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An Act for amending and rendering more effectual several Acts for better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Rates of the Parish of *Saint John of Wapping* in the County of *Middlesex*; and for more effectually paving, widening, and improving the Streets and other Places within and adjoining to the said Parish. [5th May 1812.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Their Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for erecting a new Parish, to be called The Parish of Saint John of Wapping, within the County of Middlesex*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch and Bedels, and better enlightening, paving, and cleansing the Streets and other Passages, and repairing the Highways within the Parishes of Saint John Wapping, Saint Paul Shadwell, the Hamlet of Ratcliffe, the Parish of Saint Ann, in the County of Middlesex, and the Precinct of Wellclose in the Liberty of the Tower of London*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for paving Wapping Street in the County of Middlesex, and the several Streets and Passages leading into the same, and for removing all Encroachments and Obstructions therefrom, and preventing the like for the future, and for opening a Passage from Hermitage Street into Nightingale Lane, and for paving such Passage, and the East Side of Nightingale Lane*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-second Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for explaining and amending Two Acts,*

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29 G. 2. c. 87.

11 G. 3. c. 21.

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one made in the Eleventh and the other in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty, for paving certain Streets in the Parishes of Saint John of Wapping, and Saint George, in the County of Middlesex, and for other Purposes, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to other Parts of the said Parishes; and also for opening certain Communications within the said Parish of Saint George: And whereas another Act was passed in the

22 G. 3. c. 35. Twenty-second Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John of Wapping in the County of Middlesex, and for providing a proper Workhouse and Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish, and for opening certain Communications and making certain Streets within the said Parish*: And whereas

23 G. 3. c. 32. an Act was passed in the Twenty-third Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John of Wapping, in the County of Middlesex, and for providing a proper Workhouse and Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish, and for opening certain Communications and making certain Streets within the said Parish*: And whereas the Provisions of the said Acts have in many respects been found defective and insufficient for the Purposes intended, and it is expedient that further and more effectual Powers should be granted for better paving, lighting, cleansing, and repairing the Streets and Highways within the said Parish, and the several Streets and Passages leading into the same; and for better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Rates therein: But as the above-mentioned Purposes cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, and Six or more of the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, or the major Part of them assembled at any of their Meetings to be held in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Fifth and Sixth of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, to elect and appoint, from Time to Time, one or more Person or Persons to be a Collector or Collectors of the Rates authorized to be made, collected, and levied by virtue of the said last recited Act, and to take such Security from the Person or Persons so elected and appointed, as the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers, and Inhabitants, or the major Part of them, shall think proper, for the due Execution of such Office or Offices, and from Time to Time to remove such Collector or Collectors, and appoint another or others in the Room or Stead of such Collector or Collectors as shall be so removed, or in the Room and Stead of any Collector or Collectors who shall die, or discontinue, or resign his or their Office or Offices; and that the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers, and Inhabitants, shall and may, out of the Monies arising and authorized to be raised and collected by the said last recited Act, allow or pay to such Collector or Collectors, from Time to Time, such Salaries or other Allowances as they the said Rector, Churchwardens, Overseers, and Inhabitants, or the major Part of them, shall judge necessary and proper, for his or their Trouble in the Collection of the said Rates.

For appointing Collectors of the Rector's and Church Rates,

and allowing Salaries.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar, or other Person selling or dealing in Spirituous or other Liquors, shall knowingly and willingly harbour or entertain in his or her House, Cellar, Shop, or Habitation, any Constable, Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman, belonging to the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, or permit or suffer any such Constable, Headborough, Beadle, or Watchman, to remain in such his or her House, Cellar, Shop, or Habitation, during any Part of the Time appointed for their being on Duty, as Part of the Nightly Watch by the Trustees for putting in Execution the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, every such Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar, or other Person as aforesaid, shall, for the first Offence, (being thereof duly convicted,) forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings; and for the Second and every other Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; which Penalties shall be recovered and applied in the same Manner as all Penalties are directed to be recovered and applied (except those particularly disposed of) by the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second.

Victuallers not to harbour the Constables, &c. during the Time appointed for watching.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons other than the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, appointed for carrying into Execution the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, as far as the same relates to the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, or those employed under such Contractor or Contractors, shall, on any Pretence whatever, go about to collect or gather, or shall ask for, receive, or carry away any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, or Soil, from any House or other Premises in any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Alley, Yard, or Place, within the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, under the Management of the said Trustees, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and he and they is and are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to issue his or their Summons, requiring the Offender or Offenders to appear before him or them, and to grant a Warrant or Warrants to bring before him or them such Offender or Offenders; and it shall also be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed, to seize, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in seizing the Offender or Offenders, together with the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made for carrying the same away, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant or Authority, to convey him, her, or them, before such Justice or Justices, and such Justice or Justices shall, and he and they is and are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to examine upon Oath the Person or Persons apprehending such Offender or Offenders, or any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear to give Information or Evidence touching such Offence, and on the Party or Parties so appearing before him or them, to enquire into the Matter of Complaint; and if the Party or Parties shall be convicted on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, of going about to collect or gather, asking for, receiving, or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, or Soil, from any House or Premises in or from any Square, Street, Lane, Court, Alley, Yard, or Place, under the Management of the said Trustees, not being the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees, or acting under his or their

For preventing Ashes being taken away by any Person but the Contractor.

their Authority, he, she, or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, one Moiety of such Penalty or Penalties to be paid to the Informer or Informers, or to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend the Offender or Offenders, and the other Moiety to the said Trustees; and if such Offender or Offenders shall not immediately upon such Conviction pay the said Penalty or Penalties, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to direct any such Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which shall have been so seized, to be appraised and sold, and after deducting (out of the Monies to arise by such Sale) the Penalty or Penalties incurred, together with the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of such Distress and Sale, the Overplus thereof shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Horses or other Things shall be appraised and sold; and in case there shall have been no such Seizure as aforesaid, or if the said Horses, Asses, Cattle, or the Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which shall be so appraised and sold, shall not produce a sufficient Sum of Money to pay the said Penalty or Penalties, Costs, Charges, and Expences, then if such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon such Conviction, pay the said Penalty or Penalties, or such Part or Parts of the said Penalty or Penalties, Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall remain over and above the Produce of the said Horses, Asses, or other Cattle, or the said Carts and other Things so seized and sold, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Middlesex*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Forty Days, unless such Penalty or Penalties, Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be sooner paid and satisfied: Provided always, nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent or hinder the removing or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, or Soil, from or out of the *London Docks*, or to prevent or hinder the removing or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, or Soil, occasioned by the carrying on and exercising any Trade, Manufacture, or Business whatsoever, of which the Owner or Owners shall have heretofore made any Profit, Benefit, or Advantage, or extend to prevent or hinder the Owner or Owners of such Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, and Soil, from carrying away the same for his, her, or their own Use, but not for Sale.

Paupers to be removed by Beadles instead of Overseers.

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any poor Person or Persons, or any Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be by an Order of Removal under the Hands and Seals of any Two or more Justices of the Peace, to be removed from the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, to the Place or Parish of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, or any Five or more of them (if they shall think fit), to cause such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, to be respectively removed, in the usual Manner of removing Paupers and Vagrants, by a Beadle or by some other Person or Persons, to be by the said Churchwardens, Overseers, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them, appointed for that Purpose by Writing under their Hands; and every Overseer and other proper Officer of the Place or Parish to which such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be so ordered to be removed as aforesaid, is and are hereby required to receive every such poor Person

son or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he, she, or they would have been bound to do if such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, had been delivered to him, her, or them, by one of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*.

V. And whereas divers Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, are let at small Rents, or to weekly or monthly Tenants, or are entirely let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or are let ready furnished, and the Collection of the Poor, Rector's, Church and Watch Rates on such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is attended with much Difficulty, and is frequently evaded, so that much Loss has on that Account been sustained by the Rest of the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That when the yearly Rent or Value of any House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, within the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, or where any House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, (whatever the yearly Rent or Value may be), shall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, or at a Rent which shall become payable and be collected at any shorter Period than a Quarter of a Year, or shall be let out ready furnished, or in Lodgings or in separate Apartments either furnished or unfurnished, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, or any Five or more of them, if they shall think proper, to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every or any such House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, in the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, which shall be made by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, the Twenty-ninth Year of King *George* the Second, and the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Years of King *George* the Third, and with any of the People called *Quakers*, for the Poor Rates and Watch Rates only, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them as aforesaid, shall think reasonable, so that no such House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, be rated at less than Two Thirds or more than Four Fifths of the Rack Rent at which the same shall then be let, or of the annual Value of the said Premises respectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of all and every such House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, as shall not exceed the yearly Rent of Twenty Pounds, and of such as shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or from whence the Rents shall become due and be collected at any shorter Period than a Quarter of a Year, and of such as shall be let out ready furnished, or in Lodgings or separate Apartments furnished or unfurnished, is and are hereby required to enter into such Composition with the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them as aforesaid; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall refuse or object to enter into such Compositions, or the said Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, and the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall not agree as to the Amount of such Composition as aforesaid, then such Landlord or Land-

For better Recovery of Rates on Houses let at small Rents, &c.

lords, Owner or Owners, shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated and assessed to, and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid the several Rates or Assessments charged upon the respective Premises for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping* made as aforesaid, unto the Collector or Collectors for the Time being of such Rates and Assessments, or unto any other Person or Persons appointed by the said Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them, by Writing under their Hands to receive the same; and such Collector or Collectors, Person or Persons, is and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive and collect the same, and upon Non-payment thereof, or of any Part thereof, to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of the respective Premises aforesaid, wheresoever they shall be found, or of the Person or Persons inhabiting or occupying the same respectively: Provided always, that no such Landlord, or Owner, shall be charged with or be liable to pay for any increased Rent reserved or made payable to him, her, or them, for or on account of any such Landlord or Owner having agreed to pay the several Rates or Assessments heretofore chargeable upon the respective Occupiers of such Premises; and where any House, Tenement, Hereditament, or other Premises, shall be let out in Lodgings or separate Apartments, or ready furnished, the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of such Premises, shall be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and shall be rated to, and pay the Rates or Assessments in respect of such Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor, and all other the Parochial Rates and Assessments of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, made as aforesaid.

When Goods not to be distrained, Action to be brought.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such Rate or Assessment upon any such Landlord or Owner shall be recovered by Distress upon the Goods of any such Landlord or Owner, out of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, unless the same shall have been removed from the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, within Thirty Days; but such Poor, Rector's, and Church Rate and Rates, Assessment and Assessments, shall be recovered by Action of Debt, to be brought by or in the Name of One of the Churchwardens, or by or in the Name of the Vestry Clerk for the Time being of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, and such Watch Rate and Rates, Assessment and Assessments, shall also be recovered by Action of Debt, by or in the Name of the Treasurer or the Clerk for the Time being to the Trustees for lighting, watching, and cleansing the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*; and which Action or Actions respectively shall not abate or be discontinued by the Death, Resignation, or Expiration of Office of the said Churchwardens, Vestry Clerk, Treasurer, or Clerk respectively, but shall be continued by their and each of their Successor or Successors, as if the Action had been brought by him or them.

Rates recovered of Tenants to be repaid by Landlords.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, Hereditaments, or Premises, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Poor and other Rate and Rates, Assessment and Assessments, of or upon which the Land-

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lord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, is or are hereby made subject or liable to pay and discharge as aforesaid, shall be subject and liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of such and so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof, which accrued and became due upon the said Premises during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only, and all reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending thereupon, and that each and every Occupier who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any Arrears thereof, as ought to have been paid by his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods or Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may from Time to Time deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them, to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords so letting out the same, unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and the Tenant; and the Receipt and Receipts for such Payment or Payments shall be a sufficient Discharge to every such Occupier, and to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall have so paid, or which shall have been so levied on his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, in pursuance of this Act, and shall be allowed by such Landlord or Landlords of such Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Part or in full Payment, as the Case may be, of the Rent due or to become due to him, her, or them, from such Occupier or Occupiers as aforesaid: Provided always, that no such Tenant or Occupier shall be liable or subject to, or be required to pay for or in respect of such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, or any Arrears thereof, or for or in respect of any such Costs, Charges, and Expences, any Sum or Sums of Money beyond the Amount of the Rent which shall be then actually due in respect of the said Premises, from him, her, or them respectively, to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of the Premises so occupied by him, her, or them.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, Land, Warehouse, Shop, Dock, Hereditament, or Premises, within the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, and the several Districts under the Jurisdiction or Management of the Commissioners appointed for putting in Execution the said recited Acts of the Eleventh and Twenty-second Years of King *George* the Third, before any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made by virtue of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts shall be paid; or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, Land, Warehouse, Shop, Dock, Hereditament, or Premises, out of and from which any other Person shall have so removed before Payment of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoccupied, then the Person or Persons so removing out of or from, or quitting the Possession, and the Person entering into the Possession or Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, Land, Warehouse, Shop, Dock, Hereditament, or Premises, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of every such Rate or Rates, or Assessment or Assessments as aforesaid, in Proportion to the Time such Person or Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person or Persons so removing or quitting as aforesaid, had remained in the Possession and Occupation of such House,

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House, Building, Tenement, Ground, Land, Warehouse, Shop, Dock, Hereditament, or Premises, or the Person or Persons so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed, which Proportion, in case of Dispute, shall be ascertained by any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*.

Recovery of Rates from Persons removing.

IX. And whereas it may happen that many Persons liable to, and who may be rated and assessed to the Poor and other Rates, by virtue of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts, may, before the Payment of the Sum or Sums which may be rated or assessed on them respectively, quit, leave, and remove out of their Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Docks, Coach-houses, Stables, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other Premises; be it therefore enacted, That when any Person or Persons who hath or have been, or shall or may hereafter be rated and assessed to any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts, shall remove out of or from, or quit, or be about to remove out of or from, or to quit the Possession of his, her, or their Lands, Grounds, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Docks, Coach-houses, Stables, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other Premises, before he, she, or they shall have paid such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, charged thereon respectively, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same or any Part thereof, when due and demanded by the Collector or Collectors, or any other Person or Persons authorized and appointed to receive the same, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Collector or Collectors, or any other Person or Persons, as aforesaid, or any One of them, (Oath being made by him or them that he or they hath or have Cause or Reason to suspect that such Person or Persons is or are removing or about to remove, or hath or have removed his, her, or their Goods and Chattels), by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and required to grant); and in case such Person or Persons shall have removed, such Warrant, being first backed or countersigned by some Justice of the Peace or Magistrate of the County, City, or Liberty to which such Person or Persons shall have removed, (which Warrant such Justice of the Peace or Magistrate is hereby required to back or countersign), to distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates or Assessments, or any or either of them, or any Part thereof, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus, if any, after having deducted the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Distress and Sale, upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively.

Omissions in Rates may be rectified.

X. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, Trustees, and Commissioners aforesaid respectively, or to any Five or more of them, at any Time after making of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made by virtue of any of the herein-before recited Acts, that the Name or Names of any Person or Persons liable to be included in such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, hath or have been omitted therein, or the Sum or Sums which he, she, or they ought to have been assessed, hath or have been omitted to be carried out, it shall be lawful for the said Churchwardens, Overseers

Overseers of the Poor, Trustees, and Commissioners respectively, or any Five or more of them, to add or cause to be added to such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, the Name or Names of the Person or Persons, together with the Sum or Sums so omitted to be carried out; and every such Addition made to any of the said Rates or Assessments shall be as valid and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been inserted in the said Rates or Assessments at the Time the same were first made, signed, or allowed.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall happen that any Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Husbands, Females, Covert, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, or any other Person or Persons interested in any Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate on the North and South Sides of a certain Street commonly called *Wapping Street*, as far as the same extends from *Hermitage Bridge* to a certain Alley, commonly called *Frying Pan Alley*, on the South Side of the said Street, and to a certain Opening or Place commonly called *Prufons Island*, on the North Side of the said Street, which the Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of King George the Third, commonly called *The Commissioners of Wapping Pavement*, or any Nine or more of them, shall think necessary to be purchased for widening *Wapping Street* aforesaid, and for rendering the same more useful and commodious, and also for clearing the same from Projections and other Obstructions, (upon Notice in Writing under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Nine or more of them, for the Time being, to him, her, or them given, or left at the respective Dwelling Houses or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, or of the Head Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or at the House of the Tenant in Possession of such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or by affixing the same on some conspicuous Part of or near the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments), shall neglect or refuse, by the Space of Twenty Days after such Notice so given, left, or affixed as aforesaid, to treat and contract with the said Commissioners, or any Nine or more of them as aforesaid, or with any Person or Persons authorized by them, or any Nine or more of them as aforesaid, for the absolute Sale of their respective Interests therein, or shall not agree in the Premises, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premises, or if the Person or Persons so entitled to any such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall not be known or discovered, or by reason of Absence or Disability shall be prevented from treating, contracting, and agreeing, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, directed to the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex*, or his Under Sheriff, or in case such Sheriff or Under Sheriff shall be in anywise interested in the Matter in question, to One of the Coroners of the said County not interested therein, to impanel, summon, and return, and such Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner, is and are hereby authorized, directed, and required accordingly to impanel, summon, and return a competent Number of substantial

Persons refusing to sell Houses, &c. to Commissioners of Wapping Pavement.

A Jury to be summoned, to settle the Value.

tial and disinterested Persons, not less than Forty-eight, nor more than Seventy-two, qualified according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, to be returned for Trials of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, to appear before the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, at such Time and Place as by such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed, and for Default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen appearing, such Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can be speedily procured, to attend that Service, and out of such Persons so impanelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve shall be drawn by some Person to be appointed by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them; and all Parties concerned shall and may have their respective lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at Liberty to challenge the Array; and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, by Precept or Precepts, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought proper or necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses before them, on his, her, or their Oath or Oaths, touching and concerning the Premises, and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, if they shall think fit, shall and may likewise order and authorize the said Jury to view the Premises in question, in such Manner as they shall direct, and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall have Power to adjourn such Meeting from Day to Day, as Occasion shall require, and to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties, to attend until all such Affairs for which they were summoned shall be concluded; and the said Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as also the Oaths to such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, are hereby empowered to administer) shall enquire into the true Value of all such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or the Nature of the Damage done thereto, and shall assess the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or the Damage done thereto as aforesaid, and the Price or Recompence to be awarded for the same, and shall marshal the same between the Parties having any Interest therein, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, in such Manner as they shall judge proper; and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall and may give Judgment that the Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed be the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of such respective Estates and Interests therein, and Damages sustained, which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgment or Determination thereupon pronounced, (Notice in Writing under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them for the Time being as aforesaid, at least Ten Days previous to such Meeting, declaring the Time and Place of Meeting, being first given to the Person or Persons interested or claiming so to be, or to be affected by such Verdict or Verdicts, Determination or Judgment, or left at the respective Dwelling Houses or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, Head Officer or Officers, Tenant or Tenants in Possession as aforesaid, or affixed in some conspicuous Part of or near the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid,) shall be final, binding, and conclusive, as to the Value of and Damages sustained in such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds,

Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to all Intents and Purposes, against all and every the said Party or Parties, his, her, or their Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and all Persons claiming any Title or Interest in the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Thing thereunto belonging or appertaining, in Fee Simple or Fee Tail, for Life or Lives, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, or otherwise, and against Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Females Covert, Persons beyond the Seas, and under any other Disability whatsoever, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Ecclesiastical or Civil, and their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and all others claiming by, from, for, or under him, her, or them, or any of them, and also against all other Person or Persons whomsoever.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Jury or Juries to be summoned and sworn pursuant to the Authority of this Act, shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for more Monies, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for the Right, Interest, or Property of any Person or Persons in any such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for any such Damages as aforesaid, than shall have been agreed to be given and offered for the same by the said Commissioners, or any Nine or more of them, before the summoning and returning of such Jury or Juries, then and in such Case the Costs, Charges, and Expences of summoning and maintaining the Jury and Witnesses for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be paid by the said Commissioners, out of the Money to be raised by the Rates for paving *Wapping Street* aforesaid; but if any Jury or Juries so summoned and sworn as aforesaid, shall give in a Verdict or Assessment for no more, or for less Monies as such Recompence and Satisfaction as aforesaid, than shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Commissioners, or any Nine or more of them, as aforesaid, for the same, before the summoning and returning of the said Jury or Juries, then the Costs, Charges, and Expences of summoning and maintaining such Jury and Witnesses shall be paid by the Person or Persons with whom the said Commissioners shall have had such Controversy or Dispute; which said Costs, Charges, and Expences, having been settled by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner of the said County of *Middlesex* (which said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner, is and are hereby required and empowered to examine and settle the same), shall and may be deducted out of the Money so adjudged or assessed, as so much Money advanced to and for the Use of the Person or Persons entitled to such Money so adjudged, and Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Monies shall be deemed and taken to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so adjudged or assessed, or otherwise such Costs, Charges, and Expences may and shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Person or Persons with whom the said Commissioners shall have had such Controversy or Dispute, together with the reasonable Charges attending such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners: Provided always, that where by reason of Absence any Person shall be prevented from treating, the whole of such Expences shall be paid by the said Commissioners.

Expences of Juries how to be paid.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall have Power from Time to Time to impose any reasonable Fine not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds on the said Sheriff

Power to fine Sheriffs, &c. for not attending.

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of the County of *Middlesex*, or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents respectively, and on the Coroners of the said County, making Default in the Premises, and also on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries, who shall not appear, without some reasonable or sufficient Excuse, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury or Juries, or being so sworn shall not give his or their Verdict; and also on any Person or Persons who shall be summoned to give Evidence touching any of the Matters aforesaid, and shall not attend, after being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum of Money for his, her, or their Costs, without some reasonable or sufficient Excuse, or who shall refuse to be sworn, or who being sworn shall refuse to give his, her, or their Evidence; and on any other Person or Persons who shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his, her, or their Duty in the Premises, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and from Time to Time to levy such Fine or Fines by any Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with the reasonable Charges attending such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner or Owners; and all such Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, to be applied in Aid of the Rates for paving *Wapping Street* aforesaid.

Penalty on giving false Evidence.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and singular Person or Persons who shall wilfully and corruptly swear falsely in any Examination to be taken by virtue of this Act, shall be subject to such Penalties and Disqualifications as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Verdicts to be registered.

XV. And be it further enacted, That a Memorial of all such Verdicts, Judgments, Sentences, Decrees, and Orders, of the said Commissioners and Juries, as relate to or concern any such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased, shall be entered in the Office for registering Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other Incumbrances, within the County of *Middlesex*; and the said Verdicts, Judgments, Sentences, Decrees, and Orders, shall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and the same or true Copies thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever; and all Persons shall and may have Recourse to the same, upon paying the Sum of One Shilling and no more for each Search, and take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy the accustomed Fee.

Copies good Evidence.

Houses, &c. to vest absolutely in Commissioners upon their either paying, tendering, or depositing the Value of the Houses, &c. or Compensation for Damages.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Sum or Sums of Money agreed for or awarded or assessed as aforesaid, to the Party or Parties respectively entitled to such Monies, or to their Agent or Agents, or upon depositing the same in the Bank of *England* (as the Case may be) in Manner in this Act directed and required, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and in Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively, or to whose Credit or Use the same shall have been paid in, to, or out of such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Commissioners, in Trust, for widening *Wapping Street* aforesaid, and for rendering the same more useful and commodious, and for clearing the same from Projections and other Obstructions as aforesaid, and

and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin and Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Person having an Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale inrolled, Feoffment with Livery and Seisin, Fine, Common Recovery, Surrender, or any other Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever; and such Payment, Tender, or Deposit, shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of the Person or Persons to whose Use or Credit such Payment, Tender, or Deposit shall have been made as aforesaid, but also shall extend to, and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue of such Person or Persons, and every Person claiming under them, as effectually as a Fine or Recovery would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury, and ordered and adjudged by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to be paid to the Owners, Occupiers, and others, for their respective Interests in the Premises aforesaid, shall not be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same, or deposited in the Bank of *England* in Manner in this Act directed by the said Commissioners, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint as herein-before directed, within Six Calendar Months after the same shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged, then and in such Case the Verdict of the said Jury, and the Order and Adjudication of the said Commissioners, shall not be binding upon the said Parties; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

If Money not returned, the Verdicts and Judgments not to be binding.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for any Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, or this Act, or either of them, for the Purposes aforesaid, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the said Commissioners, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in

Application of Compensation Money, if amounting to 200l.

the Purchase of other Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, so hereby authorized to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application where the same shall be less than 200l. and not less than 20l.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Five or more of the said Commissioners, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising therefrom, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application if the same be under 20l.

XX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes as aforesaid, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think

think fit, or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be so agreed to be paid, or awarded or assessed as aforesaid, shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or to any Five or more of them, or to make and execute, or procure to be made and executed, good, valid, and legal Conveyances thereof, or shall refuse so to do being thereto required; or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so agreed to be given, or awarded or assessed as aforesaid, cannot be found; or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not known or discovered; then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so agreed to be given, or awarded or assessed, as the Value of and Purchase Money for the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, or Hereditaments, or in Recompence for any such Damage as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Party or Parties interested in the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*describing them*], subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the same Court of Chancery, which said Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be, and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding, or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, or to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest, of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what Premises and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid.

In case of not making out Titles;

or if Persons cannot be found; the Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank,

subject to the Order of the Court of Chancery on Motion or Petition.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, to be purchased as aforesaid; or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, at the Time

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title to Money to be paid, the Person who shall be in Possession of the Lands, &c. shall be entitled.

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of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends and Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the same Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Court of Chancery may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Commissioners.

XXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation or Corporations, entitled to any Houses, Lands, Grounds, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, or this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, Buildings, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses, in pursuance thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expence of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty or this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Commissioners, out of the Monies to be received by virtue of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Conveyances by Femes Covert inrolled to be effectual.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Conveyance of any such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, or Hereditaments, by any Feme Covert, or of the Estate or Interest of any Feme Covert therein, to the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, by Bargain and Sale acknowledged by such Feme Covert, and to be inrolled in the said High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months after the making thereof, shall as effectually and absolutely convey the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Estate and Interest of such Feme Covert in the Premises, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could do if levied or suffered thereof in due Form of Law.

Tenants to quit.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners or any Person authorized by them, or any Five or more of them, shall, after any Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be purchased as aforesaid, give Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing, to all or any of the Tenants at Rack Rent, or Occupiers of such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to quit or deliver up the Possession thereof, then every such Tenant or Occupier shall, at the End of every such Six Calendar Months, peaceably and quietly deliver and yield up the Possession of the said Premises so by him, her, or them respectively held or occupied, whether upon Demise, Lease, or otherwise, to the said Commissioners,  
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or to any Person or Persons who shall be appointed by them, or any Five or more of them, to take Possession thereof, reasonable Satisfaction being made to such Person or Persons for the same, such Satisfaction (in case of Disagreement respecting the same) to be settled and ascertained by a Jury as is herein mentioned in Cases of Sale; and all Leases, Demises, or Agreements, for renting or holding the same at Rack Rent or otherwise theretofore made, shall, from the End of the said Six Calendar Months, be absolutely void and of none Effect as against the said Commissioners; and in case any such Tenant or Tenants, or Person or Persons so in Possession as aforesaid, after such Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, shall refuse to give such Possession as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, to deliver Possession of the Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver such Possession accordingly of the said Premises, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the Issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage or Mortgages on such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not being in Possession thereof by virtue of such Mortgage or Mortgages, shall, on Tender of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, together with the Amount of Six Calendar Months Interest on the said Principal Money, by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, immediately convey, assign, and transfer such Mortgage or Mortgages to the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint in Trust for them; or in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall have Notice in Writing from the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the said Mortgage or Mortgages, at the End or Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving such Notice, that then at the End of the said Six Calendar Months, on the Payment of the Principal and Interest then due, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall convey, assign, and transfer his, her, or their Interest in the Premises to the said Commissioners, or such Person or Persons as they or any Five or more of them shall appoint, in Trust for them; and in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees shall refuse to convey, assign, and transfer as aforesaid, on such Tender or Payment, that then all Interest on every such Mortgage shall from thenceforth cease and determine.

Mortgages to be assigned on Tender of the Principal and Interest.

On Refusal, Interest to cease.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Sum due upon any such Mortgage or Mortgages, with all Interest due thereon, shall amount to more than the real Value of the Premises to be ascertained and directed by this Act, then the said Commissioners shall not be liable to pay to the Mortgagee or Mortgagees more than such real Value of such Premises ascertained as aforesaid.

Commissioners not to pay to Mortgagees more than the real Value of the Premises.

Upon Payment of Principal and Interest into the Bank, Premises to vest in the Commissioners.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on any such Mortgages aforesaid, together with Six Calendar Months further Interest on the said Principal Money, where no Notice shall have been given to such Mortgagee or Mortgagees as herein-before mentioned, or upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on any Mortgage as aforesaid (where such Notice shall have been given) into the Bank of *England* at the End of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving such Notice as aforesaid, for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give a Receipt or Receipts for the said Money, in like Manner as is herein-before directed in Cases of other Payments into the Bank; and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand of the said Mortgagee or Mortgagees, and of all and every Person and Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, shall vest in the said Commissioners, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Premises comprized in such Mortgage or Mortgages, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Monies to be paid or tendered before Use made of the Premises.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money, or other Consideration, Recompence, or Satisfaction, to be paid or made pursuant to any such Agreement or Verdict as aforesaid, or in Discharge of any such Mortgage, shall be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same; and in case of Refusal to accept the same, shall be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Names of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or in the Name or Names of any Person or Persons appointed by them for that Purpose, in Trust for such Person or Persons as shall be entitled to receive the same, before the said Commissioners shall proceed to take down any House or Houses, or other Erections or Buildings, or to use the Ground or Land for any of the Purposes aforesaid.

Commissioners may sell Estates.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time absolutely to sell and dispose of so much or such Part of such Houses and Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased by them as aforesaid, as shall not be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and which shall hereafter be conveyed to them in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, or this Act, in such Manner, and upon such Terms and Conditions, and for such Considerations as the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall from Time to Time judge proper and think most advantageous, provided the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, are first offered for such Sale to the respective Person or Persons, upon the Terms and Conditions aforesaid, of or from whom the Premises respectively were purchased by or on Behalf of the said Commissioners; and in case any such Person or Persons shall refuse to re-purchase the same, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person not interested in the Premises, to make an Affidavit, to be sworn before a Master in Chancery, or before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Middlesex*, stating, that such Offer was made by and on the Behalf of the said Commissioners, and that such Person or Persons did refuse to purchase such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as the

Case may be: Provided also, that in case any Dispute or Difference shall arise touching the Sum required by such Re-purchase, and on Proof made by Affidavit as aforesaid, that such Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so proposed to be re-sold, have or hath been offered to the Person or Persons of whom the same had been purchased, then and in such Case the same shall be settled by a Jury, and the Expences of such Jury and other Expences incidental thereto as herein-before mentioned, shall be ascertained and paid as is herein-before directed concerning Purchases to be made by the said Commissioners.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Monies arising from such Sale of such Part of the said Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so purchased by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, shall go to and be received, paid, and laid out by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, in the Purchase of any other Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be thought necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, or in Payment and Discharge of any Recompence or Satisfaction which shall be adjudged to any Person or Persons, whose Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, shall be damaged or injured as aforesaid, as the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall think proper, or shall go to and be applied in Aid of the Rates for paving *Wapping Street* aforesaid.

How Money raised by Sale of Premises not wanted to be disposed of.

XXXII. And whereas for the more speedy raising Money for the Purpose of paving and keeping in Repair a certain Lane commonly called *Old Gravel Lane*; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners acting in Execution of the said recited Acts of the Eleventh and Twenty-second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Rates to be assessed for paving *Old Gravel Lane* aforesaid; and by Writing under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to assign or mortgage over the said Rates or Assessments, or any Part thereof, upon account of which such Money shall be so borrowed as aforesaid, to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Monies, or his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Money so to be borrowed, together with Interest for the same; and every such Mortgage or Assignment may be according to the Form following; *videlicet*,

Power to borrow Money.

‘ BY virtue of an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of  
 ‘ King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*]  
 ‘ We being of the Commissioners appointed  
 ‘ by virtue of an Act made in in Consideration of  
 ‘ the Sum of advanced and lent by for the  
 ‘ Purpose of paving and keeping in Repair a certain Lane commonly  
 ‘ called *Old Gravel Lane*, to the Treasurer, appointed  
 ‘ in pursuance of the last-mentioned Act, upon the Credit of the Rates  
 ‘ or Assessments authorized to be made by us for the Purpose aforesaid,  
 ‘ do grant and assign unto the said his Executors,  
 ‘ Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates or Assess-  
 ‘ ments aforesaid, as the said Sum of doth or shall bear to the  
 ‘ whole

Form of Assignment.

‘ whole Sum which is or shall be borrowed upon the Credit aforesaid, by  
 ‘ virtue of the said recited Act of the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of  
 ‘ King *George* the Third, to be had and holden from the Day of the Date  
 ‘ hereof, until the said Sum of                      with Interest at                      *per Centum*  
 ‘ *per Annum* for the same, to be paid Half-yearly, shall be repaid and  
 ‘ satisfied. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and  
 ‘ Seals, this                      Day of                      .’

And every such Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law.

Money may  
be raised by  
Annuities.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them as aforesaid, shall think it more advisable to raise all or any of the Money necessary for paving and keeping in Repair *Old Gravel Lane* aforesaid, by the granting of Annuities for the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons, or for any limited Number of Years, not exceeding Thirty Years, then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to grant any Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every such Contributor, or the natural Life of every such Person who shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Contributor, at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, or for any limited Number of Years not exceeding Thirty Years as aforesaid, so that no such separate Annuity do exceed the Rate of Twelve Pounds for every One hundred Pounds for a Year.

Commissioners may cause Bonds or other Securities to be given for Payment of Annuities.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause a Bond or Note, or other Security, in Writing under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to be delivered to every Person advancing any Part of the said Monies for Payment of such Annuities in respect thereof, which Bonds, Notes, or other Securities shall be assignable by Indorsement, which said several Annuities so to be purchased shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid out of the Rates or Assessments to be rated and assessed for paving *Old Gravel Lane* aforesaid, and shall be made payable and paid quarterly during the natural Lives of such Contributors respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by such respective Contributors, and a proportionable Part of such Annuity shall be paid from the last quarterly Day of Payment, to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant, or his *Cestui que Vie*, and none of the said Annuities shall be subject to any Deductions whatsoever.

Commissioners not personally liable.

XXXV. Provided always, That nothing here contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken to extend to make the said Commissioners personally, or their respective Estates, Lands, and Tenements, Goods and Chattels, liable to the Payment of the said Annuities so to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, by reason of their giving or executing such Bond as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that no greater Sum in the Whole than Two thousand Pounds shall be raised by Loan or Mortgage, and by the Sale or  
granting

granting of Annuities as aforesaid, for paving and keeping in Repair *Old Gravel Lane*; and that before any such Monies shall be borrowed or Annuity granted, Ten Days Notice at the least shall be given in some Newspaper published in *London* or *Westminster*, signifying the Intention of borrowing such Money and granting such Annuities.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities or Orders for the Money borrowed, or for the Annuities granted and ordered to be paid as aforesaid, by Writing under their Hands indorsed thereon, to transfer the same respectively to any Person or Persons according to the Form following; *videlicet*,

Mode of transferring Annuities.

I do hereby assign the within Mortgage, [or Bond] for the Payment of the within mentioned Annuity, and all my Right and Title in and to the Principal Money and Interest [or any and all Arrears now due thereon, by virtue of the within written Mortgage or Bond] thereby secured, unto his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the Day of

Form of Transfer.

And Entries or Memorials of all Mortgages or Assignments and Bonds, for the Payment of Annuities which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and of all Transfers thereof, expressing in Words at length the Names, Additions, Places of Abode, and other proper Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to the Principal Money and Interest or the Annuities thereby respectively secured, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, to which Book or Books any Person interested shall at all reasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every such Transfer or Assignment, the said Clerk shall be paid Five Shillings, and no more; and every such Transfer or Assignment, after such Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred; and all Persons to whom such Mortgages, Assignments, or Bonds for any Annuities shall be made, or who shall be entitled to the Money or Annuities thereby secured, shall be, in Proportion to the Sums therein respectively mentioned, Creditors on the said Rates or Assessments equally one with another, without any Preference in respect to the Priority of advancing such Money, or the Dates of any such Mortgages, Assignments, Grants, or Orders respectively.

Entries or Memorials of all Mortgages, &c. to be entered in a Book

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall run, ride, drive, draw, or cause to be run, rode, driven, or drawn, on any Part of the Foot Pavements of the Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Passages, or Places, or any or either of them, under the Management and Jurisdiction of the Commissioners for putting into Execution the said recited Acts of the Eleventh and Twenty-second Years of King *George* the Third, any Horse, Afs, Cattle, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck, Cart, Waggon, Wain, Coach, Carriage, or other Thing whatsoever, whereby the Foot Pavement aforesaid, or any Part thereof, shall be broken or damaged, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Street-keeper, Beadle or Beadles, Constable or Peace Officer, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to seizè such Horse, Afs, Cattle, Wheel, Sledge,

Persons breaking Pavement to pay Expence of amending same.

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Wheelbarrow,

Wheelbarrow, Truck, Cart, Waggon, Wain, Coach, Carriage, and other Thing, and take the same to the Green-yard, or any other convenient Place appointed by the Commissioners aforesaid, or any Five or more of them, there to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof, or any other Person or Persons, shall pay and discharge the Expence of repairing, relaying, or renewing the said Foot Pavements so broken or damaged, or any Part thereof, and shall pay and discharge all Costs, Charges, and Expences, attending the taking away, depositing, and keeping the same as aforesaid; and in case the same shall not be claimed, and the said Expence and Charges be paid within the Space of Five Days next after such Seizure thereof, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, at any Time or Times thereafter, when they shall think fit, to order the same to be appraised and sold, and the Overplus, if any, of the Money arising by such Sale, shall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof on Demand, after deducting the said Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the repairing, relaying, or renewing of such Foot Pavement, and of such Seizure, removing, appraising, and selling of such Horse, Ass, Cattle, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Truck, Cart, Waggon, Wain, Coach, Carriage, or other Thing, such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be estimated or ascertained and allowed by some one Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and to be paid to the said Commissioners, or to any Person or Persons appointed to receive the same by them, or any Five or more of them.

## Appeal.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made by virtue of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts, or by reason of any Order, Sentence, Decree, Judgment, or Determination of the said Trustees or Commissioners, or by any Matter or Thing done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees or Commissioners, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Party or Parties respectively authorized to make the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or to the said Trustees or Commissioners, as the Case may be, at any Meeting to be holden within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any Matter or Thing done or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees or Commissioners; and such Party or Parties, Trustees or Commissioners, or any Five or more of them respectively, are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think such Persons aggrieved, to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if any such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of the said Party or Parties, Trustees or Commissioners, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by reason of any Order, Sentence, Decree, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in Execution of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts, then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden for the said County, within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Party or Parties, Trustees or Commissioners, or after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Respondent or Respondents, Justice or Justices, and

to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, to the Clerk to the said Trustees, or to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, as the Case may be, for the Time being, and within Two Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide the Order thereon, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice given as aforesaid, and of entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Order, Sentence, Decree, Judgment, or Determination, and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall think reasonable; and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Recognizance and Recognizances entered into by any Person or Persons on any Appeal as aforesaid, shall be delivered on Demand to the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, by the Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same; and that the Churchwardens of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping* for the Time being, shall and may sue for, recover, and receive the Penalty and Penalties in any such Recognizance or Recognizances mentioned, in such and the same Manner as any Rate, Penalty, or Fine may be sued for and recovered by virtue of any of the said recited Acts, or either of them; and such Penalty or Penalties when recovered, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, to be applied in Aid of the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*.

Justices to deliver Recognizances to Vestry Clerk.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, or for any of the Justices for the Liberty of the *Tower Without*, within the said County, notwithstanding such Justices shall be Trustees or Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, to hear and determine any of the Offences arising within their respective Jurisdictions, which are made subject to and punishable by any pecuniary Penalty directed to be levied by virtue of this Act.

Trustees and Commissioners who are Justices for Middlesex and the Liberty of the Tower Without may act.

XLI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That on Appeal from the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, to be made as aforesaid, the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions shall and may amend the same in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief; but if, upon Appeal from the whole Rate or Assessment, it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such case the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein directed.

Justices may amend Rates, but not quash same unless necessary.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes, or other Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning

Persons deemed competent Witnesses.

cerning the Execution of any of the herein-before recited Acts, or this Act, no Person or Persons shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence on account of his, her, or their being rated or assessed, or being charged with and liable to pay any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this or any of the herein-before recited Acts; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Proceedings  
not to be  
quashed for  
want of Form.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or other Proceeding had, made, or done, under or by virtue of any of the herein-before recited Acts, or of this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removable by Writ of Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money, Rates or Assessments, to be levied by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity, may recover Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action or Actions for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, and to the Vestry Clerk of the Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, to the Clerk to the said Trustees, or to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, as the Case may be, for the Time being, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney or Attornies for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends hath been made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceedings, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into the Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and Judgment, shall be had, made, or given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of  
Actions.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Actions, or Suit or Suits, shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of any of the herein-before recited Acts or this Act, after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cause of such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall have arisen; and every such Action or Suit shall be laid, brought, and tried in the County of *Middlesex*, and not in any other County, City, or Place; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, and every of them so to be brought, may plead the General Issue, and give  
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this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by Authority of any of the herein-before recited Acts or this Act; and if upon Trial of such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same as aforesaid, or shall be brought or laid in any other County, City, or Place than as aforesaid, then and in such Case the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein, and if upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon a Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for his, her, or their Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the said recited Acts, and all and every the Powers, Provisions, Authorities, Articles, Clauses, Penalties, Forfeitures, Rules, Directions, Regulations, Matters, and Things, therein contained or prescribed (save and except such Parts thereof as may relate to any Exemptions from the Stamp Duty, and as are hereby varied, or altered, or repealed) shall be and continue in full Force and Effect, and shall be applied and extended, and construed, deemed, and taken to apply and extend to this Act as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been severally and respectively repeated or re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

Powers and Provisions of former Acts continued.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Money that shall be advanced by any Person or Persons for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of applying for and passing this Act, shall be repaid with legal Interest, to the Person or Persons lending, advancing, or paying the same, out of the First Money to be raised for defraying the Expences of this Act.

Money advanced for passing this Act, to be repaid with Interest.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, or incurred in relation thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed in the Proportions and Manner following; (such Costs, Charges, and Expences being divided into Four equal Parts), that is to say, Three Parts thereof shall be paid out of the Rates to be raised for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish of *Saint John of Wapping*, and the remaining One Part thereof shall be paid out of the Rates to be raised for paving *Wapping Street* and *Old Gravel Lane* aforesaid.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

XLVIII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or affect any of the Rights or Privileges of the *London Dock Company*.

Privileges of the London Dock Company not to be affected.

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Shadwell Act  
not to be af-  
fected.

XLIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend so as to prejudice, destroy, alter, vary, or affect any of the Clauses, Powers, Articles, Matters, and Things expressed and contained in a certain Act, made and passed in the Fiftieth Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for better regulating, maintaining, and employing the Poor within the Parish of Saint Paul, Shadwell, in the County of Middlesex; for better lighting, watching, paving, cleansing, repairing, and improving the Streets and other public Places in the said Parish; and for repealing Three Acts severally passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of King George the Second, and in the Tenth and Fifteenth Years of His present Majesty, relative thereto.*

Public Act.

L. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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