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An Act to amend an Act, passed in the Twenty-second Year of His late Majesty, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor.

[23d. *June* 1821.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor:* 22 G. 3. c. 83. And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Guardians, or Visitor and Guardians of the Poor, acting under the Authority of the said Act, can make effectual Sales of Houses and other Buildings, with the Land, Yards, and Gardens belonging thereto or held with the same, and give effectual Discharges for, and make due Application of the Purchase Money, and also whether an Omission to appoint Guardians in any Year invalidates the Appointment of Guardians in any subsequent Year; 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Guardians, or the Visitor and Guar-

Power given to Guardians to sell Poor Houses and Lands.

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dians for the Time being, of the Poor of any Parish, Township, or Place, or of several united Parishes, Townships, or Places, which hath or have adopted, or shall hereafter adopt the Provisions of the said recited Act, or the major Part or Number of such Acting Guardians, and jointly with the Visitor, if any, for the Time being (notwithstanding any Omission to appoint Guardians in each successive Year, and also notwithstanding any Informality in the Appointment of any such Acting Visitor or Guardians), and they are hereby authorized, under the Order and Direction of the Inhabitants of any such Parish, Township, or Place, or each of several such united Parishes, Townships, or Places, in Vestry assembled, and with the Consent of Two Justices acting in and for the County, Division, City, Borough, or Place, or several Counties, Divisions, Cities, Boroughs, or Places, within which such Parish, Township, or Place, or several Parishes, Townships, or Places, shall be situate, to sell and dispose of any Workhouse or other Houses, Tenements, and Buildings, Outhouses, Offices, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, Lands, and Grounds, with their Appurtenances, which may have been purchased or erected by or on behalf of such Parish, Township, or Place, or several united Parishes, Townships, or Places, for the Purposes and under the Authority of the said Act; and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, or any other Estate or Interest therein; and by Bargain and Sale to convey and assure the same unto the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof respectively, and his, her, and their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or as he or they shall direct, and to give and sign Receipts for the Purchase Money, which Receipts shall be effectual Discharges to the Purchaser or Purchasers, and his, her, or their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, without any Obligation on him, her, or them to see to the Application of his, her, or their Purchase Money; and from and after every such Sale, the Workhouse or other Houses, Tenements, and Buildings, Outhouses, Offices, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, Lands, and Grounds, with their Appurtenances, so sold, shall be discharged from all the Trusts and Purposes of the said recited Act.

Application of Money to arise by such Sale.

II. And be it further enacted, That a competent Part of the Money arising from every such Sale shall be applied in defraying the Expences attending the Sale, and in or towards discharging any Incumbrances affecting the said Workhouse, or other Houses, Tenements, and Buildings, Outhouses, Offices, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, Lands, and Grounds respectively, and any Debts which may have been contracted by the Guardians, or Visitor and Guardians of such Parish, Township, or Place, or united Parishes, Townships, or Places respectively, by way of Charge on the Poors Rates or otherwise; and the Residue of any such Money shall be paid by such Guardians, or Visitor and Guardians, to the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of such Parish, Township, or Place, or several united Parishes, Townships, or Places respectively, in the like Shares or Proportions as they contributed towards the Purchase or Erection of the Workhouse, or other Houses, Tenements, and Buildings, Outhouses and Offices, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, Lands, and Grounds respectively, which shall be so sold, and be applied by such Churchwardens

wardens and Overseers of the Poor respectively, as Part of the Rates to be collected for the Relief of the Poor of the same Parish, Township, or Place, or several Parishes, Townships, or Places respectively.

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