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An Act to enable Boards of Guardians of certain Unions to obtain temporary Aid to meet the extraordinary Demands for Relief therein.

[7th *August* 1862.]

WHEREAS by reason of the closing of Mills and Factories in certain Parts of the Country great Numbers of the labouring and manufacturing Classes have been thrown out of Employment, and having become chargeable to the Unions and Parishes wherein they reside the Ratepayers within the same are likely to be subjected to very heavy and extraordinary Burdens, and it is expedient that Means should be afforded whereby temporary Relief may be rendered to such Ratepayers: 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,

Guardians may charge Cost of Relief in Parishes in excess of

1. If the Guardians of any Union situate wholly or in part within any of the Counties of *Lancaster*, *Chester*, or *Derby*, shall find that the Expenditure of any Parish comprised within such Union in and about the Relief of the Poor for the Quarter ending at *Michaelmas*

3*s.* in the Pound on the other Parishes in Union.

Michaelmas or *Christmas* next, shall have exceeded the Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound *per Annum* on the annual rateable Value of the Property of such Parish, the Excess shall be charged to the other Parishes in the Union in proportion to the Amount of the annual rateable Value of the Property comprised in such Parishes: Provided that if the Expenditure of any Parish for the Quarter ending at any of the Periods aforesaid, including its Proportion of any Excess charged upon it under this Act, shall exceed the said Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound *per Annum* on its annual rateable Value, all Expenditure of such Parish in and about the Relief of the Poor for that Quarter in excess of such Limit shall be charged in like Manner upon the remaining Parishes the Expenditure of which, including their Proportion of any Excess charged upon them under this Act, shall not have exceeded the Limit aforesaid, and so on *toties quoties* until the Sum charged upon each Parish shall amount to the Limit aforesaid, and then all Expenditure over and above that Limit shall be charged to the Common Fund of the Union.

Guardians may make extraordinary Calls.

2. The Guardians may from Time to Time make any Orders for Contributions from the several Parishes comprised in such Union for the Purposes of this Act, in addition to their ordinary Orders, and shall have the same Powers for enforcing such Orders as in the Case of the usual and ordinary Contributions.

If aggregate Expenditure of whole Union at Michaelmas or Christmas next shall exceed 3*s.* in the Pound on the rateable Value of the Property of the Union, Guardians may apply to Poor Law Board for Authority to borrow.

3. If the Guardians of any such Union shall find that the aggregate Expenditure in and about the Relief of the Poor of the whole Union for the Quarter ending at *Michaelmas* or *Christmas* next shall have exceeded the Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound *per Annum* on the annual rateable Value of the Property comprised within such Union, such Guardians may, by Resolution passed at a Meeting held after special Notice in Writing sent to every elected and *ex-officio* Guardian of the Union, apply to the Poor Law Board for Authority to borrow a Sum of Money sufficient to meet such Excess; and the Poor Law Board may, if they think fit, issue their Order accordingly; and thereupon the said Guardians may borrow such Sum, and shall charge the Common Fund of the Union with the Repayment of the same, by equal annual Instalments not exceeding Seven, and with the Payment of the Interest from Time to Time to accrue thereon.

Guardians of distressed Unions where the Expenditure shall have exceeded

4. If the Guardians of any such Union shall find that the aggregate Expenditure in and about the Relief of the Poor of the whole Union for the Quarter ending at *Michaelmas* or *Christmas* next shall have exceeded the Rate of Five Shillings in the Pound *per Annum* on the annual rateable Value of the Property comprised within such

such Union, such Guardians may apply to the Poor Law Board, and thereupon the Poor Law Board may, if they think proper, upon being satisfied that there has been such Excess of Expenditure as aforesaid, make a general Order upon the several Unions and Parishes under a separate Board of Guardians or Select Vestry in the County wherein such Union shall be situated to contribute a Sum of Money to meet the Excess, in proportion to the annual rateable Value of the Property comprised within such Unions and Parishes respectively; and the several Sums so apportioned shall be paid by the Guardians and Select Vestries of the said Unions and Parishes respectively out of the respective Common Funds of the said Unions, and from the Funds of the Guardians and Vestries of the said Parishes respectively, to the Treasurer of the Union on whose Behalf the said Order shall have been issued.

5s. in the Pound may apply to the Poor Law Board, who may apportion such Excess of Expenditure over the Unions in the County.

5. The Poor Law Board shall exclude from the Contribution any Union or such Parish as aforesaid where the Expenditure for the corresponding Quarter shall have exceeded the Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound *per Annum* on the annual rateable Value of the Property comprised in the said Union or Parish.

Power to the Poor Law Board to exclude the poorer Unions.

6. Where the Union applying for Aid shall extend into Two or more Counties, the Contribution in aid shall come from that County in which the greater Part of the Union shall be situated; and where the Union required to contribute shall be situated in Two or more Counties, it shall only contribute in that County in which the greater Part of it shall be situated.

Provision for the Cases of Unions in Two Counties.

7. After the making and issuing of any General Order for Contribution as aforesaid the Guardians of any Union or Parish or any Select Vestry upon whom the Order is made, and who have obeyed such Order, may elect One of their own Body to represent them at the Board of Guardians of the Union on whose Behalf such General Order has been made, and every Person so elected shall be entitled to act as a Guardian of such last-mentioned Union during the then current Quarter, but no such Person shall be entitled to vote in the Election of any Officer for that Union.

Where Parish contributes, the Guardians may elect a Member to represent them at Board of Guardians of Union aided.

8. No Order of the Poor Law Board shall be issued under the Authority of this Act after the First Day of *March* next, nor be liable to be removed into the Court of Queen's Bench on Certiorari or otherwise; nor shall any Order of the Guardians or Rate made to carry out the Provisions of this Act be questioned in any Court of Law on Certiorari or otherwise.

No Order of the Board to be issued after the First of March.

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How annual rateable Value of Property to be estimated.

9. For the Purposes of this Act the annual rateable Value of the Property within the several Parishes and Unions herein-before referred to shall be estimated in the Manner in which the same is required to be taken in computing the Amount of Contributions to the Common Fund by the Law in force for the Time being.

Interpretation Clause.

10. The several Words herein contained shall be construed in like Manner as in the Act of the Fourth and Fifth *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, and in the subsequent Acts extending and explaining the same, and all the Provisions contained therein now in force shall be applicable to this Act.

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