enlightening the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; and if, at the End of any Year, any Surplus Money shall remain of any of the Rates, the same shall be applied towards the Purposes to which the other Rates are directed to be applied; and in case of any Deficiency, the same shall be made good by a Re-assessment, to be rated and collected in Manner as above directed.

and the Rates to be collected quarterly.

Surplus Monies how to be applied.

Deficiencies to be made good by a Re-assessment.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after any such Rate or Rates shall have been so made as aforesaid and confirmed, Notice thereof, and also of the Time and Place for hearing Appeals, shall be given in the said Parish Churches respectively, on the Sunday next after the making thereof: And in case any Person or Persons whatsoever shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by any of the said Rates, he, she, or they, shall or may, upon the Day expressed in such Notice, appeal therefrom to Two or more Justices of the Peace residing as aforesaid; and such Justices are hereby impowered to hear and determine every such Appeal and Appeals, in such Manner as to them shall seem just.

Notice to be given of the Rates being confirmed, and of the Time and Place of hearing Appeals.

Provided nevertheless, That if any Person or Persons shall be dissatisfied with the Determination of such Justices, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them, upon giving Notice to such Justices, within Six Days then next following, to appeal from such Determination to the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Middlesex; and the said Justices, at their said General or Quarter Sessions, shall make such Order therein as to them shall seem meet.

Persons dissatisfied with the Determination of the Justices, may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

And whereas there are Houses in the said Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, which are let out to Ambassadors, Residents, or other foreign Ministers, or their Servants; and there are divers other Houses let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, whereby the Payment of the said

Rates and Assessments, may be evaded, or in Danger of being lost; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person (whether Landlord or Tenant) who shall let out his or her House to Ambassadors, Residents, or foreign Ministers, or their Servants, or shall let out their Houses in Lodgings, or separate Apartments, shall, for the several Purposes of this Act, be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such House or Houses, and may be rated or assessed accordingly, and shall be liable and subject to the Payment of the Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be raised or levied: Provided always, That the Goods and Chattles of each and every Person renting or occupying any Lodging or separate Apartment in such House or Houses, or renting or occupying any ready furnished House or Houses, shall be liable to be distrained and sold for the Payment of the said Rates and Assessments, or any of them; and that such, and every Person who shall pay such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, so charged on his, her, or their, respective Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods or Chattles the same shall have been levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable, from time to time, to his, her, or their, respective Landlord or Landlords, so letting out the same; and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to his or her said Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as he or she shall have so paid, or shall have been levied on his or her Goods and Chattles, in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, That no such Landlord shall be charged with, or be liable to pay for, any increased Rent, reserved or made payable to him for or on account of his paying the said Poors Rates, or other Rates or Charges usually charged upon the Tenant, and deemed Tenants Taxes or Charges.

Where Houses, or Apartments are let out to Ambassadors, &c. the Landlord is to be considered as the Occupier, and be rated accordingly;

and the Rates may be levied by Distress and Sale;

and Tenant paying, &c. may deduct the same out of the Rent.

Landlord not liable to pay for any increased Rent, on account of those Taxes.

And whereas Persons frequently move out of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, without paying the Rates assessed on them, and other Persons do enter and occupy the Lands, Houses, or Tenements, out of which such Persons do remove, Part of the Year, by reason whereof great Sums of Money are annually lost: Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Person or Persons shall come into, or occupy, any Messuage, Land, or Tenement, out of or from which any other Person or Persons so assessed shall have removed, or which at the Time of making such Rates respectively as aforesaid was empty and unoccupied; that then, and in every such Case, every Person or Persons so

Persons coming into, or removing from, Houses rated, are to pay in Proportion to the Time they respectively accepted the same.

so removing from, and to coming into, or occupying the same, shall be liable to pay such Rates, in Proportion to, or for the Time that such Person or Persons occupied the same respectively, in the same Manner, and under the like Penalty of Distress, as if such Person or Persons so removing, had not removed, or such Person or Persons so coming in or occupying had been originally rated and assessed to such Rates; which said Proportion, in case of Distress, shall be ascertained by any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace residing as aforesaid.

Rates may be levied by Distress and Sale.

And, for the better and more effectual raising and levying the Rates or Assessments directed to be made by this Act, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any such Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him, her, or them, respectively, and all Arrears thereof; it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons appointed to collect and receive such Rates and Assessments, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of One or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex (which Warrant the said Justices are hereby authorized and required to grant in any Place within the said County, or out of the Limits thereof, such Warrant being first backed or countersigned by some Magistrate in the County, City, or Liberty, where the Distress is to be made) to distrain the Goods and Chattles of the Party so refusing to pay the same, wheresoever the same shall or may be found, and the same to sell, rendering to him, her, or them, the Overplus, if any be, after the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale are first deducted.

No Settlement to be gained by paying to any but the Poors Rate, or by being employed as Watchman or Beadle.

Provided always, and be it enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons, who shall be charged with or pay to any of the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of, and in pursuance of, this Act (the Poors Rate excepted) or being chose or employed either as a Watchman or Beadle, shall be deemed or construed thereby to gain any Settlement in the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, or the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr.

Repeal of Part of Act of 2 *Will. & Mary*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of an Act passed in the Second Year of the

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the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, as relates to the Appointment of Scavengers, or to the Inhabitants sweeping the Streets before their respective Houses, and to their setting or hanging out Candles or Lights in Lanthorns on the Outside of their Houses next the Streets, and so much of the Statute of Winchester, or any other subsequent Statute relating to Watch and Ward, so far as the same affects or concerns the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, shall be, and are hereby, repealed.

and Statute of *Winchester*.

Petty Sessions may allow the Rakers to lodge their Soil in some convenient Place.

Provided nevertheless, That the Raker or Rakers of the said Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, shall have Liberty, by the Approbation and Order of Two or more of the Justices, at their Petty Sessions, to lodge their Dirt, Dust, Ashes, or other Filth, in such vacant and publick Places, in or near the Streets or Highways, as shall be thought convenient by the said Justices, in such Manner, and under such Terms, as Scavengers and Rakers have Liberty to do by virtue of a Clause mentioned in the said Act; any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Meeting for Appointment of Collectors of these Rates (except the Poors Rate)

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governors and Directors, being Twenty one in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at a publick Meeting to be held for that Purpose, pursuant to a Notice given in the said respective Parish Churches Five Days at least preceding the said Meeting, shall and may, if they think necessary, chuse and appoint One or more fit Person or Persons to be a Collector or Collectors, of all and every the said Rates and Assessments, or any of them (except the said Rate or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor) and shall and may, from time to time, remove such Person or Persons, and appoint other Person or Persons in his or their Room and Stead; and shall and may, out of such Rates or Assessments to be collected as aforesaid, make such Allowance to such Collector or Collectors, as they shall think fit, not exceeding the yearly Sum of Fifty Pounds;

Collectors removable,

Their Salary not to exceed 50*l.* per Ann.

They are to give Security;

and they are hereby required to take such Security of such Collector or Collectors, for the faithful accounting for all such Money as he or they shall receive by virtue of his or their Appointment, as to the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them, shall seem proper; and such Collector or Collectors shall, and he and they is and are hereby required to make up and ren-

and to account monthly, or oftener if required;

der to the said Governors and Directors, Once a Month, or oftener if required, a full, true, perfect, and separate Account, of all the Monies so collected and received by him or them, by virtue of this Act, upon such Rates and Assessments respectively, and shall, from time to time, pay over such Monies so by him or them collected and remaining in his or their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Governors and Directors, or the major Part of them, present at a publick Meeting at the said Workhouse, shall, by Writing under their Hands, authorize and appoint to receive the same.

and pay over the Money in their Hands.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Collector or Collectors of the said Rates and Assessments shall become insolvent, or shall embezzle, make away with, detain, or misapply, any Sum or Sums of Money, which shall be collected by him or them for the Uses aforesaid, so that the same cannot be recovered; or shall die possessed of any Sum or Sums of Money by him or them collected by virtue of this Act, which shall not be paid by his Executors, Administrators, or Security given, within the Space of Thirty Days after his Death; that then, and in every such Case, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money shall be again rated and assessed on the Inhabitants of the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and of the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, in such Proportion and Manner, as the Rates are directed to be made by this Act, and shall be collected, levied, and distrained for, in such Manner, and under such Penalties, as are herein provided for collecting and levying the Rates due and payable by this Act; Regard being always had in such Re-assessment to distinguish between those Inhabitants who shall have paid the former Rates and Assessments, and those who shall have neglected or refused to pay the same.

Sums received by Collector becoming insolvent, &c.

or dying; if not paid within 30 Days, by his Executors or Security,

are to be re-assessed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Book or Books shall be prepared and kept by the said Governors and Directors, wherein shall be fairly entered, from time to time, the Names of such Persons as they shall nominate and appoint to put in Execution the Purposes of this Act; and Copies of all Orders and Proceedings relating thereto, and also an Account of what Monies have been assessed, raised, levied, and paid, by virtue of this Act, and how the same have been applied; and also all the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, and other Parish Officers for the time being, and which shall be verified by them, on Examination upon Oath, if required, before One or more of the said Justices residing

Entries to be made of all Orders and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act; and of the Sums assessed, and how applied, &c.

Accounts to be audited quarterly, &c.

siding as aforesaid, and who are hereby impowered to take the same; all which said Accounts shall quarterly be examined, adjusted, and settled by the said Governors and Directors, being Eleven in Number at the least, or the major Part of them present at a public Meeting at the said Workhouse; and shall afterwards be confirmed by Two or more Justices of the Peace residing as aforesaid, in case no material Objection shall appear thereto; which said Book or Books shall be lodged in some proper Place, to be appointed by the said Governors and Directors, under the Care of the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr; and all Persons contributing to the said Rates or Assessments, shall and may, at all convenient Times, be at Liberty to inspect and peruse the same without Fee or Reward; and to take Copies or Extracts thereof, or of any Part thereof, at the Rate of Two Pence for every One hundred Words.

the Books to be lodged with the Vestry Clerk, &c.

In case of Absence, or Refusal of resident Justices to act,

And whereas the Justices of the Peace, residing within the said Parishes, may be absent from their Habitations, or neglect to meet at such Times and Places as are required by this Act, for the Purposes of putting the same into Execution, or, being at such Meeting or Meetings, shall refuse to act in their Capacity of Justices, with regard to the Business then intended to be transacted; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in any or either of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful for any other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting for the said County, and residing near the said Parishes, to do and execute every Matter and Thing required to be done by the said Justices residing within the said Parishes, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if done or executed by such resident Justices; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

any Justices for the County may execute all necessary Acts.

Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures, not otherwise directed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Penalties or Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattles, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex; which Warrant the said Justices are hereby impowered and required to grant, upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Testimony of One or more Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justices are hereby impowered to administer) and the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering

dering the Overplus (if any be) upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattles shall be so distrained and sold (the Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) shall be applied to the respective Purposes whereto the Matter in Question shall relate; and for want of sufficient Distress, the Offender shall be, by like Warrant, committed to the Common Gaol, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Months, nor less than One Month, at the Discretion of the Justices, unless such Forfeiture shall be sooner paid; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures shall be applied towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes.

For want of Distress Offender to be committed.

Provided also, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained with respect to cleansing and watching, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to Red Lion Square, within the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr.

This Act not to extend to the cleansing and watching *Red Lion Square.*

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Charges of passing this Act, and other Charges incident thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed, out of the first Monies to be raised by the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act.

Charges of this Act to be paid out of the Rates.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Laws now in being relating to the relieving, maintaining, and providing for the Poor, shall continue in Force within the said Part of the said Parish of Saint Andrew, and the said Parish of Saint George the Martyr, except where the same are altered by this Act; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Poor Laws, where not otherwise altered by this Act, to be in Force within the said Parishes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Writ shall be sued out against, or a Copy of any Process served upon any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, until Notice in Writing of such intended Writ or Process shall have been delivered to the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Actions is intended to be so brought, or left at the usual Place of his Abode, by the Attorney or Agent to the Party who intends to sue, or cause the same to be sued out or served, at least Thirty Days before the suing out or serving the same; in which Notice shall be clearly and explicitly contained the Cause of Action which such Party hath, or claimeth to have, against such Person or Persons; and that no Action shall be commenced after Six Months next after the Fact committed, for which such Writ or Process is intended to be so brought; and that every such Action or Suit

Limitation of Actions.

shall

shall be brought, laid, and tried, in the County of Middlesex, and not elsewhere; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person and Persons, against whom such Action or Suit is intended to be so brought, at any Time within the said Thirty Days after such Notice given as aforesaid, to tender Amends to the Party complaining, or to his or their Attorney or Agent; and in case the same is not accepted, to plead such Tender in Bar to any Action so brought against him or them, together with the Plea of Not Guilty, and any other Plea, with the Leave of the Court, and may give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence: And if, upon any Trial or Trials to be had thereupon, the Jury shall find the Amends so tendered to have been sufficient, then they shall give a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; or in case the Plaintiff shall become Nonsuit, or shall discontinue his or her Action or Actions; or in case Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants, upon Demurrer; or in case the said Action or Suit shall be brought before such Notice shall have been so given as aforesaid, or after the Time limitted for bringing the same, or shall be laid in any other County, City, or Place, than in the said County of Middlesex; that then, and in either of the said Cases, the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in any other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

Publick Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, 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 whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.