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## CAP. XLVII.

### An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in *England*; and also relative to the Highways.

[12th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Information should be obtained respecting the State of the Poor, and of the Expences attending their Maintenance, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and also respecting the Extent of the Highways, and the Expences of repairing them: 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 several Justices of the Peace within their respective Divisions and Jurisdictions in *England* and *Wales*, shall and they are hereby required to appoint a Time and Place or Times and Places, which Time or Times shall be on or before the Twentieth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for the Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of the Highways of the several Parishes, and also of the several Townships, Places, or Divisions, which maintain their Poor separately and distinctly within their respective Jurisdictions, or repair their own Highways, and for the Overseers and Surveyors of the Highways of any former Year if necessary, to deliver to them respectively the Returns to the several Matters and Things in this Act contained and stated in the Schedules to this Act annexed; and Two or more of the said Justices shall

Justices to appoint a Time and Place for the Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of the Highways, to deliver Returns to the Matters stated in the annexed Schedules; and to give Notice to them to make

Such Returns to the Constables, requiring their Attendance at such Meetings.

shall and they are hereby required to cause Notice to be given to such Overseers and Surveyors of the Highways, or to the Person or Persons, Trustee or Trustees exercising the Duties of the Office of Surveyor of the Highways, to make such Returns respectively within their respective Jurisdictions, and also to the High Constables, and where there are no High Constables, to such other proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from Justices of the Peace within such respective Jurisdictions, at least Six Days before the Day of such Meeting or Meetings respectively, requiring their Attendance at such Meeting or Meetings for the Purposes of this Act.

Proper Officers to assist in filling up Returns.

II. And be it further enacted, That in Cases where there shall be a House of Industry or Workhouse belonging to any Parish or Place, whether separately and distinctly for One Parish or Place, or conjointly with any other Parish or Place or Parishes or Places incorporated therewith, the Overseer to whom the said Schedule shall be delivered is hereby required to call on the Governor or other proper Officer of such House of Industry or Workhouse for his Aid and Assistance in properly filling up and completing the said Schedule, and such Governor or other proper Officer is hereby required under the Penalties herein recited, to afford to the said Overseer all necessary Information for properly filling up and completing such Parts of the said Schedule as shall relate to such House of Industry or Workhouse; and the Governor or other proper Officer of any incorporated House of Industry or Workhouse is further required to compute the Share of the common Expence thereof, and the Number of Persons belonging to each distinct Parish or Place, within the Years ending at *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen respectively, and to examine whether such Particulars relating to the House of Industry or Workhouse be properly entered in the proper Schedule, and if satisfied therein, shall certify the same on the Schedule in Writing, signed by himself.

Justices to receive Returns, and swear Officers, and examine them to the Truth, and attest the same.

III. And be it further enacted, That any Two or more of the said Justices of the Peace shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required, at such Meeting or Meetings so to be appointed as aforesaid, to receive and take the Returns to be made by the Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of the Highways as aforesaid in Writing, signed by themselves, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and then and there administer to them respectively the Oaths contained in this Act; and such Justices are hereby authorized, if they shall see Cause, to examine such Overseers and Surveyors of the Highways upon Oath, touching any of the Matters contained in such Returns respectively, and to call for the original Accounts of such Overseers and Surveyors of the Highways if they shall see fit, in order to explain and verify the said Returns as shall then be made; and the said Justices shall sign and attest such Returns at the Foot of the same without Fee, when on Inspection the same shall appear to them to be complete, and deliver such Returns so signed and attested to the respective High Constables, or other proper Officers as aforesaid, in order that the same may be by them transmitted to the Clerks of the Peace, or Town Clerks, as herein is directed.

IV. And

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid High Conſtables, or other proper Officers, within the reſpective Juriſdictions as aforeſaid, ſhall, at the *Midſummer* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, (or as ſoon thereafter as may be), receive from the ſaid Clerks of the Peace, or Town Clerks, printed Copies of each of the Schedules to this Act annexed, and forthwith deliver, or cauſe to be delivered out one of each ſuch Schedules to One of the then Overſeers of the Poor, and another to One of the Surveyors of the Highways, of every Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place within their reſpective Limits, as well within Towns Corporate as without, and, when required by the reſpective Juſtices of the Peace as aforeſaid, attend the ſaid Meeting or Meetings, and then and there receive the ſeveral Returns made by the ſaid Overſeers and Surveyors of the Highways, and indorſe upon the Back of each of them the Name of the Hundred, Rape, Wapentake, Lathe, Precinct, Soke, Franchiſe, Liberty, City, or Town Corporate, wherein the ſaid Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place therein mentioned is ſituate, and deliver or tranſmit the ſame, together with a true and perfect Liſt of every Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, and alſo of the Overſeers and Surveyors of the Highways to whom ſuch Schedule ſhall have been delivered as aforeſaid, to the ſeveral Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks at the *Michaelmas* Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, or ſome Adjournment or Adjournments thereof (which Adjournment and Adjournments the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter Seſſions are required to make to ſome convenient Day within Forty Days after the ſaid *Michaelmas* Quarter Seſſions in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, and from Time to Time as often as ſhall be neceſſary, to ſome other convenient Days within Ten Days from the preceding Day of Adjournment, in all Caſes where ſuch Returns ſhall not be made at the ſaid *Michaelmas* Quarter Seſſions, and until full and complete Returns ſhall be made) upon Pain of Forfeiture for every Default and Neglect in the Matters aforeſaid, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Conſtables to receive from the Clerks of the Peace a Copy of Schedule, to deliver to Overſeers of the Poor, and tranſmit from them Returns of the Poor and Highways.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Overſeers of the Poor of every ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, ſhall, and they are hereby required to attend the Juſtices of the Peace at ſuch Meeting or Meetings which ſhall be ſo appointed, and then and there deliver to the ſaid Juſtices in Writing, ſigned by them, a juſt and true Account upon Oath, as herein directed, (according to their Knowledge of the ſame) of the total Amount of all and every Sum and Sums of Money raiſed and expended by them, or by their Predeceſſors in Office reſpectively, for or on account of the Poor within the reſpective Diſtricts, Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places, for the ſeveral Years ending at *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and *March* the Twenty-fifth One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, reſpectively, according to the different Heads of Rates levied, or Diſburſements mentioned in the Schedule marked (A.) to this Act annexed; and ſhall for that Purpoſe cauſe the Total of ſuch Diſburſements for ſuch Year to be divided and claſſed under ſuch different Heads of Diſburſements accordingly; and ſhall alſo at ſuch Meeting or Meetings deliver in like Manner a true and juſt Account, upon Oath, of the Number of poor Perſons who ſhall have received conſtant or occaſional Relief during the ſaid ſeveral Years, within

Overſeers of the Poor to attend Juſtices and deliver Accounts.

the reſpective Houſes of Induſtry or Workhouſes, or otherwiſe, in the reſpective Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places aforeſaid, as ſtated in the Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, and ſhall reſpectively fill up the Blanks and other Spaces in ſuch Schedule with the ſeveral Matters required to be therein returned, according to the Truth of the Caſe; and ſhall alſo at the ſame Time produce to the ſaid Juſtices, if required, the Aſſeſſments under which the Money was collected, and the Accounts of all Expences reſpecting the Poor for the ſaid Year, for their Inſpection and Examination; and that every Overſeer making Default in any of the Matters hereby required ſhall for every ſuch Neglect and Default forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made; and in order to enable the ſaid Overſeers to make Anſwers and Returns as aforeſaid, they are hereby authorized and empowered to call for, inſpect, and take Copies of the Accounts of the Overſeers, for each of the Years ending at *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, *Eaſter* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and *March* the Twenty-fifth One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be neceſſary, in whoſe Hands ſoever they ſhall happen to be; and every Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Power every ſuch Account or Accounts ſhall be, ſhall and they are hereby required to produce and deliver ſuch reſpective Accounts to the ſaid Overſeers, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, upon the Pain of forfeiting for every Default or Neglect in the Premiſes a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Surveyors of the Highways to attend alſo, and deliver proper Accounts.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Surveyors of the Highways in every ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, ſhall, and they are hereby required to attend the Juſtices of the Peace at ſuch Meeting or Meetings which ſhall be ſo appointed, and then and there deliver to the ſaid Juſtices in Writing, ſigned by them, a juſt and true Account upon Oath as herein directed (according to their Knowledge of the ſame) of the eſtimated Extent of Public Highways or Roads uſed for Wheel Carriages, computing the aggregate Length of ſuch Highways in Statute Miles of Seventeen hundred and ſixty Yards to a Mile, diſtinguiſhing paved Streets and Turnpikes, if any, within their reſpective Diſtricts, Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places; and alſo Accounts, as nearly as the ſame can be aſcertained, of all and every the Sum or Sums raiſed and expended by them, and alſo of the eſtimated Value of Labour performed in Kind, for or on account of the Highways within their reſpective Diſtricts, Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places, for the ſeveral Years ending in *October* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, according to the different Heads of Diſburſements deſcribed in the Queſtions of the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed, and ſhall reſpectively fill up the Blanks and other Spaces in ſuch Schedule, and the ſeveral Matters required to be therein returned, according to the Truth of the Caſe; and ſhall alſo at the ſame Time produce to the ſaid Juſtices, if required, the Accounts of all Money received and expended on the Highways, for their Inſpection and Examination; and that every Surveyor of the Highways, making Default in any of the Matters hereby required, ſhall for every ſuch Neglect and Default forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made; and in order

order to enable the ſaid Surveyors of the Highways to make Anſwers and Returns as aforeſaid, they are hereby authorized and empowered to call for, inſpect, and take Copies of the Accounts of the Surveyors of the Highways, for each of the Years ending in *October* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be neceſſary, in whoſe Hands ſoever they ſhall happen to be; and every Perſon or Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody or Power every ſuch Account or Accounts ſhall be, ſhall and they are hereby required to produce and deliver ſuch reſpective Accounts to the ſaid Surveyors of the Highways for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, upon the Pain of forfeiting for every Default or Neglect in the Premiſes a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Penalty on Officers making falſe Returns.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Overſeer or Surveyor of the Highways, required to make any ſuch Return or Returns as aforeſaid, ſhall conceal any Matter or Matters directed to be inquired into by the ſaid Schedules, or either of them, or ſhall knowingly or wilfully make a falſe or imperfect Return, every ſuch Overſeer or Surveyor ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in *England*; in the Counties Palatine of *Lancaſter*, *Cheſter*, and *Durham*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in thoſe Counties, or either of them reſpectively; or in the Great Seſſions of the Principality of *Wales*, in caſe the Offence ſhall be committed in *Wales*.

Rewards to Officers.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be paid and allowed for the Trouble and Expences of the ſeveral Perſons employed in the Tranſactions aforeſaid, for every Return which ſhall be ſo made and tranſmitted to the Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions aforeſaid, the Sums following, and no more; *videlicet*, To the Clerk of the Peace, or Town Clerk, for every Return which ſhall be made in reſpect of every Pariſh, Townſhip, and Place, the Sum of Two Shillings; to the High Conſtable or other proper Officer, for the like, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; to the Overſeers of the Poor, Governors, or other Officers of Houſes of Induſtry or Workhouſes, and to the Surveyors of the Highways, for the like, a Sum not leſs than Two Shillings and Sixpence each, and not exceeding Twenty Shillings each, excluſive of their Travelling Expences, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtices who ſhall approve of the Returns; to the Clerks of the Juſtices of the Peace, for the like, the Sum of One Shilling; and that the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, at their reſpective *Epiphany* Quarter Seſſion in the Year One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, ſhall and they are hereby required to make an Order upon their reſpective Treaſurers to pay the ſame out of the Rates to be made and collected for the reſpective Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Precincts, Sokes, Franchiſes, Liberties, Cities, and Towns Corporate.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by this Act ſhall, unleſs otherwiſe directed by this Act, if not immediately paid, be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders

Goods and Chattels, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace having Juriſdiction where ſuch Offender ſhall dwell, rendering to the ſaid Offender the Overplus (if any) after the Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale ſhall be deducted; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, then it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for a Term not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unleſs the ſaid Forfeitures and Charges ſhall be ſooner paid; and the ſaid Forfeitures, when recovered, ſhall be paid and applied One Moiety to the Informer and the other Moiety to the ſaid reſpective Treaſurers, in aid of the Rates aforeſaid; and any Perſon ſhall be deemed a competent Witneſs for the Execution of any of the Purpoſes of this Act, notwithſtanding his paying or being liable to pay towards ſuch County Rates or other Rates.

Parties to be ſworn.

X. And be it further enacted, That any Juſtice of the Peace aforeſaid, before whom any Return ſhall be made in purſuance of this Act by any Overſeer of the Poor or Surveyor of the Highways, ſhall and he is hereby empowered and required to adminiſter to ſuch Overſeer or Surveyor of the Highways the following Oaths (or, being of the People called *Quakers*, Affirmations,) *videlicet*,

Forms of Oaths.

'YOU ſwear [*or*, affirm], That the Return made by you contains, to the beſt of your Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions contained in the Schedule A. *or* B. (*as the Caſe may be*) of the Act, intituled *An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in* England; *and alſo relative to the Highways*. So help you GOD.'

'YOU ſhall true Anſwer make to all ſuch Queſtions as ſhall be demanded of you, touching theſe your Returns relative to the Poor [*or*, to the Highways, *as the Caſe may be*,] of the Pariſh [*or*, Townſhip] of as far as the ſame is within your Knowledge. So help you GOD.'

Which Oaths ſhall be taken by the Overſeers or by the Surveyor of the Highways on the Holy Evangeliſts, in the uſual Manner of adminiſtering Oaths.

Perſons making falſe Oaths to be puniſhed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully and corruptly make a falſe Oath touching any of the Matters contained in this Act, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons offending, and being duly convicted thereof, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to ſuch Pains and Penalties as by any Law now in being Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are ſubject and liable to.

Schedules to be tranſmitted by King's Printer.

XII. And be it further enacted, That a ſufficient Number of printed Copies of this Act, and alſo of the Schedules (A.) and (B.) hereunto annexed, ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, be tranſmitted by His Majeſty's Printer to the Clerks of the Peace of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties, Ridings, Diviſions, Precincts, Sokes, Franchiſes, and Liberties in *England* and *Wales*; and that the ſaid ſeveral Clerks of the Peace ſhall and they are hereby required, at the *Midſummer*

Quarter Seſſions One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, to cauſe the ſaid Act to be diſtributed among all and every the acting Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Limits, and alſo a ſufficient Number of the Schedules to this Act annexed, to be delivered to the High Conſtables or other proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from ſuch Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Limits; and which ſaid Clerks of the Peace ſhall alſo cauſe a ſufficient Number of ſuch Copies of this Act, and Schedules reſpectively, to be delivered to the Town Clerks or other proper Officers of every City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, in which Quarter Seſſions of the Peace are uſually holden, ſituate in the County, Riding, or Diviſion, for which the ſaid Clerks of the Peace ſhall reſpectively act, to be by the ſaid Town Clerks reſpectively diſtributed in like Manner among the acting Juſtices of the Peace in every ſuch City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, and among the proper Officers who have the Execution of Precepts from ſuch Juſtices of ſuch City, Borough, Town Corporate or Place; and the ſaid Clerks of the Peace and Town Clerks reſpectively ſhall alſo receive the Returns to be made purſuant to the Directions herein given, and tranſmit the ſame, with a Liſt thereof (and alſo another Liſt therewith, of Pariſhes or Places not having made due Returns) to His Majeſty's Principal Secretary of State, within Thirty Days after the reſpective *Midſummer* Quarter Seſſions, in order that an Abſtract of the ſame may be made and preſented to both Houſes of Parliament, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Neglect and Default, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor leſs than Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom Complaint thereof ſhall be made.

Schedule of Property Duty to be tranſmitted to Secretary of State.

XIII. And whereas it is expedient, for the Purpoſes of this Act, that Information ſhould be obtained of the Proportion which the Sum levied by the Poors Rate, and any other Rate or Rates, bears to the actual Rents and Profits upon which ſuch Rates are impoſed and levied, by a Compariſon of the ſaid Poors Rates with the Aſſeſſments made under an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majeſty during the preſent War, and until the Sixth Day of* April *next after the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, further additional Rates and Duties in* Great Britian, *on the Rates and Duties on Profits ariſing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices; and for repealing an Act paſſed in the Forty-fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for repealing certain Parts of an Act made in the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty, for granting a Contribution on the Profits ariſing from Property, Profeſſions, Trades, and Offices, and to conſolidate and render more effectual the Proviſions for collecting the ſaid Duties;* be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners for the Affairs of Taxes, and they are hereby directed upon the Application of any One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, communicating to them a Liſt of any Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places which maintain their own Poor ſeparately and diſtinctly, to enquire into and aſcertain the Total Amount of the Sums aſſeſſed to the Property Tax in and for the Year ending the Fifth Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, under Schedule (A.) of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act, on each ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place; and alſo the Total Amount of the Eſtimates of the Annual Value of the Property on Profits upon which the ſaid Aſſeſſments were made, and to make out an Account of the ſame under proper Heads, and tranſmit the ſame to the ſaid Principal Secretary of State, for Inſertion in the before-mentioned Abſtract. 46 G. 3. c. 65.

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# SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

## SCHEDULE (A.)

QUESTIONS, to which, by Directions of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King George the Third, intituled 'An Act for procuring Returns relative to 'the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in England; and 'alſo relative to the Highways,' Written Anſwers are to be returned by the Overſeer of every Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, in which Rates are ſeparately and diſtinctly made for the Relief of the Poor; for which Purpoſe the Overſeer is to attend the Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Juriſdictions, on Pain of incurring the Penalties impoſed by the ſaid Act for every wilful Default or Neglect.

1. WHAT is the Name and Deſcription of your Pariſh or Place? and to the Repair of what Pariſh Church do the Inhabitants contribute out of the Rates?

In anſwer to this Queſtion, you are required to ſpecify the Name of the Place, ſpelled in the moſt uſual Manner, and alſo whether it be a Pariſh, or Part of any Pariſh; and in the latter Caſe, ſpecifying whether it be uſually called a Tithing, Townſhip, or by what other Name.

2. What was the total Amount of Money raiſed within the ſeveral Years ending Eaſter One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, Eaſter One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen, and the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, by Poors Rate, and any other Rate or Rates?

3. What was the total Amount of Money expended in thoſe Years reſpectively, for the Maintenance and Relief of the Poor?

4. What was the total Amount of Money expended in thoſe Years reſpectively, in Suits of Law, Removal of Paupers, and Expences of Overſeers or other Officers employed therein?

5. What was the total Amount of Money expended on Militia Charges, diſtinguiſhing Expenditure for the Maintenance of the Wives and Children of any Militia Men, from any other Militia Charges?

6. What was the total Amount of Money expended in thoſe Years reſpectively, for all other Purpoſes except thoſe expreſſed in the Two laſt Queſtions, including herein any Church Rate, County Rate, Highway Rate, &c. &c.

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7. What was the total Amount of Money expended in thoſe Years reſpectively.

In anſwer to this Queſtion, you are required to take care that the Amount be the Total of the Four Columns marked 3, 4, 5, and 6; or to explain on the Schedule why it does not agree therewith.

8. What was the Number of Perſons relieved from the Poors Rate permanently, throughout the ſeveral Years; diſtinguiſhing Perſons ſo relieved out of any Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, and Perſons ſo relieved in the Houſe, but not including any Children whoſe Parents have been permanently relieved out of the Houſe.

If no Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe, write the Words, 'No 'Workhouſe,' in the proper Column; if there be a Houſe of Induſtry or Workhouſe in which any Poor of your Pariſh or Place are maintained, inform the Governor or proper Officer thereof, that he is required, under Pain of the Penalties of this Act, to enable you to fill up and complete the proper Column.

9. What was the Number of Pariſhioners relieved occaſionally in the ſeveral Years reſpectively?

10. What is the Number of Members in Friendly Societies, which hold their uſual Meetings in your Pariſh or Place, including Members not belonging to your Pariſh or Place, as well as thoſe belonging to it?

11. What is the Average Annual Amount or Produce of Charitable Donations (whether ariſing from Land or Money) which have been given by Deed or Will for the Benefit of poor Perſons within your Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, and which are managed or diſtributed by the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, or by any of them; diſtinguiſhing ſuch Donations as are applicable to the Maintenance of Pariſh Schools?

12. Is there any Hoſpital, Almſhouſe, School, or other permanent Charitable Foundation within your Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, which is not under the Management and Controul of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, or any of them?

13. In caſe it ſhould be requiſite to aſk any Explanation of your Anſwer to any of the above Queſtions, in what Manner ſhould a Letter of Inquiry be directed to you from the Secretary of State's Office?

14. Are there any Matters which you think it neceſſary to remark, in Explanation of your Anſwers to any of the preceding Queſtions?

| ANSWERS. | 1. NAME of PLACE; and whether uſually ſtyled Pariſh, Townſhip, Tithing, Hamlet, or the like. | | | | | | | | | | Towards the Repair of what Pariſh Church the Inhabitants contribute from the Rates. |
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| | To 2d Queſtion. | To 3d Queſtion. | To 4th Queſtion. | To 5th Queſtion. | | To 6th Queſtion. | To 7th Queſtion. | To 8th Queſtion. | | To 9th Queſtion. | To 10th Queſtion. | To 11th Queſtion. | |
| For what Year. | Money RAISED by the Poors Rate, or other Rate or Rates. | Money EXPENDED for the Maintenance of the Poor. | Expenditure in Suits of Law; Removals, Journeys, and Expences of Overſeers and other Officers. | EXPENDITURE for Militia Purpoſes. Maintenance of the Families of Militia Men. | All other Militia Charges. | Expenditure for other Purpoſes: Church Rate, County Rate, Highway Rate, &c. | TOTAL EXPENDITURE of the Pariſh or Place. | Number of Perſons Relieved from the Poors Rate PERMANENTLY, not including the Children of ſuch Perſons: Out of any Workhouſe. | In any Workhouſe. | Number of Perſons Relieved OCCASIONALLY, whether in or out of the Workhouſe, being Pariſhioners. | Total Number of MEMBERS in Friendly Societies, whether Pariſhioners or not. | Annual Amount of Charitable Donations. For Pariſh Schools. | Other Purpoſes. |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | | | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| To Eaſter 1813. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To Eaſter 1814. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To 25th March 1815. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Anſwer to 12th Queſtion. | Anſwer to 13th Queſtion. | Anſwer to 14th Queſtion. |
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I, *A.B.* Governor [*or*, Manager] of the Houſe of Induſtry [*or*, Workhouſe] of the of in the County of Do hereby certify, That the above Return contains, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions relative to the Number of Perſons relieved in the ſaid Workhouſe.

(Signed)

I, *C. D.* Overſeer of the Poor for the of in the County of Do ſwear [*or*, affirm] That the above Return contains, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions contained in Schedule (A.) of an Act, intituled "An Act for procuring Returns relative "to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in England; and alſo relative to the "Highways."

(Signed) Overſeer.

Sworn [*or*, affirmed] before us, Juſtices of the Peace in and for the of this Day of

(Signed)

## SCHEDULE (B.)

QUESTIONS, to which, by Directions of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for procuring Returns "relative to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in "England, and alſo relative to the Highways," Written Anſwers are to be returned by the Surveyor of the Highways of every Pariſh, Townſhip, or Diſtrict in England and Wales; for which Purpoſe the ſaid Surveyor of the Highways is to attend the Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Juriſdictions, on Pain of incurring the Penalties impoſed by the ſaid Act, for every wilful Default or Neglect.

1. WHAT is the eſtimated Extent of Public Highways or Roads uſed for Wheel Carriages, within your Pariſh or Diſtrict, computing the aggregate Length of ſuch Highways in Statute Miles of One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty Yards to a Mile; diſtinguiſhing Paved Streets and Turnpikes (if any) from all other ſuch Highways or Roads?

2. What was the eſtimated Value of Labour performed in Kind, for repairing the Highways, within your Pariſh or Diſtrict, in each of the Years ending in October One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, One thouſand eight hundred and thirteen, and One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen?

3. What was the Amount of Money paid as a Compoſition for Labour on the Highways, during thoſe Years reſpectively?

4. What was the Amount of Rates (if any) levied for the Repair of the Highways, in thoſe Years reſpectively?

5. What was the Amount of Money expended in Law and other Expences relative to the Highways, excluſive of Repairs occaſioned by Preſentments, in thoſe Years reſpectively?

6. What was the Total Value of Labour and Amount of Money expended in thoſe Years reſpectively?

In anſwer to this Queſtion, you are to take care that the Amount be the Total of the Four Columns marked 2, 3, 4, and 5; or to explain on the Schedule why it does not agree therewith.

7. Are there any Matters which you think it neceſſary to remark, in Explanation of your Anſwers to any of the preceding Queſtions?

NAMES

| NAMES and DESCRIPTION of DISTRICT, and whether uſually ſtyled Pariſh, Townſhip, Tithing, Hamlet, or the like; and if not a Pariſh, in what Pariſh. | YEARS ending in October. | To Queſtion 1. | | To Queſtion 2. | To Queſtion 3. | To Queſtion 4 | To Queſtion 5. | To Queſtion 6. |
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| | | Length of the Public Highways uſed for Wheel Carriages. | | Eſtimated VALUE of LABOUR performed in Kind. | Amount of COMPOSITION MONEY paid for Labour. | Amount of RATES levied. | Amount of MONEY expended in LAW and other Expences occaſioned by Preſentment. | TOTAL EXPENDITURE in Labour and Money in theſe Years reſpectively. |
| | | Paved Streets or Turnpikes. | All other Highways. | | | | | |
| | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
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| | 1813 - | | | | | | | |
| | 1814 - | | | | | | | |
| REMARKS in anſwer to Queſtion 7. | | | | | | | | |

I, *A. B.* Surveyor of the Highways for the of in the County of Do ſwear [or affirm] That the above Return contains, to the beſt of my Knowledge and Belief, a full and true Anſwer to the Queſtions contained in Schedule (B.) of an Act, intituled "An Act for procuring Returns relative to the Expence and Maintenance of the Poor in England; and alſo relative to the Highways."

(Signed) Surveyor of the Highways.

Sworn [*or*, affirmed] before us, *C. D. E. F.* Juſtices of the Peace in and for the of this
Day of One thouſand eight hundred and

(Signed) *C. D.*
*E. F.*

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