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An Act to make Provision, until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, for a General Rate in Aid of certain distressed Unions and Electoral Divisions in *Ireland*. [24th *May* 1849.]

WHEREAS it is expedient, for a limited Time, to make further Provision for the Relief of the destitute Poor chargeable on certain Unions and Electoral Divisions in *Ireland*: Be it enacted by the Queen'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,

Poor Law Commissioners in Ireland may authorize the levying a Rate in Aid.

That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland*, with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, during each of the Years ending the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine and the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, to fix and declare from Time to Time the Amount of such Sum as the said Commissioners shall deem it necessary should be raised for the Purpose aforesaid, and to

assess the same upon the several Unions in *Ireland* in proportion to the annual Value of the Property in each Union rateable to the Relief of the Poor, according to the Valuation thereof for Poor Rates in force for the Time being; provided that the Sum so to be levied in any Union, in each of the said Two Years, shall not exceed Sixpence in the Pound on such annual Value; and the said Commissioners shall transmit to the Guardians of each Union an Order under their Seal, stating the Amount so assessed on such Union, and the Amount thereof which shall be leviable on each Electoral Division of such Union, according to the net annual Value of the rateable Property in such Electoral Divisions respectively.

Upon Receipt of Order from the Poor Law Commissioners for the Levy of such Rate, the Amount leviable on each Electoral Division to be levied and paid into the Bank of Ireland.

II. And be it enacted, That the Guardians of each Union shall, in the Rate to be made on each Electoral Division of the Union next after the Receipt of such Order, provide for the Sum leviable on such Division, according to the Order of the Commissioners as aforesaid; and from and after the making of the Rate on such Division next after the Receipt of such Order the Treasurer of the Union shall, out of all Lodgments made with him of such Rate, or any subsequent Rate, on account of such Division, reserve One Moiety of all such Lodgments, and place the same to the Credit of such Division in an Account to be entitled "The Union Rate in Aid Account," until the whole Sum leviable on such Division under the said Order shall have been reserved and placed to such Account as aforesaid; and the Treasurer of such Union shall pay over from Time to Time all Sums so reserved as aforesaid on account of the Proportion leviable on each Electoral Division into the Bank of *Ireland*, to be there placed to a separate Account in the Name of the Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland*, to be entitled "The General Rate in Aid Account."

Commissioners of the Treasury to direct Disposal of Monies arising from the Rate in Aid.

III. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall be empowered to order the Payment of the Sum standing in such separate Account at the Bank of *Ireland* as aforesaid, or of any Part thereof, to such Person or Persons, at such Time and Times, and under such Conditions and Restrictions, as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall think fit, for the Purpose of affording Relief to destitute poor Persons in any Union or Electoral Division in *Ireland*, or of assisting the Emigration of such destitute poor Persons, or for the Purpose of repaying any Advance which may have been made as herein-after provided out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for any of the Purposes aforesaid.

Commissioners of the Treasury may advance 100,000*l.*

IV. And be it enacted, That for the more speedy affording of such Relief it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

Treasury to direct that any Sum or Sums not exceeding in the whole One hundred thousand Pounds shall be issued and paid, out of the growing Produce of the said Consolidated Fund, to such Person or Persons and at such Time and Times as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time direct; and such Sum or Sums shall be charged on and be repayable out of the Produce of any Rate or Rates to be levied in any Union or Unions in *Ireland* under the Provisions and in pursuance of this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That an Account shall be made up, of the Sums received and expended under this Act by means of the said Rate in Aid, to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in the present Year, and also a similar Account to the same Day in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty, in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed; which Accounts shall be laid before Parliament within Ten Days after the first Sitting of Parliament next after the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each of the said Years.

Account to be made up of Receipt and Expenditure in Form in Schedule, and laid before Parliament.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.

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SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Name of Union.	Valuation of Poor Law.	Amount of Rate in Aid received.	Amount granted out of Rate in Aid.	Total Amount appropriated under Rate in Aid.	Debt due on Union.	Amount of Rate collected.	Amount of Rate remaining uncollected.	Amount applied for Emigration under this Act.	Total Amount of Rate in Aid remaining unissued.

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