Anno ſeptimo

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for rebuilding the Pariſh Church of *Saint Martin*, within the City of *Worceſter*.



WHEREAS the Pariſh Church of Saint Martin, in the City of Worceſter, is a very ancient Fabrick, and in ſo ruinous a Condition, that it is dangerous for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh to attend Divine Service therein; and, in the Opinion of able and experienced Workmen, the ſaid Church cannot be effectually repaired; and that, for the Safety and Convenience of the Inhabitants, it is neceſſary the ſame ſhould be taken down and rebuilt: 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 and may be lawful for the Truſtees herein after nominated and appointed, or to be elected as herein after-mentioned, Preamble.

Old Church and Tower to be taken down, and rebuilt.

or any Five or more of them, to cause the said Parish Church and Tower to be taken down, and to be rebuilt after such Model, and according to such Dimensions, and in such Manner, as by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall be agreed upon; and also to raise Money by such Ways and Means as are herein after mentioned and directed, to defray the Expence of taking down and rebuilding the said Church and Tower,

The Sum to be expended.

so as such Money to be raised shall not exceed the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, over and above the necessary Charges in and about procuring and obtaining and passing this Act of Parliament.

And, to the End that all the Money, which shall be raised from the Assessments herein after directed to be levied, may be duly paid, and faithfully applied to answer, satisfy, and discharge, all such Sums of Money as shall be necessary for rebuilding and adorning the said Church, and which shall be advanced and lent upon the Credit of this Act, for the Purposes aforesaid, in such Manner as is herein after mentioned; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Honourable

Trustees appointed.

John Ward Esquire, the Honourable Edwin Sandys Esquire, the Reverend Sir Richard Wrottesley Baronet LL. D. Dean of Worcester; the Reverend John Tottie D. D. Archdeacon of Worcester; the Right Honourable William Dowdeswell, Thomas Foley, Henry Crabb Boulton, John Walsh, Reginald Lygon, Thomas Vernon, William Bromley, Benjamin Johnson, Robert Martin, Esquires; the Reverend Benjamin Lane Clerk, the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish of Saint Martin for the time being, William Russell, George Smith, Thomas Parker, William Mathers, William Bedford, Thomas Hill, William Freme, William Harris, Thomas Walker, John Hill, and Joseph Clements, Gentlemen; together with Four other Persons to be elected by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, at their First Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, shall be, and are hereby appointed and declared Trustees for

Rates how to be received and applied.

putting this Act in Execution; and that they, or any Five or more of them, shall, and they are hereby impowered to receive and take all the Money arising from the Rates and Assessments herein after directed to be raised and levied, and the same is hereby vested in the said Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid; and shall be by them paid and applied to and for the Uses and Purposes, in such Manner as is herein after mentioned (the necessary Expence in obtaining this Act, and other incident Charges, being first deducted) and the said Trustees,

ſtees, or any Five or more of them, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, appoint, are hereby authorized and impowered to collect the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments from any Perſon or Perſons liable to pay the ſame: And if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall, for the Space of Seven Days after Demand thereof made, neglect or refuſe to pay ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; then, and in ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo to be appointed, ſhall and may, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, levy the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments by Diſtreſs of the Goods and Chattles of the Perſon or Perſons neglecting or refuſing to pay the ſame, and to detain and keep ſuch Goods and Chattles until ſuch Rates and Aſſeſſments, with the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs, ſhall be fully ſatisfied and paid; and it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo diſtraining, after the Space of Three Days next after ſuch Diſtreſs taken, to ſell the Goods ſo diſtrained, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner or Owners thereof, after ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and reaſonable Charges of diſtraining, keeping, and ſelling, the ſame, ſhall be deducted.

Collectors how to be choſen;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Pariſhioners of Saint Martin aforeſaid, in their Veſtry aſſembled, and they are hereby impowered and required, within Two Calendar Months after the paſſing this Act, to nominate Four ſubſtantial Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh (not being any of the People called Quakers) out of which Four Perſons ſo to be nominated, or, in Default of ſuch Nomination, out of the other Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to chooſe and appoint Two Perſons to be Receivers or Collectors of ſuch Rates, Aſſeſſments, and Sums of Money, as ſhall be due and payable by virtue of this Act, from all Perſons liable to pay the ſame; and the ſaid Pariſhioners, in their Veſtry aſſembled, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized, impowered, and required, on the Tueſday in Eaſter Week, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, and alſo on Tueſday in Eaſter Week in every ſucceeding Year, to nominate

Four other ſubſtantial Inhabitants (not being of the People called Quakers) and out of ſuch Perſons ſo nominated, the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall chooſe and appoint Two, who ſhall be Receivers or Collectors of the ſaid Rates, Aſſeſſments, and Sums of Money, directed to be raiſed for the Purpoſes of this Act; and all Perſons who, by virtue of this Act, are charged or chargeable, with all or any of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall, and they are hereby required to pay the ſame unto ſuch Receivers or Collectors accordingly (ſuch Receivers or Collectors giving Receipts for the ſame.)

and to account:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Receivers or Collectors ſhall, from time to time, pay over all and every the Sum and Sums of Money by them reſpectively collected and received to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the ſame, to be applied according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and not otherwiſe; and every ſuch Collector or Receiver ſhall fairly enter in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe, all and every Sum and Sums of Money which they and each of them ſhall have reſpectively received, collected, levied, or paid, by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of any Power or Authority in purſuance thereof, or by Reaſon or Means of the ſaid Offices reſpectively, with the reſpective Times of their receiving and paying the ſame; and ſhall, upon Oath, as often as required by the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of Worceſter, or County of Worceſter, (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter) give a true, exact, and perfect, Account, in Writing under his and their Hand or Hands, of all Monies which he ſhall have collected, levied, received, or paid, by reaſon of his ſaid Office (for which Oath no Fee or Reward ſhall be taken) and the ſame may be taken in Writing without any Stamp thereon.

Penalty on Refuſal.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any ſuch Collectors or Receivers ſhall neglect or refuſe to account for all and every Sum and Sums of Money by them reſpectively collected, levied, or received, to the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or to pay the ſame to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, by any

Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorize and impower to receive the ſame; that then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City of Worceſter, or County of Worceſter reſpectively, to enquire of and concerning ſuch Neglects, Refuſals, Nonpayments, and Offences; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of any ſuch Neglect, Refuſal, Nonpayment, or Offence, then ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall, upon ſuch Conviction, commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons to the common Gaol of the ſaid City or County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they ſhall have made a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid: And in caſe any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be ſo choſen or appointed a Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments directed to be raiſed and levied in purſuance of this Act, ſhall neglect or refuſe to act, or execute ſuch Duty or Office for the Space of Seven Days after ſuch Appointment, and Notice thereof in Writing left at his or their uſual Place of Abode, every ſuch Perſon ſo neglecting or refuſing ſhall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds to the ſaid Truſtees, to be levied, recovered, and applied in ſuch and the ſame Manner as the Rates, Duties, and Aſſeſſments, to be raiſed by virtue of this Act are herein before directed to be levied, recovered, and applied; and upon every ſuch Neglect or Refuſal of any Perſon or Perſons ſo to act in ſuch Duty or Office as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to chuſe and appoint a new Collector or Receiver in the Place and Stead of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo neglecting or refuſing to act as aforeſaid; and every ſuch new Collector or Receiver ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch and the ſame Penalties and Forfeitures as any Collector or Receiver to be appointed by virtue of this Act are or ought to be ſubject and liable to.

And, in order the more ſpeedily to accompliſh the Purpoſes of this Act, it will be neceſſary to borrow Money on the Credit of the Rates and Duties hereby granted; be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever to contribute, advance, and pay, into the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or ſuch Perſon as they, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, authorize to receive the ſame, for the Uſes and Purpoſes

Contribution-money how to be paid.

Purposes before-mentioned; such Person giving sufficient Security to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them; any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of such Contributor or Contributors respectively, or the natural Life of such other Person as shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Contributor or respective Contributors at the Time of Payment of their Contribution-money; so as no such Annuity or Annuities exceed Eight Pounds per Annum for every One hundred Pounds, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Sum so to be advanced and paid as aforesaid: All which said Annuities, so to be purchased as aforesaid, shall not exceed in the Whole the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds per Annum, and shall be payable and paid by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, in the Vestry of the said Parish, to the Purchasers of the same, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at such Times, and in such Proportions, as shall be agreed upon between the Purchasers and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them.

Names of the Annuitants to be entered in a Book:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and kept in the Vestry of the said Parish, a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly written, in Words at Length, the Names and Surnames, with the proper Additions, and Places of Abode, of all such Persons who shall be Purchasers of any of the Annuities aforesaid, and of all Persons by whose Hands the said Purchasers shall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money upon this Act, and also the Sum and Sums so paid for the Purchase of such Annuities, and the respective Days of Payment thereof; to which Book or Books it shall be lawful for the said respective Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, and to and for any Person or Persons, who shall be liable to pay any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, from time to time, and at all reasonable Times, to have Recourse to and inspect the same, without Fee or Reward.

to which they may have Recourse.

How Annuities shall be paid:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Annuities, so to be purchased under and by virtue of this Act, shall be, and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable, from time to time, out of any Money arising by the said Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be raised and assessed;

eb; and that all and every the Contributor and Contributors upon the Credit of this Act, duly paying the Conſideration or Purchaſe-money for any ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as he, ſhe, or they ſhall appoint, his, her, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſhall receive and enjoy, and be intitled, by virtue of this Act, to have, receive, and enjoy, the reſpective Annuity or Annuities ſo to be purchaſed, out of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments by this Act appropriated or appointed for Payment thereof; and all and every ſuch Purchaſer and Purchaſers, their Executors, Aminiſtrators, and Aſſigns reſpectively, ſhall have good, ſure, abſolute, and indefeaſible Eſtate and Intereſt in the Annuities ſo by them reſpectively to be purchaſed according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and that none of the ſaid Annuities ſhall be ſubject or liable to any Parliamentary Tax, or other Taxes, Rates, or Duties whatſoever. Not liable to Taxes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Contributor for the Purchaſe of any ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, his, her, or their Aſſigns, upon Payment of the Conſideration or Purcaſe-money for the ſame as aforeſaid, or any Part or Proportion thereof, into the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon as ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall have One or more Receipt or Receipts, importing the Receipt of ſo much Purchaſe-money as ſhall be ſo paid; and upon Payment of all the Purchaſe-money for any ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, every ſuch Contributor and Contributors, his, her, or their Aſſigns reſpectively, ſhall have an Order in Writing, on Parchment or Vellum, for Payment of the ſaid Annuity or Annuities for the natural Life of ſuch Perſon as ſhall be nominated therein as aforeſaid; which Order ſhall be ſigned by the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them; and, after ſigning thereof, the ſame ſhall be good, valid, and effectual, in Law, according to the Purport and true Intent and Meaning thereof, and of this Act. Contributors to have an Order for Payment.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Purchaſer or Purchaſers of any ſuch Annuity or Annuities as aforeſaid, and his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hands and Seals, to aſſign ſuch Annuity or Annuities, or any Part thereof, or Intereſt therein, to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, as often as Occaſion ſhall require; and a Memorandum or Entry Annuities aſſignable.

of all such Assignments shall be made in a Book or Books, which is hereby required to be kept for that Purpose in the Vestry belonging to the said Parish, at the Charge of the said Trustees; which Entry or Memorandum shall be made gratis.

How Assessments shall be made.

And, for effectually securing the Payment of the Annuities by this Act to be granted for the Purpose aforesaid, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, from time to time, to make, or cause to be made, an Assessment or Assessments on all Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish of Saint Martin, so as the same do not exceed in the Whole Two Shillings in the Pound in any One Year of the yearly Rent of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as the same shall be ascertained and rated by the Land Tax; and to order and direct the Receivers and Collectors, so to be chosen and appointed as aforesaid for the time being, to collect the same Quarterly from the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, such Rates and Sums of Money so to be assessed as aforesaid; One Half Part of which Rates and Assessments shall be paid or allowed by the Landlords or Owners, and the other Half Part by the Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

Tenants to pay the Assessment, and deduct the Landlord's Part out of the Rent.

And, for the more easy collecting the said Rates and Assessments, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tenant and Occupier of any Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall be liable to pay the Whole of such Rate or Assessment; and every such Tenant or Occupier shall and may deduct out of his Rent, payable to the Landlord or Owner, the said One Half Part of such Rate or Assessment; and the Landlord is hereby required to allow the Tenant such Payment and Deduction accordingly; and every Tenant paying such Rate or Assessment upon the Landlord's Account, and producing a Receipt for the same (which Receipt the said Collectors are hereby required to give without Fee or Reward) shall be acquitted and discharged for so much Money as the same shall amount to, as fully and effectually as if the same had been actually paid to such Landlord.

For Recovery of Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Rates and Assessments hereby directed to be made, collected, levied, and paid, shall be charged and

and chargeable with and for the Payment of the ſaid Annuity or Annuities, and all Arrears thereof, from time to time, and ſhall veſt in the Annuitant or Annuitants, upon Default of Payment of ſuch Annuity or Annuities, until the ſame ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied, together with Intereſt for ſuch Arrears from the Time the ſame ought to have been paid, until Payment and Satisfaction thereof, and of the Coſts and Charges occaſioned by the Nonpayment of the ſame; and the ſaid Annuitant or Annuitants, in caſe there ſhall be any Arrear of the ſaid Annuity or Annuities, and until full Payment thereof, with Intereſt and Charges as aforeſaid, ſhall have the ſame Power, Rights, and Privileges, of aſſeſſing, collecting, diſtraining, and levying, the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments payable by virtue of this Act, as the ſaid Truſtees, their Collectors and Receivers, or any of them, could have had in caſe the ſaid Annuity or Annuities had been regularly and fully paid and ſatisfied.

Appeal may be made to the Quarter Seſſions.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall find himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved, by any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made by virtue of this Act, or any other Matter or Thing to be done in purſuance thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons, to apply to the Juſtices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Seſſions to be holden for the City of Worceſter, or County of Worceſter, who are hereby impowered to ſummon and examine Witneſſes upon Oath, and to hear and determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal; and their Determination thereupon ſhall be concluſive to all Parties.

Collectors to inſpect Land Tax Aſſeſſments.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Receivers and Collectors to be appointed purſuant to this Act, at all convenient Times, to inſpect the Books of Aſſeſſments of the Land Tax for the ſaid Pariſh, in order to aſcertain the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be raiſed and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take Copies thereof, if neceſſary, at the Expence of the ſaid Truſtees.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from time to time, and at all Times hereafter during the Continuance of this Act, as the Number of the ſaid Truſtees appointed by this Act, or hereafter to be elected in purſuance thereof, ſhall be reduced to Twenty, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſurviving Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to nominate, elect, and appoint, ſome other fit and proper Perſon or Perſons,

ſons, Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, to be Truſtees with them for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Truſtees not to be employed in any of the Works;

Provided always, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſo to be choſen or appointed a Truſtee or Truſtees, ſhall undertake any Part of the building of the ſaid new intended Church, or have any Share or Intereſt in any Contract relating thereto, every ſuch Perſon ſhall from thenceforth be utterly diſabled and diſqualified from acting in the ſaid Truſt; and that no Truſtee hereafter to be elected or appointed as aforeſaid ſhall act in the Execution thereof, but during ſuch Time as he ſhall be reſpectively aſſeſſed and pay or liable to pay Four Pence a Week for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

nor to act, unleſs aſſeſſed to the Poor.

Rates to ceaſe at Determination of Annuities.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from and after the Determination of all the Annuities to be granted by virtue of this Act, the Rates and Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be raiſed and levied by a Pound Rate upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhall abſolutely ceaſe and determine; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Truſtees may diſpoſe of the old Materials.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to ſell and diſpoſe of the Materials of the ſaid old Church, if they ſhall ſo think fit, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be willing to purchaſe the ſame; and that the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale ſhall be applied to and for the Purpoſes of this Act, and to no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Books to be kept for entering Receipts, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall take care to have all Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, and Contracts, made with or by the Artificers and Workmen employed or to be employed in or about the pulling down and rebuilding of the ſaid Church and Premiſſes, or any way relating thereunto, and all other their Proceedings, to be fairly written and entered in One or more Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe; and by and out of the Monies ariſing from all or any of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made and levied as aforeſaid, or by or out of any Sum or Sums of Money which ſhall come to their or any of their Hands, or to the Hands of any Receiver or Receivers to be by them appointed, ſhall pay and ſatisfy, or cauſe to be paid and ſatisfied, to the Artificers and Workmen to be employed in and about the pulling down and rebuilding the ſaid Church and Premiſſes, all Sums of Money which ſhall be juſtly due to them or any of them for the ſame.

And

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Books of Account concerning Receipts, Payments, Credits, and Contracts, ſhall, from time to time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inſpection and Peruſal of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay any Rates or Aſſeſſments by virtue of this Act. Books may be inſpected.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall, and are hereby required, to meet in the Veſtry Room of the ſaid Pariſh, on the Fourteenth Day of April, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven; and ſhall and may, from time to time, as often as Occaſion ſhall require, for the ſeveral Purpoſes aforeſaid, giving Three Days Notice of all ſuch Meetings, adjourn themſelves from time to time, as they ſhall ſee Occaſion, or may meet at any Time without Adjournment, giving Three Days Notice of ſuch Meetings; and that the ſaid Truſtees ſhall, at all their Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, defray their own Charges and Expences. Meetings of Truſtees. Truſtees to defray their own Expences.

And whereas, in order to rebuild the ſaid Church, and render the ſame more regular and convenient, it will be neceſſary to take down certain Buildings in and near to the ſaid Church, belonging to, and Part of, the Rectorial Houſe, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall, out of the Money to be raiſed for taking down and rebuilding the ſaid Church, cauſe to be added to the Remainder of the ſaid Rectorial Houſe, ſuch Rooms as may be a Compenſation for the ſaid Buildings, and make the Houſe convenient for the ſaid Rector to reſide in, in ſuch Manner, as the Biſhop of Worceſter for the time being ſhall think proper and direct. An Addition to be made to the Rectorial Houſe, in compenſation for ſuch Part as ſhall be taken down.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Suit or Action ſhall be commenced or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, every ſuch Suit or Action ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and ſhall be brought and tried in the City of Worceſter, or County of Worceſter, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants therein may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to be ſo done, that then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become Non- Limitation of Actions. General Iſſue.

ſuit, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer, Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall or may recover Treble Coſts, and have like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts in any other Caſes by Law.

Treble Coſts.

Publick Act.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken to be a Publick Act; and all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons, are to take Notice thereof as ſuch in all Courts and Places whatſoever, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

FINIS.