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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XCV.

An Act for the more effectually regulating and providing for the Relief of the Poor, and the Management of Infirmaries and Hospitals, in *Ireland*.

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WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for badging such Poor as shall be found unable to support themselves by Labour, and otherwise providing for them, and for restraining such as shall be found able to support themselves by Labour or Industry from begging*, it is, among other Things enacted, that a Corporation shall be erected in every County, and County of a City or Town in *Ireland*, for the Relief of the Poor, in Manner therein mentioned; and that, in order to create some Revenues for the said Corporations, the Grand Juries of every County and County of a City or Town may present, at the Spring Assizes, the Sums in the said Act mentioned to be raised off such Counties and Counties of Cities and Towns respectively: And whereas by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, to explain the said recited Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of His present Majesty, Provision was made for encreasing the Funds of the said Corporations by further Presentments: And whereas, in consequence of the Lapse of Time, and the Increase in the Price of Provisions which have taken place since the said recited Acts, it is expedient to increase the Amount of the Sums to be presented and levied in Manner herein after mentioned; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in case it shall be made appear, by any Member of any such Corporations, to the Satisfaction of the Judge of Assize before whom the Summer Assizes shall be held in any Year in and for any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, that the Corporation instituted under the said first recited Act, for the Relief of the Poor in such County, County of a City, or County of a Town, is properly regulated and conducted, and that on a Comparison of the Expences incurred for the Objects relieved in the former Year it is expedient that any greater Sum than the Sums mentioned in the said recited Acts should be presented and levied, or in case it shall be made appear to such Judge that a House of Industry is at the Time of such Assizes

Irish Acts 11 G. 3.

23 & 24 G. 3.

In case any Manner of Corporation for the Poor shall make it appear to any Judge of Assize that a greater Sum should be levied than the Sums mentioned in recited Act, &c. the Grand Jury shall present the Sums herein mentioned.

Aſſizes in the Courſe of being built, and that it is expedient to provide for the Expence of building the ſame, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town reſpectively, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized at ſuch Summer Aſſizes to preſent any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall, together with the Sums preſented under the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, amount, in any County of a City or County of a Town, to a Sum not leſs in the Whole than Four hundred Pounds nor more than Five hundred Pounds, and in any County at large to a Sum not leſs than Five hundred Pounds nor more than Seven hundred Pounds; and the Whole of the ſaid Sums (not exceeding the Amount aforeſaid) ſo preſented at the ſaid Aſſizes ſhall be raiſed and levied, in ſuch Manner and Form, and ſhall be applied to ſuch Purpoſes, as are directed by the ſaid recited Acts with reſpect to the Sums directed to be preſented, raiſed, and levied under the ſaid recited Acts.

Where a Lunatick Aſylum is neceſſary to be connected with a Houſe of Induſtry, the Grand Jury may preſent a Sum not exceeding 100l for its Support.

II. And be it further enacted, That where a Lunatic Aſylum, or any Ward or Wards for the Reception and Support of Idiots and inſane Perſons, is connected with or under the Direction of any Houſe of Induſtry in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, and where no Preſentment ſhall have been made for any Ward or Wards for the Reception of Idiots or Lunatics in any Hoſpital or Infirmary of ſuch County, County of a City, or County of a Town, under or by virtue of an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for amending and carrying more effectually into force the ſeveral Laws now in being for regulating the publick Gaols and Priſons throughout this Kingdom*, and it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury at any ſuch Summer Aſſizes, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized to preſent ſuch Sum or Sums, not exceeding the Sum of One hundred Pounds, as ſhall appear to be neceſſary for the Support of ſuch Aſylum or Ward connected with ſuch Houſe of Induſtry; and ſuch Sum ſhall be raiſed off the County at large, and levied and applied accordingly.

An additional Sum to be preſented for the Inſpector of the Gaol of each County and Diſtributor of Bread to the Priſoners.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, at the Spring and Summer Aſſizes in any Year, and at each Eaſter and Michaelmas Term in the County of *Dublin*, and ſuch Grand Jury is hereby authorized to preſent a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling each, to be paid to the Inſpector of the Gaol, and alſo to the Diſtributor of the County Allowance of Bread to the Priſoners confined in the Gaol of ſuch County, County of a Town or City, in Addition to ſuch Sum and Sums as the Grand Jury are now empowered to preſent for thoſe Purpoſes, under and by virtue of the ſaid Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for amending and carrying more effectually into force the ſeveral Laws now in being for regulating the publick Gaols and Priſons throughout this Kingdom*, or under or by virtue of any other Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*.

Where no ſpecial Proviſion is made, the Money preſented ſhall not be levied on Houſes valued at a leſs Rent than 5l.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in every City and Town in *Ireland*, where no ſpecial Proviſion is made by any Local Act for levying Money preſented, in which the Amount of any Preſentments for the ſeveral Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, and the ſeveral Acts herein-before recited, is levied by an Aſſeſſment on Houſes, according to the Valuation of the ſame, for the Payment of Miniſters' Money, no Part of any Sum which ſhall at any Time from and after the paſſing of this Act be preſented by any Grand Jury for the Purpoſes of this Act, or any of the ſaid ſeveral

recited Acts mentioned, shall be assessed on or levied off any House or Premises which shall be valued for the Payment of Ministers' Money, at any less Rate or Value than the Sum of Five Pounds Annual Rent; any Thing in this Act or the several Acts herein-before recited, or any of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

nor on Houses in which no Shop is kept, or Liquors sold, and which shall be let into Lodgings, &c.

V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Part of any such Sum so presented shall be assessed or levied off any House situate or within any City or Town Corporate in *Ireland*, touching the Mode of levying of Money by Presentment, wherein no Local Provision is made by Law, in which House no Shop shall be kept for the Sale of any Goods, or in which no Spirituous or other Liquors shall be sold, and which shall be wholly or in Part set for Lodgings, and occupied by Lodgers, each Lodger not subject to a Rent of Five Pounds yearly, or (if such House shall be partly inhabited by the Owner and partly by such Lodgers) the Part inhabited by the Owner not being worth Five Pounds yearly, any Thing in this Act, or the several Acts herein-before recited, or any of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulations for obtaining Information on the State of the County and other Infirmaries, and of the Application of their Funds.

VI. And whereas it is expedient to obtain Information of the State of the several County Infirmaries in *Ireland*, and of the several other Infirmaries and Hospitals of Royal and Public Foundation in *Ireland*, and of the proper Application of the Funds entrusted to their Care respectively; be it therefore enacted, That before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seven, and so in every succeeding Year before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, the Treasurers of the several Infirmaries or Hospitals erected or established under or by virtue of an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for erecting and establishing Public Infirmaries or Hospitals in *Ireland*, and the respective Masters, Governors, Guardians, and Trustees of the several Hospitals of Royal or Public Foundation in *Ireland*, shall yearly and every Year make out and deliver, and transmit to the Commissioners of Imprest Accounts in *Ireland*, a Return, containing a Statement and Account of all the Funds entrusted to the Care of such Treasurers, Masters, Governors, Guardians, or Trustees respectively, for the Benefit of the said Infirmaries or Hospitals respectively, and of the Application of the same for the Year ending on the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* preceding such Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, with the Balances of the Debits and Credits, and of the total Funds of the said Infirmaries and Hospitals on such Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, and the said Returns, Statements, and Accounts, shall include and set forth the Number and Names of all the Governors, Trustees, or other Persons entrusted with the Government and Management of such Infirmaries or Hospitals respectively; and also the Particulars of all the Estates and Property, Real and Personal, vested in or entrusted to such Governors, Trustees, or other Persons respectively, for the Use of such Infirmaries or Hospitals respectively; and also the Amount and Particulars of the Annual Receipts, Rents, and Profits arising from such Estates or Property, or from any Subscription or other Means whatsoever, distinguishing what Parts of such Estates or Property are let on Lease or otherwise, and what Parts are held and employed by the Governors or any other Persons for the Purposes of such Hospitals or Infirmaries respectively, or for any other Purpose whatever, with the Dates and Duration of the several Leases, Demises, or Instruments under which such Estates, or any Part of them, are let to any Tenants, the Names of the several Tenants, the Rents and Fines paid and payable on such Leases or Demises, and all other Matters and Things whatever relating to the same; and such Returns, Statements, and Accounts shall also set forth the Number of Patients or other Persons received into and sent out of, or any way relieved in or by such Infirmaries

firmaries or Hoſpitals during ſuch preceding Year, and the Number of Patients remaining therein at the Time of ſuch Return, and the Number and Names of the Phyſicians, Surgeons, Officers, Servants, and other Perſons employed in or about the Management of ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively, with the Date of the Appointments of ſuch Phyſicians, Surgeons, Officers, Servants, and other Perſons reſpectively; and all ſuch other Matters and Things relating to the Revenues and Expenditure of the ſaid Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively, as ſhall from Time to Time be required by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, for the full Diſcloſure of the State of ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals reſpectively; and all the ſaid Returns, Statements, and Accounts, ſhall be ſigned by the Secretary, Treaſurer, or Chief Officer for the Time being of ſuch Infirmaries or Hoſpitals reſpectively, and ſhall be confirmed as juſt and true Statements, by the Signature of Five Governors or Truſtees, or by the Corporation Seal reſpectively.

Lord Lieutenant may on Repreſentation of the Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, give Directions to the Inſpector General of Priſons or other Perſons, to examine into the State of Infirmaries, who ſhall make Reports thereon.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, upon any Repreſentation to be made to him by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, to give ſuch Directions to the Inſpector General of Priſons in *Ireland*, or ſuch other Perſon as the Lord Lieutenant may deem moſt eligible, to viſit any ſuch Infirmaries, or any Hoſpitals of Public or Royal Foundation, and to examine into the State of the ſame, and the Management of the Patients therein, as the ſaid Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* ſhall think requiſite and neceſſary; and the ſaid Inſpector General, or ſuch other Perſon ſo appointed, ſhall examine into the ſame accordingly, and ſhall from Time to Time make Reports thereon to the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in ſuch Manner as ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors ſhall from Time to Time direct.

Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts to exerciſe all ſuch Powers for obtaining Statement of the Infirmaries, as are veſted in them by 23 & 24 G. 3.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts ſhall have, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to uſe and exerciſe all ſuch Powers for the obtaining of the Accounts, Statements, and Returns by this Act required to be made, relating to the ſeveral Infirmaries and Hoſpitals in *Ireland*, and in examining and ſtating the Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure, and of the Debts and Credits of all ſuch Infirmaries and Hoſpitals from Time to Time reſpectively, as are given to or veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under and by virtue of an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the due accounting for all Money granted for Public Works, Charities, and Hoſpitals, therein mentioned; and for the ordering a regular Account in future of all Monies intruſted to the Corporation for carrying on the Inland Navigation, the Truſtees of the Linen Manufacture, the* Dublin *Society, the Corporation for Paving the Streets of* Dublin, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, with reſpect to the Matters and Things required to be done by the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under the ſaid recited Act; and all and every Perſons and Perſon ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties for any Diſobedience to the Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts, in the Execution of this Act, as are inflicted or impoſed by the ſaid recited Act on Perſons diſobeying the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners of Impreſt Accounts under the ſaid recited Act.

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