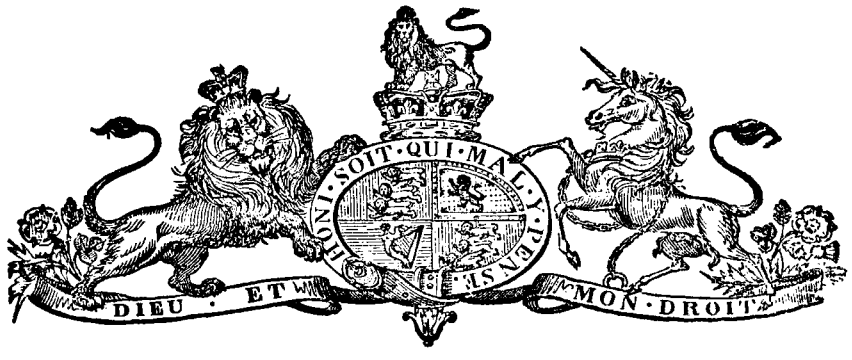


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than Six nor more than Twelve to be a Committee, consisting partly of *ex-officio* and partly of elected Guardians, to be called the Assessment Committee of the Union, for the Investigation and Supervision of the Valuations to be made as herein-after mentioned within such Union, and for the Performance of such said Acts and Duties as herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that One Third at least of such Committee shall consist of *ex-officio* Guardians, in case there shall be an adequate Number of such *ex-officio* Guardians; but in case an adequate Number of such *ex-officio* Guardians shall not exist, then the Number so deficient shall be made up of elected Guardians.

Where Union has the same Bounds as Borough Names of Assessment Committee to be transmitted to Town Council, who may appoint additional Members.

3. Where any Union shall have the same Bounds as a Municipal Borough, the Clerk to the Guardians of such Union shall, upon the Appointment of the Assessment Committee, if directed by the said Guardians to do so, transmit in Writing the Names of the Persons so appointed to the Town Council of such Borough, and such Council may thereupon, if they think fit, appoint from themselves a certain Number, not exceeding the Number appointed by the Board of Guardians, who shall, until they respectively cease to be Members of the Town Council or decline to act, forthwith form Part of the Assessment Committee for such Union, and the said Council may from Time to Time supply any Vacancies in the Number of Persons appointed by them.

Provision for Neglect to appoint.

4. If the Guardians shall neglect or be prevented from making such Appointment at the Meeting above specified, the Poor Law Board shall by their Order appoint some other Day on which the Guardians shall make such Appointment.

Provision for Vacancies.

5. If any *ex-officio* or elected Guardian being a Member of the Committee cease to be Guardian, or resign his Seat at such Committee, or die, or become incapable of acting as such Member, the Board of Guardians shall with all convenient Speed appoint an *ex-officio* or elected Guardian, as the Case may be, to supply the Vacancy.

Continuing Members may act during Vacancies.

6. During any Vacancy in any Assessment Committee the other or continuing Members of such Committee may act, and shall have the same Powers and Jurisdiction as if no such Vacancy had happened.

Extent of Committee's Authority.

7. The Authority of the Committee appointed for any Union under this Act shall extend over every Parish comprised in such Union.

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8. The Committee shall hold their First Meeting at the Board Room of the Union on a Day to be fixed by the Board of Guardians, and the subsequent Meetings of the Committee shall be holden at such Times and at such Place and upon such Notice and Requisition as they shall from Time to Time appoint; and any Guardian of the Union may be present at any Meeting of the Committee, but shall not be entitled to take part in the Proceedings thereof. First Meeting, when to be holden.

9. All Acts, Orders, Matters, and Things by this Act authorized or directed to be made or done by the Committee may be made or done by the major Part of the Members of such Committee who shall be present at a Meeting, the whole Number present together at such Meeting not being less than Three, and not less in any Case than One Third of the whole Number of which such Committee consists; and when upon any Question there shall be an Equality of Votes the presiding Chairman shall have a Second or Casting Vote. Quorum of Meetings.

10. The Committee shall employ the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Board of Guardians as their Clerk, with such Remuneration for his Services as the Poor Law Board shall sanction. Committee may employ and pay Clerk.

11. The Committee shall cause a Minute of their Proceedings, and of the Names of the Members who attend each Meeting, to be duly made from Time to Time in Books to be provided for that Purpose, which shall be kept by their Clerk, under their Superintendence, and every such Entry shall be signed by the presiding Chairman of the Assessment Committee present at the Meeting at which the Proceeding took place; and such Entry, purporting to be so signed, shall be received as Evidence in all Courts, and before all Judges, Justices, and others, without Proof of such Meeting having been duly convened or held, or of the Persons attending such Meeting having been or being Members of the Committee, or of the Signatures of the Members, all of which Facts shall be presumed until the contrary be proved; and all such Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of every Person rated to the Relief of the Poor in any Parish or Place in the Union, without any Fee being demanded for such Inspection; and all such Persons shall be entitled at all seasonable Times to take Copies or Extracts from the said Books, without paying any Fee for the same; and if, on Request made for that Purpose, the Clerk of the Committee refuse to permit any such Person to inspect any such Books, or to take Copies or Extracts therefrom, as aforesaid, such Clerk shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, upon a summary Conviction for the same before Two Justices of the Peace. Proceedings to be entered in Books, and signed; Such Entries Evidence. Books to be open to Inspection.

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Proceedings of Committees to be reported.

12. The Board of Guardians shall in the Month of *April* in every Year report the Proceedings of their Assessment Committee to the Poor Law Board.

Committee may require Returns from Overseers, &c.;

13. The Committee by their Order may from Time to Time require the Overseers, Assistant Overseers, Constables, Assessors, Collectors, and any other Persons having the Custody of any Books of Assessment of any Taxes or Rates, Parliamentary or Parochial, or of the Valuations of any Parish, or having the Collection or Management of any such Taxes or Rates, to make Returns in Writing to the Committee, at such Times and Places as they may appoint, of all such Particulars as they may direct in relation to such Taxes, Rates, or Valuations, or any Property included therein, so far as relates to the Union for which they act, and may require the Persons having the Custody of any such Books as aforesaid to make and transmit to the Committee Copies of or Extracts from such Books, or to permit such Copies or Extracts to be made by such Persons as the Committee may in that Behalf direct; and may from Time to Time require any Persons having the Custody of any such Books, or the Collection or Management of any such Taxes or Rates as aforesaid, to attend before them at a Time and Place to be mentioned in the Order in this Behalf, and to produce all parochial and public Books of Assessment, Rates, Rate Books, Valuations, Apportionments, Tithe and other Maps, Plans, Surveys, and other public Documents in their Custody or Power, and may examine all Persons who shall attend before them: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the Production of Valuations or Assessments which by any Provision of Law at present are not suffered to be made public.

and may require Production of Rates, &c., and examine Persons attending before them.

Overseers to prepare Valuation Lists.

14. Subject to any Order as herein-after referred to which may be made by the Committee, the Overseers of each Parish in the Union shall, within Three Calendar Months after the Appointment of such Committee, make a List of all the rateable Hereditaments in such Parish, with the annual Value thereof respectively in so much of the Form shown in the Schedule annexed to the Act Sixth and Seventh *William* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-six, as is set out in the Schedule to this Act; and unless such Overseers think that the Valuation then last acted upon in assessing the Rate for the Relief of the Poor correctly shows the full annual rateable Value of all such Hereditaments, they shall revise such Valuation, and such Overseers shall sign every List so made by them as aforesaid, and such List shall be styled "The Valuation List."

Definition of gross estimated Rental.

15. The gross estimated Rental for the Purpose of the Schedule to this Act shall be the Rent at which the Hereditament might reasonably

reasonably be expected to let from Year to Year, free of all usual Tenants Rates and Taxes, and Tithe Commutation Rentcharge, if any: Provided that nothing herein contained shall repeal or interfere with the Provisions contained in the First Section of the said Act (Six and Seven *William* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-six,) defining the net annual Value of the Hereditaments to be rated.

Committee may enlarge the Time for making Valuation Lists, and may give Directions concerning Valuations and Valuation Lists, and may appoint Persons to make the same.

16. The Committee by their Order may from Time to Time enlarge the Time within which the First Valuation Lists under this Act shall be made by the Overseers of all or any of the Parishes in the Union, and for ensuring a uniform and correct Valuation of every Parish in the Union may direct that any existing Valuation of the rateable Hereditaments in any Parish be revised, in whole or in part, or a new Valuation of such Hereditaments be made by the Overseers, or the Committee may, with the Consent of the Board of Guardians of the Union, after Notice shall have been sent to every Guardian thereof, in any Case appoint some Person for either of the Purposes aforesaid, and may direct such Person to make and sign the Valuation List instead of the Overseers, and every Valuation List so made and signed shall be delivered by such Person to the Overseers of the Parish to which the same relates.

Valuation Lists to be deposited for Inspection, and afterwards transmitted to the Committee.

17. The Valuation List for each Parish, made and signed by the Overseers, or delivered to them, as herein-before provided, shall be deposited by the Overseers in the Place in such Parish in which Rate Books are deposited or kept, and a Copy of such Valuation List shall be forthwith delivered to the Board of Guardians, and the Overseers shall give public Notice of the Deposit of such List on the *Sunday* next following the Deposit of such List, and such Notice shall be given in the same Manner, and all Persons assessed or liable to be assessed to the Relief of the Poor of such Parish shall have the like Right of inspecting, and of demanding and taking Copies of and Extracts from such List, as in the Case of a Poor Rate allowed by the Justices, and the Overseers shall, at the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the Time of the Notice given of the Deposit of such List, transmit the same to the Committee, and any Overseer or other Ratepayer within the Union shall have the Right of inspecting and taking Copies of and Extracts from any of the Lists so transmitted.

Objections to Valuation List.

18. Any Overseer or Overseers of any Parish in any Union who shall have reason to think that such Parish is aggrieved by the Valuation List of any Parish within such Union, or any Person who may feel himself aggrieved by any Valuation List on the Ground of Unfairness or Incorrectness in the Valuation of any Hereditaments included therein, or on the Ground of the Omission of any rateable Hereditament from such List, may at any Time after

the Deposit as aforesaid of such List, and before the Expiration of Twenty-eight Days after the Notice of the Deposit as aforesaid, give to the Committee and to the Overseers a Notice in Writing of his Objection, specifying the Grounds thereof, and where the Ground of any Objection shall be Unfairness or Incorrectness in the Valuation of any Hereditament in respect of which any Person, other than the Person objecting, is liable to be rated, or the Omission of such Hereditament, also give Notice in Writing of such Objection, and of the Ground thereof, to such other Person.

Committee to hold Meetings to hear Objections.

19. The Committee shall hold such Meetings as they may think necessary for hearing Objections to the Valuation Lists, and shall, Twenty-eight Days at least before holding every Meeting for hearing Objections to Valuation Lists, other than Meetings by Adjournment, cause Notice of such Meeting to be given to the Overseers of the several Parishes to which such Lists relate, and such Overseers shall, on the *Sunday* next following the Receipt of such Notice, publish the same in the Manner in which Notice of a Rate allowed by Justices is by Law required to be given, and the Committee may at any such Meeting hear and determine such Objections, or may from Time to Time adjourn any such Meeting, and adjourn or postpone the Hearing or further Hearing and Determination of any such Objections, and may, where they think fit, direct Notice of any such Objections to be given by the Overseers or by the Persons objecting to Third Parties before the further Hearing thereof; but the Committee shall not be required to hold a Meeting for hearing Objections to the Valuation List of any Parish, unless such Notice in Writing as herein-before mentioned of some Objection or Objections thereto have been given to the Committee; and where a Meeting is holden for hearing Objections to the Valuation List of any Parish, the Committee shall not hear any Objection to such Valuation List unless such Notice as aforesaid of such Objection have been given to the Committee and to the Overseers; and where the Ground of such Objection is Unfairness or Incorrectness in the Valuation of any Hereditament of any other Person than the Person objecting, or the Omission of such Hereditament, also to such other Person by the Person objecting, except where the Overseers, by themselves or any other Person on their Behalf, and in the Case aforesaid such other Person as aforesaid, by himself or any other Person on his Behalf, consent to the Hearing of such Objection, and in such Case the Committee may, if they see fit, hear the same; and where the Committee see fit to hear the same they shall act in relation thereto in like Manner as if Notice of such Objection had been duly given.

Board may direct further Valua-

20. The Committee may, whether any Objection be or be not made to any such Valuation List, and either before or after any Meeting

Meeting for hearing Objections, make such Alterations in the Valuation of any Hereditaments included in any Valuation List, and insert therein any rateable Hereditament omitted therefrom, and make such Corrections in Names, Descriptions, and Particulars in any Valuation List, and upon such Information, as to them may seem sufficient, and may, with the Consent of the Guardians as aforesaid, appoint or employ a Person to survey and value the rateable Hereditaments comprised in any such Valuation List or any of them, or omitted therefrom, or may take such other Means as they may think necessary for ascertaining the Correctness thereof; and when the Committee have heard and determined all such Objections as aforesaid, and have made such Alterations, Insertions, and Corrections in any Valuation List as to them may seem proper, they shall approve the same under the Hands of Three Members of the Committee present at the Meeting at which the same is approved, with the Date of such Approval.

tion, and correct Valuation Lists, and when corrected to approve the same.

21. Where the Committee make any Alteration in the Valuation of any Hereditaments included in, or insert therein any rateable Hereditament omitted from, any such Valuation List, they shall cause such Valuation List, with such Alteration or Insertion, to be deposited for Inspection in manner herein-before provided concerning the Valuation List made by or delivered to the Overseers, and shall cause the like Notice to be given of such Deposit as is required in the Case of a Valuation List so made or delivered as aforesaid, and shall appoint a Day, not less than Seven Days nor more than Fourteen Days from the Re-deposit of such Valuation List, for the Hearing of any Objections to the Valuation List as so altered; and when the Committee have heard and determined any such Objections, or have made such further Alterations, Insertions, and Corrections in such Valuation List, they shall approve the same in manner herein-before provided.

Valuation List when altered to be deposited, &c.

22. In case any Ratepayer shall under the existing Law appeal to the Special Sessions or Quarter Sessions against any Rate made for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, and the Result of such Appeal shall be to amend the Rate appealed against, the Assessment Committee shall alter the Valuation List of the said Parish in conformity with the Decision so made.

If on Appeal a Rate is amended the Valuation List to be altered.

23. Every Valuation List, when approved by the Committee, shall be delivered to the Overseers of the Parish to which the same relates, and shall be preserved at the like Place and in the like Custody, and be subject to the like Resort thereto, and be delivered over from Time to Time in like Manner, as the Books are wherein Rates

Custody, &c. of Valuation List after Approval.

Rates and Assessments for the Relief of the Poor for the same Parish are entered, and shall be produced by the Overseers before the Justices, upon Application, for the Allowance of Rates, and at the Special or General or Quarter Sessions when any Appeal is to be heard, and also at such Times and Places as the Committee may from Time to Time direct.

What shall be deemed Valuation Lists in force.

24. Every Valuation List approved by the Committee, and delivered to the Overseers of the Parish to which the same relates, shall, with and subject to the Alterations and Additions for the Time being made therein or thereto by any supplemental Valuation Lists so approved and delivered, be the Valuation List in force in such Parish, except in the Case of any Parish, as is herein-after referred to, in which the Poor Rate, or Assessment for the Poor Rate, is made under the Authority of a Local Act, until a new Valuation List in substitution for the same be approved and delivered in like Manner.

Overseers to prepare supplemental Valuation Lists in case of Additions to or Alterations in the rateable Property of the Parish.

25. When and so often as any Property not included in the Valuation List in force in any Parish becomes rateable, or where, by reason of any Alteration in the Occupation of any Property included in such List, such Property becomes liable to be rated in Parts not mentioned in such List as rateable Hereditaments and separately valued therein, and when and so often as it shall appear to the Overseers that any rateable Property included in such List has been increased or reduced in Value since the Valuation thereof, whether by Building, Destruction of Building, or other Alteration in the Condition thereof or otherwise, the Overseers of the Parish in each of the Cases aforesaid shall, as soon as conveniently may be, make a supplemental Valuation List showing the annual rateable Value according to the Judgment of the Overseers of the Property so become rateable, or of the Parts so become liable to be rated separately, or of the Property so increased or reduced in Value, as the Case may be.

Committee may from Time to Time direct new Valuation, and new or supplemental Valuation Lists.

26. The Committee by their Order may from Time to Time, where they see fit, upon the Application of any Person aggrieved by the Valuation List in force in any Parish, or where they themselves think the same expedient, direct a new Valuation of all or any of the rateable Hereditaments in such Parish, and a new Valuation List in substitution for such Valuation List as aforesaid, or a supplemental List in substitution for any Part thereof or in addition thereto, to be made by the Overseers, or the Committee may, with such Consent as aforesaid, appoint a Person for such Purposes; and the Committee may, in directing such new Valuation, and the making of such new or supplemental Valuation List, give and make all such or the like Directions

Directions and Provisions in relation thereto as they are authorized under this Act to give and make in relation to the Valuations and Valuation Lists first directed and authorized to be made under the Act.

This Act as to Valuation Lists first directed to be made to apply to new and supplemental Valuation Lists.

27. All the Provisions of this Act in relation to Signature, Deposit, Objections, Approval, and otherwise concerning the Valuation List first directed and authorized to be made under this Act of the rateable Hereditaments in any Parish shall be applicable to every new or supplemental Valuation List to be made under this Act.

After a Valuation List is approved no Rate to be allowed unless made according to such List.

28. In every Parish where a Valuation List under this Act has been approved and delivered to the Overseers, no Rate for the Relief of the Poor, or other Rate which by Law is required to be based upon the Poor Rate, shall be of any Force, unless the Hereditaments included in such Rate, except as herein-after provided, be rated according to the annual rateable Value thereof appearing in the Valuation List in force in such Parish; and instead of the Declaration required by the Second Section of the said Statute of the Sixth and Seventh Years of *William* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-six, the Overseers shall, before the Rate shall be allowed by the Justices, sign a Declaration according to the Form set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed: Provided always, that where by reason of any Alteration in the Occupation of any Property included in such List such Property has become liable to be rated in Parts not mentioned in such List as rateable Hereditaments, and separately rated therein, such Parts may, where a supplemental Valuation List showing the annual rateable Value of such Parts has not been approved and delivered as herein-before required, and whether such List has or has not been made, be rated according to such Amounts as shall be fair apportioned Parts of the annual rateable Value appearing in such Valuation List in force as aforesaid of the Hereditaments out of which such Parts have been constituted.

Provision for Places under Local Acts.

29. The Provisions of Section Twenty-eight shall not apply to any Poor Rate made by any Vestry, Trustees, Guardians, Commissioners, Overseers, or other Persons authorized by any Local Act to make the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, or the Assessment on which such Rate is made.

In computing Amount of Contributions to Common Fund the annual rateable Value to be taken from approved Valuation Lists.

30. When the Assessment Committee for any Union shall have approved Valuation Lists for all the Parishes comprised within such Union, the Guardians of such Union, in computing the Amount of Contribution to the Common Fund for the several Parishes, shall thenceforward take the annual rateable Value of the Property in such Parishes

Parishes respectively from the Valuation Lists for the Time being lastly approved of for such Parishes respectively, any Statute to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that in case any Parish comprised in any Union shall receive any Sum of Money as a Contribution in aid of the Poor Rate of such Parish, for or in respect of Government Property within such Parish and used for public Purposes, the annual Value of such Property, according to the Estimate (if any) of such Value on which the Amount of the Sum of Money so received is computed, or, if there be no such Estimate, then the annual Value of such Property, estimated in the Mode provided by the Act Sixth and Seventh *William* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-six, for making an Estimate of the annual rateable Value of Property liable to be rated to Rates for the Relief of the Poor, shall be included by the Overseer or Overseers in the Valuation List of such Parish, and shall be added to the annual rateable Value of the Property in such Parish in computing the Amount of Contribution to the Common Fund for the several Parishes in such Union.

Copy of Valuation Lists to be deposited in Board Room.

31. The Committee shall cause a Copy of the Valuation List for the Time in force for every Parish in the Union to be made and deposited at the Board Room or other convenient Place to be appointed by the Board of Guardians in the Custody of the Clerk, which Copy shall be open at seasonable Times to the Inspection of any of the Guardians of the Union, and of any Overseer of any Parish within the Union, without Charge, and of any Ratepayer within the Union on Payment of One Shilling, such Fee to be carried to the Account of the Common Fund.

Appeal against Valuation List.

32. If the Overseer or Overseers of any Parish in any Union shall have Reason to think that such Parish is aggrieved by the Valuation List of any Parish within such Union, whether it be on the Ground that the rateable Hereditaments comprised in the Valuation List of such Parish are valued at Sums beyond the annual rateable Value thereof, or on the Ground that the rateable Hereditaments comprised in the Valuation List of some other Parish in such Union are valued at Sums less than the annual rateable Value thereof, it shall be lawful for such Overseer or Overseers, with the Consent of a Vestry summoned for the Purpose of considering the Expediency of giving such Consent, to appeal to the Quarter Sessions for the County or Borough in which the greatest Number of Parishes belonging to the Union is situate, or, in case the Number of Parishes in any Two or more such Jurisdictions is equal to the Quarter Sessions for the County or Borough having Jurisdiction over the Parish in which the Workhouse of the Union is situate, at the Sessions to be holden after the Expiration of a Month after the Allowance of and Deposit of such Valuation

Valuation List as aforesaid, against such Valuation List of the Parish which shall appear to be over-valued or under-valued; and if in any Case any such Overseer or Overseers appeal against the Valuation List of any other Parish on the Ground that the rateable Hereditaments in such List are valued at less than the annual rateable Value thereof, such Overseer or Overseers shall give Fourteen clear Days Notice in Writing previous to the First Day of the said Quarter Sessions at which the Appeal is to be made of the Intention to appeal, and the Grounds thereof, to the Overseers of the Poor of such Parish, and to the Guardians of the Union comprising such Parish; and if any Overseer or Overseers of any Parish appeal against the Valuation List of such Parish on the Ground that the rateable Hereditaments in such List are valued beyond the annual rateable Value thereof, such Overseer or Overseers shall give Fourteen Days Notice in Writing previous to the Quarter Sessions at which the Appeal is to be made of the Intention to appeal, and the Grounds thereof, to the Guardians of the Union in which such Parish is situate, the said Court shall be empowered to hear and determine such Appeal, and either confirm such Valuation List, or correct such Irregularities or Inaccuracies as shall be proved to exist therein as to them may appear fair and just; but no such Valuation List shall upon such Appeal be quashed or destroyed in regard to any other Parish unless the Court deem it necessary to proceed to the making of an entire new Valuation List as herein-after provided.

Hearing and determining Appeals.

33. It shall be lawful for the Court of Quarter Sessions upon any such Appeal, instead of hearing the said Appeal, to adjourn the same, and to order, upon the Application of the Appellant or Respondent in such Appeal, a Survey or Valuation of any of the Parishes in respect of which such Appeal shall be made, and to fix the next or some subsequent Sessions for receiving such Survey or Valuation, and for hearing and determining such Appeal; and such Court shall also thereupon appoint a proper Person to make such Survey or Valuation, and the Person so appointed shall have Power, with or without Assistants, to enter upon and survey, measure, and value all the Hereditaments liable to be assessed to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor within the Parish or Parishes mentioned in such Order, and such Survey and Valuation shall be reported to the Quarter Sessions on Adjournment fixed as aforesaid for receiving the same, and the Court then and there assembled shall hear and determine the said Appeal in the Manner herein-before set forth.

Costs of Valuation and Appeal.

34. The Charges and Expenses of any such Survey and Valuation so ordered shall be deemed Costs in such Appeal, and abide the Event thereof, and the Court before which any such Appeal is heard and

and determined may order the Costs in and about the Appeal to be paid by either the Appellant or Respondent Party, as they in their Discretion may think fit; but where any Appeal is made on the Ground that the rateable Hereditaments of any Parish comprised in the Valuation List of such Parish are valued beyond the annual rateable Value thereof, if the Court on such Appeal determine in favour of the Appellants, such Court shall ascertain the Costs and Charges incurred by such Appellants in and about such Appeal, and shall order the Board of Guardians of the Union in which such Parish is situate to pay the same to the Appellants out of the Money raised for the Common Fund for the several Parishes in such Union.

Act not to prevent Composition for Rates.

35. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Owners of Tenements from compounding for the Rates to be assessed on the same, in such Manner as they were by any Statute or Statutes enabled to do before the passing of this Act.

Saving of Exemptions and special Rules of rating.

36. Nothing herein contained shall extend or be taken to render liable to be rated any Property, or any Person in respect of any Occupation not now by Law rateable of any Property, or to deprive any Property, or the Occupier of any Property, of the Benefit of any Exemption, in whole or in part, to which such Property or Occupier is now by Law entitled, from any Poor Rate or other Rate which by Law is required to be based upon the Poor Rate, or to render liable to be rated, according to the annual rateable Value thereof, any Property which under any Local Act or otherwise is entitled to be rated upon a fixed Amount, or according to any special or exceptional Principle of Valuation, whether such Property shall or shall not be included in any Valuation List in force under this Act, or shall in anywise affect the Provisions of "The *Cambridge* Award Act, 1856," or the Act of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria* relating to the Relief of the Poor in the City of *Oxford*.

Board may allow Compensation for Returns, &c. and Expenses.

37. The Committee may allow such Compensation for any Returns, Copies, or Extracts, or any Valuation, or Valuation List, or other Act, Matter, or Thing to be made or done in pursuance of their Order, and such Expenses connected therewith, as to the Committee in each Case seems just.

Remuneration to Clerk and certain Expenses of Committee to be paid out of Common Fund.

38. The Remuneration allowed by the Committee to their Clerk, and all Expenses incurred by them for the common Use and Benefit of the several Parishes within the Union for which they are appointed, shall be paid by the Guardians of the said Union, and be charged upon the Common Fund thereof.

39. The

Expenses of Valuation, &c. to be paid out of Poor Rates.

39. The Expenses of making any Valuation and Valuation List of any Parish, or any of such Expenses, whether such Valuation and Valuation List respectively be made by the Overseers, or by any Person appointed by the Committee, shall be charged upon the Poor Rates of such Parish if the Valuation made by Direction of the Committee shall exceed by One Sixth the Amount of the Valuation delivered to them by the Overseers, and upon the Common Fund of the said Union if the Valuation so made as last mentioned shall not exceed by One Sixth the Valuation so delivered as aforesaid.

Penalty for Non-attendance, &c., in obedience to Order of the Committee.

Injuring, &c. Rate Books a Misdemeanor.

40. Every Person who wilfully refuses to attend in obedience to any lawful Order of any such Committee, or to give Evidence, or refuses to produce any Rate Book, Assessment, or Valuation which may be lawfully required to be produced before such Committee, shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds upon a summary Conviction for the same before Two Justices of the Peace; and every Person who wilfully injures, defaces, conceals, or destroys such Rate Book, or who upon any Examination before any such Committee wilfully gives false Evidence, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Authentication and Service of Orders and Notices of the Committee.

41. Every Order and Notice made or given by the Committee under this Act may be in Writing or Print, or partly in Writing and partly in Print, and shall be sufficiently authenticated if signed by their Clerk, and may be served by the same or a Copy thereof being delivered personally or sent by the Post to the Party on or to whom such Order or Notice purports to be made or given, or by being delivered at his usual Place of Abode.

Service of Notices, &c. on the Committee.

42. Any Notice or Statement required to be served upon the Committee may be served by being left at the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Guardians, or sent through the Post Office, addressed to the Committee at such Clerk's Office, or by being delivered personally to their Clerk, or at his usual Place of Abode.

Provision as to Form of Poor Rate.

43. In every Parish, until a Valuation List has been approved, and delivered to the Overseers under this Act, every Rate made for the Relief of the Poor in such Parish shall be made in the Form and contain the Particulars required by the said Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of King *William* the Fourth; and after such Valuation List has been so approved and delivered, every such Rate, except in any Parish where the Poor Rate or the Assessment for the same is made under the Provisions of a Local Act as aforesaid, shall show the annual rateable Value of each Hereditament comprised therein, according to the Valuation List in force in such Parish.

44. All

Provisions concerning the Assessment, &c. of Poor Rates to be applicable to Rates made according to this Act.

44. All the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Clauses, and Regulations now in force relating to the Assessment, Collection, and levying of Poor Rates (save so far as the same are hereby repealed or altered) shall be good, valid, and effectual for the Purposes of assessing, levying, collecting, and enforcing the Payment of such Rate and for carrying this Act into execution.

Power for Unions under Gilbert's or Local Acts to be included in this Act.

45. And whereas there are divers Unions or Incorporations for the Relief of the Poor formed under Local Acts and under the Act of the Twenty-second Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter Eighty-three, which may desire to adopt the Provisions of this Act: Be it enacted, That any such Union or Incorporation, on Resolution to that Effect of a Majority, at Two successive Meetings of the Body, having under the Constitution of such Union or Incorporation the Management of the Relief of the Poor within the same, may, by Writing under the Hand of the presiding Chairman of the Second of such Meetings, apply to the Poor Law Board to be included in this Act; and such Union or Incorporation, upon the Consent of the Poor Law Board being given to such Application under its Seal, shall be so included; and such Consent so signified shall be Evidence that such Application was in all respects duly made according to the Provisions above mentioned; and such Regulations shall thereafter be made from Time to Time by the said Board, with the Consent of such Body, as may be necessary to render the Provisions of this Act conformable with the Provisions of the Act under which the said Union or Incorporation shall have been formed.

Extent of Act.

46. This Act shall extend only to *England*.

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SCHEDULE.

VALUATION LIST for [*the Parish or Place for which the List is made*] in the County of

Name of Occupier.	Name of Owner.	Description of Property.	Name or Situation of Property.	Estimated Extent.	Gross estimated Rental.	Rateable Value.

Signed this Day of

A.B.
C.D. } Overseers of the Poor of the Parish aforesaid.

DECLARATION TO BE ADDED TO THE RATE.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby declare that One of us, or some Person on our Behalf, has examined and compared the several Particulars in the respective Columns of the above Rate with the Valuation List made under the Authority of the Union Assessment Committee Act of 1862, in force in this Parish (*or* Township), and the several Hereditaments are, to the best of our Belief, rated according to the Value appearing in such Valuation List.

_____ } Churchwardens.
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_____ } Overseers.
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