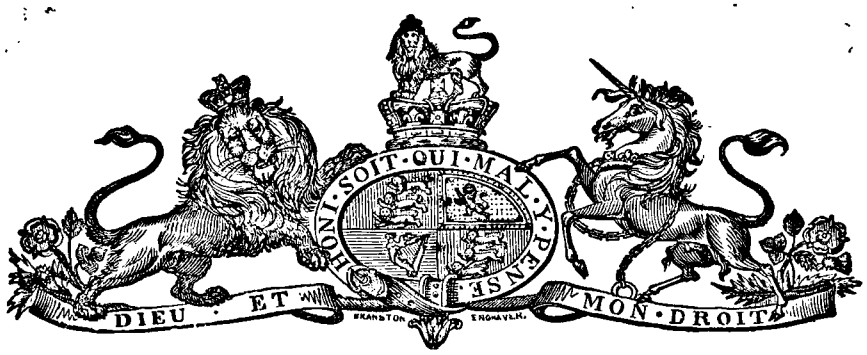


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CAP. XLVIII.

An Act to provide for the Relief of the Poor in the Forest of *Dean* and other Extra-parochial Places in and near the Hundred of *Saint Briavel's* in the County of *Gloucester*.

[9th *July* 1842.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor within the Extra-parochial Parts of Her Majesty's Forest of *Dean* and of the Hundred of *Saint Briavel's*, and of certain Extra-parochial Places near or adjacent to the said Hundred, in the County of *Gloucester*, as after mentioned: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual aud Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every the Extra-parochial Part and Parts of the Forest of *Dean* in the County of *Gloucester* lying Eastward of a Line drawn lengthways

The Forest of Dean divided into Two Townships,

by the Names of "East Dean" and "West Dean."

ways along the Centre of the Turnpike Road which enters the said Forest at or near *Viney Hill* along to *Deadman's Cross*, then following a Line drawn lengthways along the Centre of the Road from *Deadman's Cross* to *Black Pool Bridge*, then following the *Black Pool Brook* to *Fox's Bridge*, then following a Line drawn lengthways along the Centre of the Turnpike Road to the *Severn and Wye* Railroad near *Cannop Bridge*, then following a Line drawn along the Eastern Boundary of the said Railroad to where it quits the Forest near *Lidbrook*, shall from and after the passing of this Act become and be a Township under the Name of "*East Dean*;" and that all and every Extra-parochial Parts and Part of the said Forest of *Dean* lying Westward of the said Line, together with a certain Extra-parochial Place situate near *Lydney*, and adjoining the Parishes of *Lydney* and *Newland*, comprising a Wood called *Kidnolls* and other Lands now or late the Property of *Charles Bathurst* Esquire, shall from and after the passing of this Act become and be a Township under the Name of "*West Dean*."

Each of such Townships to maintain its own Poor as other Townships in England and Wales, and Overseers to be appointed.

II. And be it enacted, That each of the said Two Townships of "*East Dean*" and "*West Dean*" shall thenceforth and for ever, from and after the passing of this Act, maintain its own Poor, and for the Purposes of this Act be invested with such and the like Powers, Privileges, and Immunities, and be subject to the same Laws, Authorities, and Regulations, as other Townships in *England* and *Wales* maintaining their own Poor; and the Justices acting for the Districts in which such Townships are situate are hereby authorized and required to appoint yearly Four, Three, or Two substantial Householders as Overseers of the Poor for each of the said Townships of "*East Dean*" and "*West Dean*," at the same Time and in the same Manner as by Law is now required for the Nomination of Overseers of the Poor of Parishes or Townships of *England*; and such Persons so appointed shall be the Overseers of the Poor of such Townships.

East Dean Township shall be added to the Westbury-upon-Severn Union, and West Dean to the Monmouth Union; Guardians may be appointed for such Townships, and the Poor Law Commissioners to de-

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Poor Law Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, at such Time or Times as they shall deem most fitting and convenient, to add the said Township of "*East Dean*" to the *Westbury-upon-Severn* Union, and the said Township of "*West Dean*" to the *Monmouth* Union; and the said Poor Law Commissioners are hereby empowered to order and direct the Election of a Guardian or Guardians for each of such Townships, to act as Members of the Board of Guardians of such Unions respectively; and the said Commissioners are also hereby authorized to determine from Time to Time, by such Means as they shall deem proper, the Manner and Proportion in which each of the said Townships shall contribute to the common Fund of the Union to which it shall belong, and to the Purchase of any Stock, Goods,

Goods, or Materials, or to the Purchase or renting of any Lands or Tenements which shall have been or shall be hereafter purchased or rented, or to the Debts or Liabilities heretofore or which may hereafter be lawfully incurred by the Guardians of such Union under and by virtue of any Act of Parliament relating to that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, subject as in this Act is provided; and such Addition of the said several Townships shall have the same Effect and produce the same Consequences as in the Case of the Addition of a Parish to a Union under the Poor Law Amendment Act.

termine the Proportions in which they shall contribute to the common Fund of the Unions.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Poor Law Commissioners, by Order under their Hands and Seal directed to the Overseers of the Poor of either of the said Townships, to order and direct the said Overseers to appoint, and pay out of the Poor Rates of the said Townships respectively, One or more paid Officers, to make, assess, and levy the Poor Rates of the said Townships respectively, and to perform therein the Duties or any of them which Overseers of the Poor are or may be by Law required to perform; and the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to determine and declare the Duties and the Qualifications, and regulate from Time to Time the Salaries or Remuneration, of such Officers, and their Continuance in Office, and the Manner and Proportion in which such Salaries shall be paid from the Poor Rates of the Township for which the said Officers shall respectively be appointed to act.

Paid Officers may be appointed to make and levy the Rates.

V. And be it enacted, That as soon as a Rate for the Relief of the Poor for such Townships respectively has been made, and not less than One Half of such Rate in Amount shall have been collected, the Overseers of the said Townships respectively shall and they are hereby required immediately thereafter to certify under their Hands the Fact of such Collection to the Poor Law Commissioners, and such Overseers shall thenceforth be liable to observe and obey all Rules and Orders lawfully made or to be made on them by the Board of Guardians of the Union to which such Townships may respectively belong; and no Person resident in or belonging to either of the said Townships shall have any Right to Relief from either of the said Townships until the Overseers of the Poor of such Townships respectively shall have certified to the Poor Law Commissioners that a Rate has been made, and that not less than One Half of such Rate in Amount has been collected; and the said Poor Law Commissioners shall thereupon order and declare the Day from which such Relief shall commence.

As soon as a Rate has been made, and Half thereof collected, Overseers to certify Collection to the Poor Law Commissioners, and thenceforth be liable to the Orders of the Boards of Guardians.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Poor Law Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, to divide

The Hudnolls, Bearse, Fence, and Mawkins

Hazells to be divided into Two Districts, and annexed by the Poor Law Commissioners to the Parishes of Saint Briavel's and Hewelsfield.

divide Four other Extra-parochial Places situate in the said Hundred of *Saint Briavel's*, called respectively the *Hudnolls*, the *Bearse*, the *Fence*, and *Mawkins Hazells*, into Two Portions or Districts, each or either of such Portions or Districts containing respectively One or more, or a Part of One or more, of the said Four last-mentioned Extra-parochial Places, and being of such Extent respectively and bounded in such Manner as the said Poor Law Commissioners shall think fit; and the said Commissioners shall, by Order under their Hands and Seal, assign One of such Districts to the Parish of *Saint Briavel's*, and the other of such Districts or Portions to the Parish of *Hewelsfield* in the said Hundred and County; and each such District or Portion shall, from and after the Time of such Order coming into force, be and be deemed to be, for all the Purposes of the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and the Execution of the Laws in force relating to the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and of the Expenditure and Application of the Poor's Rates, and of the Duties and Powers of Overseers of the Poor, an integral Part of the Parish to which it may have been assigned, and shall become a Portion of the Union to which each such Parish does or may belong; and the said Poor Law Commissioners may make such Alterations in the Number of Guardians and the declared Averages of any Parish or Parishes constituting the Union or Unions in which the Parishes of *Saint Briavel's* and *Hewelsfield*, or either of them, may be included, as to the said Commissioners may seem fit, on account of the Addition or Annexation of such assigned Districts or Portions to such Parishes respectively.

Mailscot and a Place near the New Weir annexed to the Parish of English Bicknor.

VII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, and thenceforth for ever, a certain Extra-parochial Place called *Mailscot*, and a certain other Extra-parochial Place adjoining or near thereto, situate near *New Weir* in the said Hundred and County, bounded on the South and East by *Mailscot Wood*, on the North by the Parish of *Goodrich*, and on the West by the River *Wye*, shall be and be deemed to be, for all the Purposes of the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and the Execution of the Laws in force relating to the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and of the Expenditure and Application of the Poor Rates, and of the Duties and Powers of Overseers of the Poor, an integral Part of the Parish of *English Bicknor* in the said County; and

Walmore and Northwoods Green annexed to Westbury-upon-Severn.

Two other Extra-parochial Places, called respectively *Walmore* and *Northwoods Green*, in the said County, shall be and be deemed to be, for all the Purposes of the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and the Execution of the Laws in force relating to the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and of the Expenditure and Application of Poor Rates, and of the Duties and Powers of Overseers of the Poor, an integral Part of the Parish of *Westbury-upon-Severn* in

the said County; and the said Extra-parochial Place called *Mailscot*, and the said other Extra-parochial Place adjoining or near thereto, and herein-before mentioned, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, become a Portion of the Union to which the said Parish of *English Bicknor* does or may belong; and the said Extra-parochial Places called respectively *Walmore* and *Northwoods Green* shall, from and after the passing of this Act, become a Portion of the Union to which the said Parish of *Westbury-upon-Severn* does or may belong; and the Poor Law Commissioners may make such Alterations in the Number of Guardians or in the declared Averages of any Parish or Parishes constituting the Union or Unions in which the said Parishes of *Westbury-upon-Severn* and *English Bicknor*, or either of them, may be included, as to them may seem fit, on account of the Addition or Annexation of the said Extra-parochial Places to the said Parishes of *English Bicknor* and *Westbury-upon-Severn* respectively.

Orders of Poor Law Commissioners under this Act may be enforced in like Manner as other Orders.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any Order or Regulation of the Poor Law Commissioners authorized to be made or issued under or for the Purposes of this Act shall be enforced in the same Manner as any other Orders or Regulations of the said Commissioners may now or hereafter be by Law enforced, and shall be subject to the same or the like legal Incidents as such Orders are or may be by Law subject to.

Act not to affect the Registration of Voters for Members of Parliament.

IX. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect the Registration of Voters for Members of Parliament to take place in the present Year; and that so far as regards that Registration every List and Notice required by the "Act to amend the Representation of the People in *England* and *Wales*" shall be made out by and served upon the same Person or Persons, and shall be published in the same Place or Places, and in the same Manner, as if this Act had not been passed

General Saving of the Crown's Rights.

X. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Privilege, Prerogative, and Benefit (other than and except the Rights and Interests hereby expressly varied, barred, destroyed, or extinguished,) as She or They had or enjoyed in, to, out of, or from the said several Extra-parochial Townships, Districts, or Places herein-before mentioned, and every Part thereof respectively, before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had, held, or enjoyed in case this Act had not been passed.

Public Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

Act may be amended this Session.

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

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