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of the Third Part, and *John Allen*, therein described, of the Fourth Part, for the Lives of Three Persons named as Cestuique Vies therein, and for the Lives and Life of the longest Livers and longest Liver of them, under the yearly Rent of Four Pounds, and subject to the Covenants therein contained: And whereas the present Chambers and Buildings of the Inn do not afford sufficient Accommodation for the said Society: And whereas the said Society being anxious to obtain and afford additional Accommodation, it hath been agreed between the said *Bowyer Edward* Lord Bishop of *Ely* and the said Society that the said Inn, with all Buildings and Erections thereon, and the Rights and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, should be sold to the said Society, discharged of the said now subsisting Lease thereof, and the Rents and Covenants thereby reserved, in consideration of a perpetual clear yearly Rent or Sum, to be ascertained in manner in the said Agreement mentioned, and to be for ever hereafter paid to the said *Bowyer Edward* Lord Bishop of *Ely* and his Successors, the same to be charged and made chargeable upon and issuing out of the said Inn, and all Buildings and Erections now standing and hereafter to be erected thereupon, and to be payable at such Time and in such Manner, and to be secured by such Powers of Entry and Distress, and otherwise, as herein-after mentioned and expressed: And whereas the said clear yearly Rent or Sum has been in manner in the said Agreement mentioned ascertained at the Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds: And whereas a Question has of late Years been raised, whether the said Inn is or is not Parcel of the Parish of *Saint Dunstan in the West*, and also whether the Members of the Society of the same Inn or any of them, or other Occupiers of Chambers within the said Inn, are or are not, in respect of their Occupation thereof, liable to contribute to the Rates raised for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and to the Church Rates and other Parochial Burthens, and whether the said Members or Occupiers are or are not liable to be called upon to fill Parochial Offices; and the said Questions have already occasioned Litigation between the said Parish and the said Society, and further Litigation is likely to arise thereon: And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth,
10 G. 4. c. 96. intituled *An Act for taking down the Parish Church of* Saint Dunstan in the West *in the City of* London, *and building a new Church in lieu thereof*, certain Trustees are therein named, or to be appointed as therein mentioned; and in order to raise Money to carry the said Act into execution it is enacted that certain Rates shall be made, levied, or assessed by the said Trustees on Persons renting or occupying Premises within the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan*; and the Liability of the said Inn or the said Members, and other Occupiers of Chambers therein, to be assessed towards the said Rates, is also in dispute: And whereas, in order to prevent further Litigation and Expence, it hath been agreed between the said Society and the Churchwardens and Overseers, with the Sanction and Assent of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint Dunstan in the West* at a General Meeting or Vestry for that Purpose assembled, and the Trustees for carrying into execution the said recited Act, (amongst other things,) that the said Society should pay the Churchwardens for the Time being of the said Parish the clear annual Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be applied by them for the Purposes of the said recited Act, and of any Church Rate or Church Rates in the said Parish, whether raised by virtue of the said recited Act or otherwise, and to pay to the Overseers of the Poor for the Time being of the said Parish the

further clear annual Sum of Eighty Pounds, to be applied by them to the Relief of the Poor thereof, which said several annual Sums of Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds should be and be deemed a full Satisfaction and Discharge of all Church Rates and Poor Rates, and other Parochial Rates, Assessments, or Burthens, from Time to Time due or claimed to be due in respect of the said Inn, or the Chambers or other Erections or Buildings thereof; and that the said Inn, and all Chambers, Erections, Buildings, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the same, and the several Owners, Inhabitants, and Occupiers thereof, (as far as regards their being such Owners, Occupiers, or Inhabitants,) should be exempt as well from Church Rates and Poor Rates as from all or any other Rates, Assessments, or Burthens within or for the said Parish, and from all Liability to serve Parish Offices, and from all other Parochial Interference, and all Parochial Burthens whatsoever, to the utmost Extent to which the said Parties are competent to consent: And whereas it is expedient that the said several Agreements between the said Society and the said *Bowyer Edward* Lord Bishop of *Ely*, and between the said Society and the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Trustees, should be carried into effect in manner herein-after mentioned, and that proper Powers and Remedies should be given for raising and securing the said perpetual Rent of One hundred and eighty Pounds, and the said annual Rents or Sums of Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds respectively; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: And whereas Three several Maps or Plans have been made for the Purpose of more clearly defining the Boundaries of the said Inn called *Serjeants Inn*, and one of such Maps or Plans has been deposited in the Parliament Office, another at *Serjeants Inn* aforesaid, and the other with the Town Clerk of the City of *London*: 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 the said Maps or Plans shall severally remain in the Parliament Office, at *Serjeants Inn* aforesaid, and in the Office of the Town Clerk of the City of *London*; and that all Persons shall at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect the said last-mentioned Map or Plan, and to take Copies thereof or of any Part thereof, paying the Sum of One Shilling for each Inspection, and Forty Shillings for each Copy taken; and any one of the said Maps or Plans shall be received in Evidence for all Purposes of this Act.

Maps to remain deposited, and to be open to Inspection.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the said Inn called *Serjeants Inn* aforesaid, with all and singular the Messuages or Tenements, Chambers, and other Erections and Buildings whatsoever, and the Sites thereof, Land, Grounds, Ways, Roads, Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereto respectively belonging or appertaining, or reputed or known as Parcel or Members thereof or of any Part thereof, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Society of Judges and Serjeants at Law, (who shall be and is hereby for that Purpose made a Body Corporate, and shall have a Common Seal,) and their Successors, for their absolute Use and Benefit, freed and for ever discharged from the said subsisting Lease of the Eighth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and from all Rents, Reservations, Covenants, and Agreements therein reserved and contained, and from all Remedies, Claims,

Serjeants Inn vested in the Society of Judges and Serjeants at Law.

Claims, and Demands in respect of any Nonpayment or Breach thereof respectively, heretofore or hereafter, and from all Estate, Right, Title, Claim, and Demand of the said *Bowyer Edward* Lord Bishop of *Ely* and his Successors therein and thereto (charged nevertheless and chargeable for ever with the clear annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, and the Powers, Remedies, and Authorities herein-after reserved and given for recovering the same out of the said Inn, and such other the Rights, Titles, Claims, and Remedies as are by this Act reserved and given to the said Bishop and his Successors).

The Inn to be charged to the Payment of 180*l.* annually to the Bishop of Ely.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Inn, with the Appurtenances, shall be subject to and charged and chargeable with the Payment to the said *Bowyer Edward* Lord Bishop of *Ely* and his Successors for ever of the perpetual clear yearly Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, free and clear of and from the Land Tax and all other Parliamentary Taxes, and all Rates and Assessments, and all other Impositions and Deductions whatsoever; and that the Payment of the said clear annual Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds shall commence as on and from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* last past, and shall be paid by equal half-yearly Payments, and that One half-yearly Payment thereof shall be made on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next, and that from thenceforth the same shall continue to be paid by Two equal half-yearly Payments on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* for ever.

Rent to be apportioned between the Representatives and Successors of the Bishop of Ely.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Cession, Resignation, or Translation of the present and every future Bishop of *Ely* which shall happen upon or after the passing of this Act, or in the Interval between the said half-yearly Days of Payment, such Bishop, his Executors or Administrators, as the Case shall be, shall be entitled to a proportional Part of the said annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds for the Time which shall have elapsed of the half-yearly Payment thereof then growing due from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* last past, or from the then last preceding half-yearly Day of Payment, or from the Time when such Bishop became first lawfully entitled, in fact or by relation of Law, to receive the Fruits, Issues, and Profits of the said See, up to and inclusively of the Day of such Death, Cession, Resignation, or Translation, such proportional Part to be paid within Thirty Days after such Death, Cession, Resignation, or Translation.

The Society to pay 50*l.* a Year to the Churchwardens, in lieu of Church Rate;

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Society shall from Time to Time pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan-in-the-West*, or their Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being, the clear annual Sum of Fifty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be applied by the said Churchwardens for the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, and for the Purposes of any Church Rate or Rates in the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan in the West*, whether raised by virtue of the same Act or otherwise; and the Receipts of the said Churchwardens or their Treasurer for the Time being shall be sufficient Discharges for the said annual Payment.

VI. And

and also 80*l.* a Year in lieu of Poor's Rates.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Society shall from Time to Time pay or cause to be paid to the Overseers for the Time being of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan-in-the-West*, or their Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being, the clear annual Sum of Eighty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be applied by the said Overseers for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan-in-the-West*; and the Receipts of the said Overseers or their Treasurer for the Time being shall be sufficient Discharges for the said annual Payment.

Time of paying aforesaid Sums.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Time of Payment of each of the said annual Sums of Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds shall commence on and from the First Day of *January* last, and that One half-yearly Payment thereof respectively shall be made on the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and that from thenceforth the same respectively shall continue to be paid by Two equal half-yearly Payments on the Thirty-first Day of *December* and the Thirtieth Day of *June* in every Year.

Power of Bishop, Churchwardens, and Overseers respectively to distrain.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said annual Rent of One hundred and eighty Pounds, or such proportional Part thereof as aforesaid, or the said annual Sums of Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds, or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, shall be in arrear or unpaid by the Space of Twenty-one Days next after any or either of the Days on which the same respectively are herein-before directed to be paid, it shall be lawful for the Bishop of *Ely* for the Time being as to the said annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, and for the said Churchwardens for the Time being as to the said annual Sum of Fifty Pounds, and for the said Overseers for the Time being as to the said annual Sum of Eighty Pounds, to have and exercise all such Powers, Remedies, and Authorities, by Entry and Distress and Sale, for recovering such Sum or Sums of Money so respectively in arrear and unpaid as aforesaid, together with all Costs, Charges, and Expences occasioned thereby, into, upon, from, and out of the said Inn, and all and every or any of the Messuages, Chambers, Buildings, Tenements, Grounds, and Hereditaments within the said Inn respectively hereby charged and made chargeable with the said annual Rents or Sums of One hundred and eighty Pounds and Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds, as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm are or is or shall or may be given for the Recovery of Rent in arrear upon common Demises.

If annual Sum unpaid for Thirty Days, Power for Bishop of Ely to enter upon Inn, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case any half-yearly Payment of the said yearly Rent of One hundred and eighty Pounds, or any Part thereof, or such proportional Part thereof aforesaid, shall at any Time or Times be in arrear or unpaid by the Space of Thirty Days next over or after any of the said Days herein-before appointed for Payment thereof, then and so often as the same shall happen, although no formal or legal Demand thereof shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the said Bishop of *Ely* and his Successors into and upon all and singular the said Inn, Messuages, Chambers, Buildings, and other Hereditaments, or into and upon any Part thereof, in the Name of the whole, to enter, and the same to have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy, and the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof and of every Part thereof to have, receive, and take to and for his and their own Use and Benefit, until he or they

shall be thereby and therewith, or by any other Means, be fully paid and satisfied the yearly Rent or annual Sum so behind and unpaid, and all Arrears thereof, and all such Arrears of the same as shall incur during the Time that he or they shall, by virtue of such Entry or Entries, be in Possession of the Premises or of any Part thereof, together with all Costs, Charges, and Expences whatsoever attending or occasioned by the Non-payment or Recovery of the same or any Part thereof, or in relation thereto, such Possession, when taken, to be without Impeachment of Waste.

Declaring what shall be sufficient in Actions of Replevin.

X. And be it further enacted, That in case any Action of Replevin or Trespass shall be brought in consequence of any Distress made by or by the Authority of the Bishop of *Ely* for the Time being, or of the said Churchwardens for the Time being, or of the said Overseers for the Time being, in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in Replevin to avow or make cognizance generally in manner following; (that is to say,) that the Messuages, Chambers, Tenements, Buildings, or other Premises whereon such Distress was made were Messuages, Chambers, Tenements, Buildings, or Premises belonging to the Society of *Serjeants Inn* aforesaid, and were liable to pay to such Bishop for the Time being, or to the said Churchwardens for the Time being, or to the said Overseers for the Time being (as the Case may be), such a certain Rent or annual Sum for Rate (as the Case may be) during the Time wherein the Rent or Rate distrained for was incurred, which Rent or Rate was then and still is remaining due, without setting forth this Act, or any other special Matter; and that it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action of Trespass to plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence.

Actions may be brought by the Bishop, Churchwardens, and Overseers respectively.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Bishop and his Successors for the Time being as to the said annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, and for the said Churchwardens for the Time being as to the said annual Sum of Fifty Pounds, and for the said Overseers for the Time being as to the said annual Sum of Eighty Pounds, if they respectively shall think it more expedient, to bring or cause to be brought any Action of Debt, or any special Action on the Case, against the Treasurer or any Member of the said Society for the Time being, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums which may from Time to Time be due in respect of the said annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds or Fifty Pounds or Eighty Pounds (as the Case may be), in which Actions respectively it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to declare that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such a Sum of Money as the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall suppose to be due; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover such Sum so declared for, or any Part thereof, he or they shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgments are by Law levied and recovered; and no Action which shall be commenced or promoted under this present Provision shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such Treasurer or Member against whom the same may be brought; and in such Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

XII. And

Committee to be appointed for making Rates in the Inn.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Society from Time to Time to appoint any Three or more of the said Society for the Time being to be a Committee for making the Rates herein-after directed to be made, and for ascertaining the Value of the Property to be rated, and for carrying any other Purposes of this Act into execution; and the Members of such Committee shall and may from Time to Time be removed, and new ones added, when and so often as the said Society shall think proper; and such Committee shall meet when and so often as they shall think proper, and such Committee shall be competent to act if Two of the Members thereof shall be present; and at every Meeting of any such Committee one of the Members present shall be elected by the Majority of those present Chairman; and at any such Meeting all Questions, Matters, and Things shall be decided by a Majority of the Votes of the Members then present; and the Chairman, besides his Vote as a Member of the Committee, shall, when there shall be an Equality of Votes, have a casting Vote; and every such Committee shall report their Proceedings from Time to Time to the said Society, as the said Society shall from Time to Time order and direct.

Rates.

XIII. And for raising the said annual Sums of One hundred and eighty Pounds and Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds herein-before made payable by the said Society, be it further enacted, That One or more Rate or Rates shall be made, assessed, and levied in respect of each of the said annual Sums of One hundred and eighty Pounds and Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds, separately and distinctly, by the Committee to be appointed as herein-before directed, at yearly or half-yearly Periods, or oftener if they shall think proper, upon all Persons who shall occupy any Chambers or other Buildings which now are erected or shall be hereafter erected within the said Inn, according to the full yearly Value of such Chambers and Buildings respectively, and in just and in equal Proportion to such yearly Value; and the said Rates shall from Time to Time be paid yearly or half-yearly, or oftener if the said Committee shall think proper, in every Year, to the Steward of the said Inn for the Time being, or to such other Person or Persons as the said Committee for the Time being shall appoint to collect the same for and on account of the said Society; and the first Rate shall commence as from the First Day of *January* last, and every future Rate shall commence from the Time the last Rate ended, and not otherwise; and the Sums to be collected and raised by means of such Rates and Assessments shall be applied in Payment of the said annual Sums of One hundred and eighty Pounds and Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds respectively, and of all the Expences attending and incident to the Collection and Payment of the same: Provided always, that no greater Sum in the whole shall be raised by means of such Rates for the Purposes aforesaid in any One Year than the Sum of Three hundred and fifty Pounds.

Persons removing, and others coming in, to pay Rates in proportion.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person sha remove from any Chambers or other Buildings before any Rate or Rates to be charged thereon by virtue of this Act shall be paid and discharged, and if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any Chambers or Buildings from which any Person shall have removed before such Rate or Rates shall have been paid and discharged, then and in every such Case the Person so removing from and the Person entering into the Occupation

Occupation of any such Chambers or Buildings shall be respectively subject and liable to the Payment of such Rate or Rates in proportion to the Time that such Person shall have respectively occupied the same, and the same Rate in the whole shall be paid as if the Person so removing had remained in the Occupation of such Chambers, or as if the Person so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated and assessed to such Rate or Rates, and the Proportions to be paid by each of such Persons shall, in case of Dispute, be settled by the Committee to be appointed as aforesaid, whose Determination shall be final.

Rates to be signed and deposited with the Treasurer, and to be open to Inspection.

XV. And be it further enacted, That every such Rate or Assessment shall be signed by the Chairman and other Members of the said Committee by whom the same shall be made as aforesaid, and shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the said Inn for the Time being; and every such Rate or Assessment shall at all reasonable Times be open to the Inspection of every Person therein rated or assessed, who may take Copies of or Extracts from such Rate or Assessment, or any Part thereof.

Omissions and Errors in Rates to be rectified.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the said Committee for the Time being that there shall be any Omission or Error in any Rate or Assessment of or in the Name or Names or Description of any Person or Persons, or of any Chambers or Buildings, liable to be rated for the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Committee for the Time being, at any Time within Thirty Days next after the same shall have been first published as aforesaid, to cause to be added or corrected in the said Rate or Assessment the Name or Names or Description of the Person or Persons, or Chambers or Buildings, omitted or erroneously described, and every such Addition or Correction made in any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been Part of the original Rate at the Time when it was first made.

Rates how to be recovered.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person charged with or liable to the Payment of any Rate or Rates under the Authority of this Act, and not having appealed against the same in manner herein-after provided, and also in case any Person charged with or liable to any such Payment, upon the Determination of any such Appeal, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money due in respect of such Rate or Rates, and all Arrears thereof, within Twenty-one Days after the same shall have been demanded by the Collector or Collectors for the Time being appointed in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Committee for the Time being, or any Two of them, by any Warrant under their Hands to authorize and direct such Collector or Collectors to levy the Sum so due by Distress of any Goods, Chattels, and Effects within the said Inn belonging to the Party so neglecting or refusing, and such Warrant shall be a good and sufficient Authority to the said Collector or Collectors for making the Distress thereby authorized to be made; and if within Ten Days after such Distress shall be made the Sum for which the same shall have been made shall not be paid, together with the Costs, Charges, and Expences of taking and keeping the Distress, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors to cause the Goods, Chattels, and Effects taken under the same, or a sufficient Part thereof, to be

appraised and sold, and out of the Monies arising from such Sale to retain the Sum so due, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Distress and Sale, rendering the Overplus of the said Monies (if any), and the Goods, Chattels, and Effects (if any) remaining unsold, to the Person or Persons to whom such Goods, Chattels, and Effects shall have belonged; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of any such Distress and Sale shall, in case of Dispute, be settled and ascertained by any such Committee, whose Determination shall be final.

Actions may be brought for the Rates.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Society for the Time being, if they shall think it more expedient, to bring or cause to be brought, in the Name of their Treasurer, or of any One or more of the Members of the said Society for the Time being, any Action of Debt, or any special Action on the Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, for the Recovery of any Sum which may be due in respect of any Rate or Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff in such Sum of Money as the Plaintiff shall suppose to be due; and if the Plaintiff shall recover such Sum so declared for, or any Part thereof, he shall have full Costs, to be levied and recovered as other Monies upon Judgments are by Law levied and recovered; and in such Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Appeal.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment to be made, or any other Act, to be done in pursuance of this Act, he may appeal and complain thereof to the said Society at any of their Meetings, provided that such Appeal be made within Thirty Days next after such Rates shall have been first published as aforesaid; and such Appeal shall be made by giving to the Treasurer of the said Inn for the Time being, or leaving at his Chambers, Notice in Writing of the Cause and Matter of such Appeal, signed by the Party appealing, or by some Person duly authorized on his Behalf; and the said Society shall, at their next or any subsequent Meeting, appoint Three of the said Society for the Time being, of whom the Treasurer for the Time being shall be One, to hear and determine such Appeal; and the Three Members so appointed, or any Two of them, may examine the Appellant or any Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath any One of the Members to be so appointed is hereby authorized to administer) touching or concerning the Matter of such Appeal, and grant or refuse Relief to the Person appealing, and make such Order therein as to them shall seem meet, which Order shall be final.

Rates may be amended without quashing.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That on any such Appeal such Three Members of the said Society so to be appointed as aforesaid, or any Two of them, shall and may amend the Rate or Assessment complained of in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief, without quashing or altering such Rate or Assessment with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon Appeal from the whole of any Rate it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Case such Three Members as aforesaid, or any Two of them, shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein directed.

Accounts to be kept.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Society shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept, in which Book or Books shall be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, and expended for or on account of the said annual Sums of One hundred and eighty Pounds and Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds, and the Collection and Payment thereof, and such Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be opened to the Inspection of every Person paying any Rate or Assessment hereby authorized to be made, who may take Copies of or Extracts from the said Book or Books or any Part thereof.

Form of Mortgage.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Society shall think proper to borrow or take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Mortgage, such Mortgage or Mortgages shall or may be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'WE, the Society of *Serjeants Inn, London*, in consideration of the Sum of Pounds advanced and lent to us by of do hereby grant and demise unto the said his [her *or* their] Executors, Administrators [Successors], and Assigns, all and singular the Messuages, Chambers, and other Buildings, Grounds, and Hereditaments vested in or belonging to us under a certain Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for confirming and carrying into effect Agreements between the Bishop of* Ely *and the Society of Judges and Serjeants at Law, for vesting in the said Society the Fee Simple of* Serjeants Inn, Chancery Lane, *and between the Parish of* Saint Dunstan in the West *and the said Society, and for other Purposes*, to be holden from the Day next before the Day of the Date hereof until the said Sum of Pounds, together with Interest henceforth for the same after the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, shall have been fully paid and satisfied, such Interest to be payable in the meantime half-yearly on the Day of and the Day of in every Year. In witness whereof the said Society have hereto affixed their Seal this Day of in the Year .'

Receipt of Treasurer to be a sufficient Discharge.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Receipt of the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Society for any Monies to be borrowed and taken up at Interest by the said Society, shall be a conclusive Discharge for the same, and exonerate the Person or Persons advancing the same from all Obligation of seeing to an Application thereof.

Priority of Payment to Bishop, Churchwardens, and Overseers.

XXIV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the said clear annual Rent or Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds hereby reserved and made payable to the said Bishop of *Ely* and his Successors, and the said annual Rents or Sums of Fifty Pounds and Eighty Pounds hereby reserved and made payable to the Churchwardens and to the Overseers and Governors of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint Dunstan in the West*, and all and singular the Powers and Remedies for the recovering and enforcing Payment thereof respectively aforesaid, shall have Priority or Precedence over every Mortgage to be granted or executed under the Authority of this Act, and shall not be restrained or in anywise affected thereby, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXV. Pro-

As to Tender of Amends.

XXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action or Actions for any thing done in pursuance of this Act if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on behalf of the Party or Parties against whom such Actions shall be brought before such Actions brought; and in case no Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Adjudication shall be made, had, and given in by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of Actions.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action, Suit, or Information shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any thing to be done in pursuance of this Act, or in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities hereby given for or in respect of any Matter or Thing relating to this Act, such Action, Suit, or Information shall be commenced within Six Months next after the Cause thereof shall have arisen, and not afterwards; and every such Action shall be brought in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant and Defendants in any such Action may plead the General Issue, Not guilty, and if in Replevin may justify and avow by virtue of this Act, and give the special Matter in Evidence, without specially pleading the same, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the Fact alleged to have been done was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, Avowant or Avowants.

Act not to make Inn Extra-parochial.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to or to prejudice the Question of the said Inn being Parochial or Extra-parochial.

General Saving.

XXVIII. Saving to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Persons and Person, Bodies and Body Politic and Corporate, Collegiate or Ecclesiastical, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, (other than and except the several Parties, Bodies or Body Politic or Corporate, Collegiate or Ecclesiastical, whose Rights, Claims, and Interests are intended to be bound by this Act,) all such Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand as they or any of them would have had or been entitled to in case this Act had not been made.

Public Act.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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