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An Act for consolidating into One Act and amending the Laws relating to idle and disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, incorrigible Rogues, and other Vagrants in *England*.

[24th *June* 1822.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the several Laws now in force relating to idle and disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, incorrigible Rogues, and other Vagrants, in *England;* and it would tend to simplify the same, if the several Provisions relating to such Offenders were consolidated into One Act: 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 all Provisions heretofore made and now in force relative to idle and disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, incorrigible Rogues, or other Vagrants, in *England*, or any or either of such Offenders, shall be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall in anywise be deemed to alter any Law now in force for the Removal of poor Persons born in *Scotland*, *Ireland*, or the *Isles of Man*, *Jersey*, and *Guernsey*, and becoming chargeable to Parishes in *England*, such Persons not having committed Acts of Vagrancy as herein-after described, nor any Law now in force relating to Lunatic Vagrants.

Former Provisions relating to Rogues, &c. repealed.

Not to affect the Law for Removal of Persons born in Scotland, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who threaten to run away and leave their Wives or Children chargeable to any Parish, Township, or Place; all Persons who, being able to work, and thereby or by

Persons committing certain Acts, how to be punished.

by other Means to maintain themselves and Families, shall wilfully refuse or neglect so to do, by which Default or Neglect they or any of them shall become chargeable to any Parish, Township, or Place; and all Persons who shall return to any Parish, Township, or Place from whence they have been legally removed by Order of Two Justices of the Peace, and shall there become chargeable, without producing a Certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere; and all common Prostitutes or Night-walkers wandering in the public Streets or public Highways, not giving a satisfactory Account of themselves, shall be deemed idle and disorderly Persons; and it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to commit such Offenders (being thereof convicted before him, by his own View, or by his, her, or their own Confession, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses), to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

Certain Offenders to be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Persons going about as Gatherers of Alms, under false Pretence of Loss by Fire or by other Casualty, or as Collectors under any false Pretence, all Bear-wards, all common Stage Players, and all Persons who shall for Hire, Gain, or Reward act, represent, or perform, or cause to be performed, any Interlude, or Entertainment or Entertainments of the Stage, or any Part or Parts therein, such Persons not being authorized by Law; all Persons pretending to be Gipsies; all Persons pretending to tell Fortunes, or using any subtle Craft, Means, or Device, by Palmistry or otherwise, to deceive and impose on any of His Majesty's Subjects, or playing or betting at any unlawful Game; and all Persons who run away and leave their Wives or Children chargeable to any Parish, Township, or Place; and all Petty Chapmen and Pedlars wandering abroad, not being duly licensed, or otherwise authorized by Law; and all Persons wandering abroad, and lodging in Alehouses, Barns, Outhouses, or in the open Air, or under Tents, or in Carts or Waggons, and not giving a good Account of themselves; and all Persons openly exposing or exhibiting in any Street, Road, Public Place or Highway, any indecent Exhibition, or openly and indecently exposing their Persons; and all other Persons wandering abroad, or placing themselves in Streets, Public Places, Highways, Courts, or Passages, to beg or gather Alms, or causing or procuring, or encouraging any Child or Children so to do, or endeavouring, by the Exposure of Wounds or Deformities, to effect the same Purpose; and all Persons who shall be apprehended, having in Possession any Picklock Key, Crow, Jack, Bit, or other Implement, with intent feloniously to break and enter into any Dwelling-house, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, or Outbuilding, or having in Possession any Gun, Pistol, Hanger, Cutlass, Bludgeon, or other offensive Weapon, with Intent to assault any Person or Persons, or commit any other illegal Act, or who shall be found in or upon any Dwelling-house, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, or Outhouse, or Area, or in any inclosed Yard, Garden, or Place, and shall not be able to give a good Account of themselves, or who shall frequent any River, Canal, or navigable Stream, Dock or Basin, or any Quay or Warehouse near or adjoining thereto, or the Avenues to any such Quay or Warehouse, or the Streets or Highways leading

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leading thereto, or any Place of Public Resort, the Avenues leading thereto, or the Streets, Highways, or Places adjacent, with Intent to commit Felony on the Persons or Property of any His Majesty's Subjects; and all Persons imposing or endeavouring to impose upon any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor, or upon a Charitable Institution or Private Individual, by any false and fraudulent Representation, either Verbally or in Writing, with a view to obtain Money or some other Advantage or Benefit, shall be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Who shall be deemed incorrigible Rogues.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Persons apprehended as Rogues and Vagabonds, and escaping from the Person or Persons apprehending them, or refusing to go before a Justice or Justices of the Peace, to be examined before such Justice or Justices, or knowingly giving a false Account of themselves on such Examination, after Warning given them of their Punishment; and all Persons who shall break or escape out of any Gaol or House of Correction, before the Expiration of the Term for which they were committed or ordered to be confined by virtue of this Act, or who being charged with any Offence against this Act, and being bound by Recognizance, in Manner herein-after mentioned, to appear at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, shall neglect to appear accordingly; and all Persons who, after having been adjudged to be Rogues and Vagabonds, and then discharged, shall again commit any Offence under this Act, shall be deemed incorrigible Rogues, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

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V. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall be found offending against this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatsoever, without any Warrant for that Purpose, to apprehend, and to carry and convey or cause to be carried and conveyed the Person so apprehended, together with any Horse, Mule, Ass, Cart, Car, Caravan, or other Vehicle in the Possession or Use of such Person, before some Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with in such Manner as is herein-after directed; and in case any Watchman, Constable, or other Peace Officer shall refuse or wilfully neglect to use his best Endeavours to apprehend or convey to some Justice of the Peace any such Offender, it shall be deemed a Neglect of Duty in such Watchman, Constable, or other Peace Officer, and he shall on Conviction be punished in such Manner as is herein-after directed; and in case any other Person, being charged by any Justice of the Peace so to do, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to use his best Endeavours to apprehend and deliver such Offender to a Constable, Watchman, or such other Peace Officer, or to carry him, her, or them before such Justice of the Peace, where no Watchman, Constable, or other such Peace Officer can be found, such Person so refusing or wilfully neglecting as aforesaid, being thereof convicted, upon View or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to the Use of the Poor of the Parish or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant from any Justice or Justices, and the Overplus (if any) after the Charges of such Distress are satisfied, shall

Penalty on Constables, &c. neglecting their Duty.

Persons refusing to apprehend Offenders;

Penalty 20s.

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be returned to such Person so convicted; and in case any Person not being a Constable or such other Officer, shall apprehend any Person offending against this Act, and shall deliver him or her to a Constable, Watchman, or other Peace Officer, or shall convey or cause him or her to be conveyed to some Justice of the Peace, according to the Directions of this Act; or if any Constable, Watchman, or other such Peace Officer, shall so apprehend and convey such Person so offending, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, if he shall think fit, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order any Overseer of the Poor of the Parish or Place wherein such Act of Vagrancy shall be committed, to pay to such Constable or Officer, or other Person or Persons so apprehending such Offender, a Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Shillings for every Offender so apprehended, which Sum shall be allowed to such Overseer in his Account, he producing the Justice's Order, and a Receipt under the Hand of the Constable or Officer, or other Person or Persons to whom such Sum was paid; and if such Overseer shall neglect or refuse to pay the said Sum, the said or any other Justice, on Oath thereof made, may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, order the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Overseer, and the Overplus (if any) after the Charges of such Distress are satisfied, shall be returned to such Overseer, who in such case shall not be allowed the Sum so levied in his Accounts.

Reward for apprehending a Vagrant.

VI. And be it further enacted, That when any Rogue and Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, shall be apprehended by any Constable, or Person as aforesaid, and brought before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he or they are hereby required, to inform himself or themselves, by Examination of the Person or Persons apprehended, or of any other Person upon Oath, of the Matter alledged and charged against the Person or Persons so apprehended, and if such Matter be proved, to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain until the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or for any Time not exceeding Three Months nor less than One Month, as such Justice or Justices shall think proper; and every such Offender who shall be so committed to the said Gaol or House of Correction, shall be there kept to hard Labour during the Period of his or her Imprisonment therein: Provided always, that it shall be in the Discretion of the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any Person apprehended as a Rogue and Vagabond, or idle and disorderly Person, shall be brought, either to commit or discharge such Person, although an Act of Vagrancy be proved against the Person so charged: Provided also, that it shall be in the Discretion of such Justice or Justices, on discharging any such Rogue and Vagabond, or idle and disorderly Person, to bind him or her in a sufficient Recognizance to appear before the Justices at their next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to answer such Charge or Charges as shall then be alledged against him or her respectively.

Justices to examine Persons apprehended, and if Matter be proved, to commit them.

Persons committed to be kept to hard Labour.

Justices may commit or discharge Persons apprehended.

Power to bail Persons charged with Acts of Vagrancy.

VII. And whereas it often happens that Persons who are in Possession of Money or other Property commit Acts of Vagrancy; be it therefore enacted, That every Justice of the Peace by whom any Person shall be adjudged to be a Rogue and Vagabond, or incorrigible

All Vagrants to be searched, and Trunks, Bundles, &c.

Rogue, shall order such Rogue and Vagabond or incorrigible Rogue to be searched, and his or her Trunks, Boxes, Bundles, Parcels, or Packages to be inspected, in the Presence of the said Justice, and shall also search or cause to be searched the Persons so offending, together with any Cart, Car, Caravan, or other Vehicle which may have been found in his, her, or their Possession or Use; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Justice to order any Money which may be then found to be paid, or so much of such other Effects found with or upon such Rogue and Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, to be sold and applied for and towards the Expence of apprehending, conveying to Gaol or to the House of Correction, and maintaining such Rogue and Vagabond or incorrigible Rogue, during the Time for which he or she may be committed, returning the Overplus (if any there be), after deducting the Charges of such Sale, to the said Rogue and Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue.

to be inspected.

Effects found upon Vagrants to be sold, and applied towards the Expences of maintaining, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Justice or Justices as aforesaid shall commit any such Offender against this Act to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain till the next General or Quarter Sessions, the said Justice or Justices shall require the Person or Persons by whom such Offender shall be apprehended, to become bound in Recognizance to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to appear at the said General or Quarter Sessions, to prosecute and give Evidence against such Offender touching his said Offence; and the Justices, at their said General or Quarter Sessions, are hereby authorized and empowered, at the Request of any Person who shall become bound in any such Recognizance to prosecute or give Evidence against such Offender, to order the Treasurer of the County, Riding, Division, or Place in which the Offence shall have been committed, to pay unto such Prosecutor and Witnesses respectively, such Sum and Sums of Money as to the said Justices shall seem reasonable and sufficient to reimburse such Prosecutor and Witnesses respectively, for the Expences they shall have been severally put to, and for their Trouble and Loss of Time in and about such Prosecution; which Order of the said Justices the Clerk of the Peace for the said County is hereby directed and required forthwith to make out and deliver unto such Prosecutor, upon being paid for the same the Sum of Two Shillings, and no more; and the Treasurer of the said County, Riding, Division, or Place is hereby authorized and required, upon Sight of such Order, forthwith to pay such Prosecutor or other Person authorized to receive the same such Money as aforesaid, and he shall be allowed the same in his Account.

Justices may bind Persons by Recognizance to prosecute Vagrants at Sessions.

Power of Sessions to order Payment of Expences to Prosecutors and Witnesses.

IX. And be it further enacted, That where any Offender against this Act shall be committed as aforesaid to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain until the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and the Justices at such Sessions shall, on Examination of the Circumstances of the Case, adjudge such Person a Rogue and Vagabond, or an incorrigible Rogue, they may, if they think fit, order such Rogue and Vagabond to be detained in the said House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, and such incorrigible Rogue for any further Time not exceeding One Year, nor less than Six Calendar Months, from the Time of making such Order of

Power of Sessions to detain and keep to hard Labour and punish by Whipping Rogues and Vagabonds and incorrigible Rogues.

of Sessions; and during the Time of such Person's Confinement to be corrected by Whipping (not being a Female) at such Times and Places within their Jurisdictions, as, according to the Nature of such Person's Offence, they, in their Discretion, shall think fit; and in case any such Person shall have been before adjudged an incorrigible Rogue, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices at such Sessions to order such Person to be imprisoned in any Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time or Term not exceeding Two Years, and during such Confinement to be further corrected by Whipping as aforesaid, if the said Justices, in their Discretion, shall think fit.

Justices may order a Portion of Earnings to be paid to Offenders when discharged.

X. And be it further enacted, That when any such Offender as aforesaid, who shall have been committed to the Gaol or House of Correction, shall be duly discharged therefrom, it shall and may be lawful for the Visiting Justices of the said Gaol or House of Correction, or any one of them, to order and direct such Portion of the Earnings of such Offender, during his or her Confinement therein, or such Sum of Money, to be paid by the Gaoler or Keeper of the said Gaol or House of Correction to such Offender, as such Justice or Justices in their Discretion shall think fit, which Sum shall be repaid to the said Gaoler or Keeper of the Gaol or House of Correction by the Treasurer of the County, Riding, or Division in which such Gaol or House of Correction is situated, who shall be allowed the same in his Account.

Penalty on Officers neglecting their Duties, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Churchwarden, Overseer, Watchman, Constable, or other Peace Officer, shall neglect his Duty in any thing required of him by this Act, in any Case for which no Punishment is herein-before particularly provided; or in case any Person or Persons shall disturb or hinder any Churchwarden, Overseer, Watchman, Constable, or other Peace Officer, in the Execution of this Act, or shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting therein, and shall be thereof convicted, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace where such Offence shall be committed (which Oath the said Justice or Justices are hereby empowered to administer), the Person or Persons so offending for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, nor less than Twenty Shillings, to be paid to the Treasurer of the County, Riding, Division, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant from such Justice or Justices, returning the Overplus (if any be) upon Demand, after the said Forfeiture and Charges of making and keeping the said Distress shall be paid and satisfied; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found, it shall and may be lawful to and for One or more such Justice or Justices to commit the Persons so offending to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

On Conviction of Officers, &c. Justices to make Order

XII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in case any Constable, Overseer of the Poor, or other Peace or Parish Officer, shall be convicted before any Two or more Justices for any Neglect of Duty, or of any Disobedience of any lawful Warrant

or Order of any Justice or Justices, and such Two or more Justices shall impose any Fine or Fines, or direct any Penalty or Penalties to be paid by such Officer or Person as aforesaid, or to be levied on his and their Goods and Chattels, under and by virtue of the Powers given to Justices by an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize Justices of the Peace to impose Fines upon Constables, Overseers, and other Peace or Parish Officers, for Neglect of Duty, and on Masters of Apprentices for ill Usage of such their Apprentices, and also to make Provision for the Execution of Warrants of Distress granted by Magistrates*, or under any other Powers enabling such Justices in that Behalf, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for such Justices, upon Conviction of any such Offender, to reimburse and allow to the Person or Persons on whose Complaint or Information such Offender shall be convicted, all necessary Costs and Expences which such Persons or Person may thereby have incurred, or by any Appeal made in consequence thereof, by making an Order under their Hands and Seals upon the Treasurer of the County, Riding, Division, or Liberty, to pay to such Person or Persons the Amount of such Costs and Expences, on producing the said Order and giving a Receipt for the same, and the same shall be allowed the said Treasurer in his Account.

for Payment of Expences of Prosecution.

33 G. 3. c. 55

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, upon Information on Oath before him made, that any Persons herein-before described to be idle and disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, or incorrigible Rogues, are or are reasonably suspected to be harboured or concealed in any House or Houses kept or purporting to be kept for the Reception, Lodging, or Entertainment of any poor Traveller or Travellers, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to authorize any Constable or other Person or Persons to enter at any Time into such House or Houses, and to apprehend and bring before him, or any other Justice or Justices, all Persons found therein, and so suspected as aforesaid; and if, on examining such Person or Persons so apprehended and brought as aforesaid, it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that they, or any or either of them, or cannot give a satisfactory Account of themselves, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices to commit him, her, or them to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be dealt with in the same Manner as Rogues and Vagabonds or incorrigible Rogues are herein-before directed to be dealt with by this Act.

Lodging Houses, &c. may be searched, and suspected Persons brought before a Justice.

XIV. And whereas Women herein-before described to be idle and disorderly Persons, Rogues and Vagabonds, or incorrigible Rogues, are often delivered of Bastard Children in Parishes and Places to which they do not belong, whereby the said Children become chargeable to the same; be it therefore enacted, That where any such Woman shall be so delivered, the Child of which she is delivered shall not be settled in the Place where so born, but the Settlement of such Woman shall be deemed the Settlement of such Child; any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bastards to have the Settlement of the Mother.

XV. And be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons aggrieved by any Act of any Justice or Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, in or concerning

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the next Sessions.

concerning the Execution of this Act, may appeal to the next General or Quarter Sessions for the County, Riding, Liberty, or Division, giving Fourteen Days Notice thereof, and of the Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons whose Act or Determination shall be appealed against, and entering into a Recognizance before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place in which such Person shall have been convicted, with sufficient Surety, to try and prosecute such Appeal; and the Order of such General or Quarter Sessions thereupon shall be final.

Justices not to grant Certificates enabling Persons to ask Relief on Route, except to Soldiers and Sailors. 43 G. 3. c. 61.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Justice of the Peace, Mayor, or other Magistrate, shall give or grant to any Person or Persons, other than a Person entitled thereto under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the Relief of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and of the Wives of Soldiers, in the Cases therein mentioned, so far as relates to* England, any Certificate or other Instrument, enabling such Person or Persons to ask Alms or Relief in their Route to any Place or Places, or for any other Purpose whatever; and all Persons asking Alms or Relief under and by virtue of any such Certificate or other Instrument as aforesaid, save and except as aforesaid, are hereby liable to be declared to be Rogues and Vagabonds in like Manner as if they had possessed no such Certificate, or other Instrument as aforesaid.

Persons asking Alms under Certificates, &c. (except Soldiers or Sailors,) to be deemed Vagrants.

Names of Constables, &c. to be affixed on Door of Churches, Chapels, Market-house, &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That within Six Weeks after the passing of this Act, the Constable of every Parish, Town, and Place, or Officer acting as such, shall cause to be stuck up and affixed, in clear and legible Letters, and so to be kept and continued, either on the Outer Doors, Porch, or Entrance of any Parish Church, Chapel of Ease, Market House, Town Hall, Vestry, Watch-house, or other convenient and conspicuous Building or Place, within their respective Parishes, Towns, and Places, the Names at full Length, and the Places of Abode of every Overseer of the Poor, Headborough, Constable, and Tythingman, for the Time being, residing within and acting for their respective Parishes, Towns, or Places; and if any Person shall destroy or deface such Notice, he shall, on Conviction upon the Oath of One Witness, or by voluntary Confession before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings, or in Default of Payment be imprisoned in the Common Gaol for the Space of Seven Days.

Penalty for defacing such Notice, 10*s*.

Justices may defray Expences under this Act out of the County Rates.

XVIII. And to defray the Expences of apprehending and maintaining Rogues, Vagabonds, and incorrigible Rogues, and likewise the Expences of sending Persons to and from Houses of Correction, and for defraying all other Expences necessary for the Execution of the same, not herein-before provided for; be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace, at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, may and shall cause such Sums of Money as shall be necessary for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid to be paid out of the County Rates.

XIX. And

XIX. And be it further enacted, That no Proceeding to be had before any Justice or Justices of the Peace under the Provisions of this Act, shall be quashed for Want of Form; and every Conviction of any Offender against this Act shall and may be in the Form or Effect following; (that is to say), Form of Conviction under this Act.

'Middlesex, to wit.' BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and , at in the County of , *A. B.* is convicted before me *C. D.* One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, of being a Rogue and Vagabond [*or* incorrigible Rogue] within the Intent and Meaning of the Statute made in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act*]; that is to say, for that the said *A. B.* on the Day of , at in the said County, [*here state the Act of Vagrancy proved before the Magistrate.*] Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day, Year, and at the Place first above written.'

And the said Justice or Justices before whom any such Conviction shall take place shall, and he and they is and are hereby required to transmit the said Conviction, fairly transcribed upon Parchment, to the next General or Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden in and for the County, City, Riding, Division, or Place wherein such Conviction shall have taken place, there to be filed and kept on Record; and a Copy of the Conviction so filed, duly certified by the Clerk of the Peace, shall and may be read in any Court of Record as Evidence. Conviction to be transmitted to the Sessions, and a Copy thereof to be Evidence.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Proceedings shall be had against any Justice or Justices of the Peace, Constable, or other Person, for or on account of any Matter or Thing whatsoever done, commanded, or expressed by him or them, in the Execution of his or their Duty or Office, whether such Proceedings be by Action, Motion, Rule to shew Cause, Indictment, Information, Affidavit, Certiorari, or any other Application or Process which may occasion or subject him, or either or any of them, to Trouble or Expences under this Act, the said Justice or Justices, Constable or other Person, if he or they shall recover or be exculpated, shall have any Sum not exceeding Treble Costs awarded to him or them, by the Judge, Court, or Jurisdiction wherein such Proceedings shall have been had, commenced, or determined, to be paid to the said Justice or Justices, Constable or other Person, by the Person or Persons so having proceeded, who shall discontinue his Suit, or become nonsuit, or shall have a Verdict against him, or shall have his Application in any Manner whatsoever dismissed or ended, unless the Judge or Court shall certify that there was a reasonable Cause for such Proceeding, Information, or Complaint. Justices, &c. to have Treble Costs.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by any Act or Acts of Parliament, any Person or Persons shall be directed to be punished as an idle and disorderly Person, or as a Rogue and Vaga- Persons ordered to be punished, &c. under any Act now in

force, to be punished, &c. under this Act.

Vagabond, or an incorrigible Rogue, then and in every such Case, whether such Person or Persons shall or shall not have committed any Act or Acts of Vagrancy, as herein-before set forth, every such Person or Persons shall be punished under the Provisions, Powers, and Directions of this Act.

Act not to repeal 10 G. 2. c. 28. or any Act relating to Players, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to repeal an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to explain and amend so much of an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Queen* Anne, *intituled* '*An Act for reducing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, sturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, into one Act of Parliament, and for the more effectual punishing such Rogues, Vagabonds, sturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, and sending them whither they ought to be sent,*' *as relates to common Players of Interludes,* or any Part or Provision thereof, or any Act or Provision whatever relating to Players, Theatrical Representations, or Places of Public Entertainment, save and except only, that when by any of the said Acts or Provisions any Person shall be deemed a Rogue and Vagabond for Default of Payment of any Penalty or Penalties inflicted by any of the said Acts or Provisions, such Persons shall be punished under the Provisions, Powers, and Directions of this Act.

General Issue.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Actions, Suits, and other Proceedings under this Act, shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months after the Cause of Action or Complaint shall have arisen; and if any Person or Persons shall be sued for any Matter or Thing which he, she, or they shall do in the Execution of this Act, he, she, or they may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence.

Not to extend to repeal any Act in force in Scotland or Ireland.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to the Repeal of any Act or Acts now in force in *Scotland* or *Ireland*, so far as regards those Parts of the United Kingdom respectively.

Continuance of Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and no longer.

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