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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XLVIII.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of Two Acts of His present Majesty, for providing Clergymen to officiate in Gaols and Houses of Correction within *England* and *Wales*. [12th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for providing Clergymen to officiate in Gaols, within that Part of* Great Britain *called* England, the Justices of the Peace, or the major Part of them, assembled at the Quarter Sessions held for any County, Riding, or Division, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and the Principality of *Wales*, are authorized and empowered to settle and ascertain how many Clergymen should by them be deemed necessary to be employed in performing Religious Duties, according to the Rites of the Church of *England*, in the several Gaols within their respective Jurisdictions, and to settle and ascertain what Duty should be performed, and what Salary should be paid to every such Clergyman, not exceeding Fifty Pounds yearly and every Year: And whereas by the Appointment of Clergymen to officiate under the Provisions of the said Act, the beneficial Purposes before mentioned have been carried into Execution in many Counties within *England* and *Wales*: And whereas, on account of the unremitting Attention which such Clergymen are required to give in the Discharge of their Duty, it is expedient that the Salaries allowed by the Justices should be increased: And whereas by another Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual* 13 G. 3. c. 58. 22 G. 3. c. 64.

the Laws in being relative to Houſes of Correction, it is enacted, that the Juſtices of the Peace at their General Quarter Seſſions may, if they think fit, appoint a Miniſter of the Church of *England*, reſiding in or near the Place where every ſuch Houſe of Correction ſhall be ſituate, to perform Divine Service there every *Sunday*: And whereas it is expedient, for the Reformation and Amendment of Perſons who may be confined in ſuch Houſes of Correction, that greater and more frequent Attention ſhould be paid to their Moral and Religious Inſtruction than is provided for by the ſaid Act: 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 from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace, or the major Part of them, aſſembled at the Quarter Seſſions to be holden for any County, Riding, or Diviſion, within that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, and the Principality of *Wales*, and at the Annual General Seſſion in the County Palatine of *Lancaſter*, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to increaſe the Salaries granted by the ſaid firſt recited Act, to be paid to the Clergymen therein mentioned, to any Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, yearly and every Year, under the Regulations and Proviſions contained in the ſaid recited Act.

Quarter Seſſions may encreaſe the Salaries of Clergymen officiating in Gaols.

Proviſions of 13 G. 3. c 58. applicable to Houſes of Correction.

II. And be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act of the Thirteenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for providing Clergymen to officiate in Gaols within that Part of* Great Britain *called* England, ſhall be applicable to Houſes of Correction, in as full and ample a Manner as if they had been ſpecifically named therein: Provided always nevertheleſs, that no Salary to be aſſigned to any Clergyman for officiating in any ſuch Houſe of Correction ſhall exceed Fifty Pounds a Year.

Clergymen to keep a Journal.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Clergyman who ſhall be employed with a Salary under this Act, or either of the Acts above recited, in order to entitle himſelf to receive the ſame, ſhall keep a Journal in a Book to be provided for that Purpoſe, in the Gaol or Houſe of Correction in which he ſhall be ſo employed, in which Journal he ſhall enter the Times of his Attendance at ſuch Gaol or Houſe of Correction on the Performance of his Duty, with any Obſervations which may occur to him in the Execution thereof; and ſuch Journal ſhall regularly be laid before the Juſtices of the Peace having Juriſdiction over the ſaid Gaol or Houſe of Correction, for their Inſpection at every Quarter Seſſions at which ſuch Juſtices ſhall be aſſembled, and ſhall be ſigned by the Chairman of the ſaid Seſſions, in Proof of the ſame having been there produced.

Offices of Clergymen to Gaols and Houſes of Correction may be united.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, or the major Part of them, ſo aſſembled at their General Quarter Seſſions, may, if they ſhould ſee fit, unite the Offices of Clergymen to Gaols and Houſes of Correction, by appointing one Clergyman to the Performance of the Religious Duties of both: Provided always, that the Amount to be paid out of the County Rates or other Public Money ſhall not in ſuch Caſe exceed the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds.

V. Provided

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from and after the ſaid Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, no Clergyman, who ſhall be appointed to officiate in any Gaol or Houſe of Correction under the Authority of the ſaid Acts or of this Act, ſhall ſo officiate until he ſhall have obtained a Licence for that Purpoſe from the Biſhop of the Dioceſe wherein ſuch Gaol or Houſe of Correction ſhall be ſituate, and during ſo long Time only as ſuch Licence ſhall remain in force; and when any Clergyman ſhall be ſo appointed, the Clerk of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Diviſion, wherein any ſuch Apppointment ſhall be made, ſhall, within One Month after ſuch Appointment ſhall have been made, tranſmit a Copy thereof to the Biſhop of ſuch Dioceſe. Clergymen to have a Licence from the Biſhop of the Dioceſe.

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