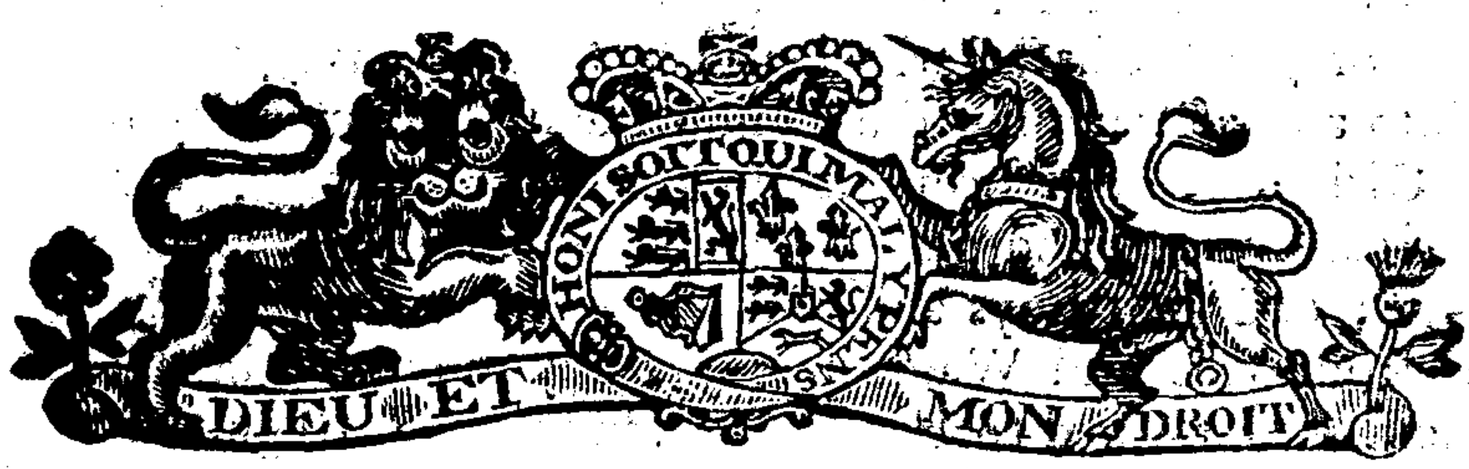

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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 144.

An Act for eſtabliſhing and well-governing the charitable Inſtitution, commonly called *The Philanthropic Society*, formed for the Protection of poor Children, the Offspring of convicted Felons, and for the Reformation of Children who have themſelves been engaged in criminal Practices; and for incorporating the Subſcribers thereto; and for the better empowering and enabling them to carry on their charitable and uſeful Deſigns. [22d *July* 1805.]

WHEREAS in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-eight a charitable Society was formed by ſeveral Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others, for the Purpoſe of providing for the Maintenance, Education, and Employment of poor Children, the Offſpring of convicted Felons, and of Children who had themſelves been engaged in criminal Practices; and the ſaid charitable Deſigns have been and are now carried on in certain Houſes and Premiſes provided for that Purpoſe, ſituate in the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint George the Martyr* and *Bermondſey*, in the County of *Surrey*, and the ſaid Charity hath hitherto been ſupported by the voluntary Subſcriptions and Donations of charitable and well-diſpoſed Perſons; and a very great Number of ſuch Children

have been received, maintained, and educated therein; and the Boys have been either apprenticed to Master Workmen employed by the said Society, to instruct them within their said Buildings in several useful Trades and Occupations carried on for that Purpose, or put out as Apprentices to Tradesmen of good Character, where the Society have the Means of inquiring into and ascertaining the Conduct and Behaviour of such Boys; and the Girls have been taught and instructed in plain Needle-work, and placed out in Service when of a proper Age; and the Boys and Girls have been protected and protected from Vice and Want, but carefully instructed in the Principles of Religion, and trained to Habits of Industry and Virtue, whereby the Commission of many Crimes has been prevented, and the Public hath been and continues to be supplied with diligent, sober, and honest Workmen and Servants: And whereas Experience hath shewn, that the said Charity hath been hitherto of considerable Use and an Advantage to the Public, and it is apprehended, that if countenanced and supported by the Laws of this Realm, and established upon a permanent Footing, and vested with Powers for better enabling the Subscribers thereto to carry into Execution their charitable and useful Designs, the same would be of much more extensive Use and of greater Advantage to the Public; but as the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament, May it therefore please Your most Excellent 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, there be and shall be a Corporation, to continue for ever, for the Maintenance, Education, and Employment of poor Children, the Offspring of convicted Felons, and of Children who have themselves been engaged in criminal Practices; and that His Royal Highness *Frederick* Duke of *York* and *Albany*, the Most Noble *George William Frederick* Duke of *Leeds*, the Most Honourable *James* Marquis of *Salisbury*, the Right Honourable *Heneage* Earl of *Aylesford*, the Right Honourable *George John* Earl *Spencer*, the Right Honourable *Robert* Earl *Grosvenor*, the Right Honourable *Thomas James Warren Bulkeley* Viscount *Bulkeley*, the Right Honourable *Thomas* Viscount *Cremorne*, the Honourable *Philip Pusey*, *George Hardinge* Esquire, *James Sims* M. D. and LL.D. *John Harman*, *Samuel Bosanquet*, *Edward Gale Boldero*, *Charles Bosanquet*, *John Baker*, *Benjamin Hutton*, *Thomas Palmer*, *James Royer*, *Daniel Coxe*, Esquires; Sir *John William Anderson* Baronet, *William Morton Pitt* Esquire, the Reverend *Philip Dodd*, *Augustus Warren*, *Thomson Bonar*, *William Houlston*, *George Holford*, Esquires; the Reverend *William Agutter*, *Henry Moore*, *Thomas Jackson*, Esquires; Lieutenant Colonel *Swedland*, *Peter Mortimer*, *Stephen Gaselee*, Esquires; Colonel *Harnage*, *Samuel Bosanquet* junior, *James Allan Park*, Esquires; the Reverend *John Gambier*, *Francis Harman*, *Edward Forster* junior, Esquires; the Reverend *John Grimaldy* LL.D. and *Thomas Rooke* Esquire, together with any Person or Persons who hath or have, previous to the Third Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, paid into the Hands of the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution, at One Time, or in the Course of any One Year, the Sum of Ten Guineas for the Use of the said Institution, and together with any Person or Persons who hath or have since the said Third Day of *June* One thousand

Corporation instituted for the Purposes of the Act.

ſeven and ninety-ſix, or who ſhall at any Time hereafter pay into the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer the Sum of Twenty Guineas at any One Time, or in the Courſe of any One Year, for the Uſe of the ſaid Inſtitution, ſhall be and are hereby appointed Members thereof; and alſo every Perſon who hath paid, or at any Time hereafter ſhall pay into the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer the yearly Sum of One Guinea or more, for the Uſe of the ſaid Inſtitution, ſhall, during ſuch Time as he or ſhe ſhall continue to pay the ſame, and alſo every Perſon who ſhall be appointed by any General Court of the Members of the ſaid Inſtitution, ſhall be reſpectively Members of the ſaid Inſtitution; and the Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, and Members ſhall and they are hereby declared and adjudged to be One Body Corporate and Politic in Deed and in Law, by the Name and Stile of "The Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, and Members of the Philanthropic Society," and that by the ſame Name they ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion, and a common Seal, with Power to change, alter, break, and make new the ſame, when and as often as they ſhall judge the ſame to be expedient; and that they and their Succeſſors, by the ſame Name, may ſue and be ſued, implead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered unto, in all or any Court or Courts of Record, and Places of Judicature within this Kingdom; and that they and their Succeſſors, by the Name aforeſaid, ſhall be able and capable in Law, to have, hold, receive, enjoy, poſſeſs, and retain, for the Ends and Purpoſes of this Act, and in Truſt for the Benefit of the ſaid Inſtitution, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, as have been paid, given, deviſed, or bequeathed, or ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter be paid, given, deviſed, or bequeathed, by any charitable or well-diſpoſed Perſon or Perſons, to and for the charitable Ends and Purpoſes in this Act mentioned; and that they and their Succeſſors, by the Name aforeſaid, ſhall and may at any Time hereafter, purchaſe, take, or receive, hold, and enjoy, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for erecting and making a Chapel, Buildings, and other Works, for the ſeveral Purpoſes of the ſaid Charity, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

Their Stile, &c.

and Power.

II. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Corporation may, and they are hereby empowered to bind, or place out, Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or Servants, to any Perſon or Perſons, whom the Committee for the Time being of the ſaid Corporation, or the major Part of ſuch of them as ſhall be aſſembled at any of their weekly or other Meetings, ſhall think fit, all and every or any of the Children already received, or hereafter to be received, under the Care of the ſaid Corporation, for ſuch Term and Time, and upon ſuch Conditions reſpectively, as the ſaid Committee, or the major Part of ſuch of them as ſhall be ſo aſſembled, ſhall think proper, ſo as no ſuch Child ſo to be bound or placed out as aforeſaid, ſhall be obliged to ſerve or continue in ſuch Apprenticeſhip or Service after the Age of Twenty-one Years.

Power to bind Apprentices.

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Corporation may, and they are hereby empowered to apprentice as aforeſaid, all and every or any of the Children received or to be received under their Care, to any of the Perſons employed or to be employed to inſtruct the Children on their own Premiſes as aforeſaid, who are hereby empowered to take and retain any

Power to bind Apprentices to Perſons employed on Premiſes.

any Number of Children so apprenticed, for as long as they shall themselves continue in the Service of the said Corporation, and no longer; and who, on their quitting, or being dismissed from the Service of the said Corporation, shall assign over all Apprentices so bound to them to such Person or Persons as the Committee of the said Corporation, or the major Part of such of them as shall be assembled, at any weekly Meeting, shall direct.

First President. Vice-Presidents. Treasurer. Committee. Visitors. Auditors.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That His said Royal Highness *Frederick* Duke of *York* and *Albany* shall be, and he is hereby appointed President of the said Corporation; and that the said *George William Frederick* Duke of *Leeds*, *James* Marquis of *Salisbury*, *Heneage* Earl of *Aylesford*, *George John* Earl *Spencer*, *Robert* Earl *Grosvenor*, *Thomas James Warren Bulkeley* Viscount *Bulkeley*, *Thomas* Viscount *Cremorne*, the Honourable *Philip Pusey*, *George Hardinge* Esquire, *James Sims* M. D. and LL.D. *John Harman* and *Samuel Bosanquet* Esquires, shall be and they are hereby appointed the Vice-Presidents of the said Corporation; and that the said *Edward Gale Boldero* Esquire, shall be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of the said Corporation; and that the said *Charles Bosanquet*, *John Baker*, *Benjamin Hutton*, *Thomas Palmer*, *James Royer*, *Daniel Coxe*, Esquires; Sir *John William Anderson* Baronet, *William Morton Pitt* Esquire, the Reverend *Philip Dodd*, *Augustus Warren*, *Thomson Bonar*, *William Houlston*, *George Holford*, Esquires; the Reverend *William Agutter*, *Henry Hoare*, *Thomas Jackson*, Esquires; Lieutenant Colonel *Sweedland*, *Peter Mortimer*, *Stephen Gaselee*, Esquires; Colonel *Harnage*, *Samuel Bosanquet* junior, *James Allan Park*, Esquires; the Reverend *John Gamble*, and *Jeremiah Harman* Esquire, shall be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for transacting and managing the Affairs of the said Corporation; and the said *George Holford* and *John Baker* Esquires, the Reverend *Philip Dodd* and *Peter Mortimer* Esquire, shall be and they are hereby appointed Visitors of the said Corporation, to inquire into and ascertain the Truth of the several Cases to be submitted to the Consideration of the said Committee, previous to and for the Purpose of the Admission of any Child into the said Institution, and of such other Matters relative to the Affairs of the said Institution, as shall appear necessary; and the said Colonel *Harnage*, *Charles Bosanquet*, and *Edward Forster* junior, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the Accounts of the said Corporation.

Continuance of Committee.

V. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee shall continue until the First *Friday* in the Month of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seven, when the Six Persons first above named shall go out and Six others be elected in their Room, to serve for the Term of Four Years, and so in like Manner on the First *Friday* in *March* in every subsequent Year, the Six Members of the Committee whose Names shall then stand first upon the List of the Committee shall retire and Six others be elected in their Place; and the said President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall continue in Office until they shall resign or be removed by the Quarterly General Meeting to be held in *March* as herein-before mentioned, or by an extraordinary General Meeting convened for that Purpose.

VI. And

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Preſident, or in his Abſence One or more of the Vice-Preſidents, or the Treaſurer with any Six or more of the other Members of the ſaid Corporation, who ſhall have been ſuch for the Space of Six Calendar Months at leaſt, or in the Abſence of the Preſident, and of all the Vice-Preſidents and Treaſurer, any Seven or more of the ſaid Members ſhall compoſe a General Court, and the ſaid Firſt General Court ſhall be holden on the Firſt *Friday* in *September* next, at ſuch Houſe or Place as the ſaid Corporation ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, and ſhall then and from Time to Time be adjourned to ſuch Houſe or Place, or Houſes or Places, as for the Time being ſhall be appointed, and at ſuch Time or Times as the Court for the Time being ſhall deem neceſſary for the due Execution of this Act; and a General Court of the Members of the ſaid Corporation ſhall be holden Four Times at the leaſt in every Year; that is to ſay, on the Firſt *Friday* in the Months of *March*, *June*, *September*, and *December*, and Notice of each of ſuch General Courts ſhall be given in ſome or one of the public Newſpapers Three Days at the leaſt before the holding of any ſuch Court, and whenever Occaſion ſhall require, an extraordinary General Court ſhall be holden by Order of the Committee, or the major Part of ſuch of them as ſhall be aſſembled at any of their weekly or other Meetings, upon the like Notice thereof being given Three Days at leaſt before the holding of the ſame; and at the General Court which ſhall be holden in the Month of *March* in each and every Year Six Perſons who have, previous to the Third Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer for the Time being of the ſaid Inſtitution at One Time, or in the Courſe of any One Year, the Sum of Ten Guineas for the Uſe of the ſaid Inſtitution, or who have ſince the ſaid Third Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſix, or who ſhall at any Time hereafter pay into the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer the Sum of Twenty Guineas at One Time, or in the Courſe of any One Year, for the Uſe of the ſaid Inſtitution, or who have paid and continued to pay, or ſhall at any Time hereafter pay and continue to pay into the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer the yearly Sum of Two Guineas or more for the Uſe of the ſaid Inſtitution during ſuch Time as he or ſhe ſhall continue to pay the ſame, ſhall be elected to ſupply the Place of the Six Members of the ſaid Committee, who are annually to retire from that Body as herein-before is mentioned or directed; and at the ſame General Court Four Members of the ſaid Corporation ſhall be elected Viſitors, and Three ſuch Members Auditors of the ſaid Corporation for One Year, and the Preſident, Vice-Preſidents, and Treaſurer, with the Viſitors and Auditors of the ſaid Corporation for the Time being ſhall be Members of the ſaid Committee over and above ſuch Twenty-four other Members; and the Members of the ſaid Corporation aſſembled at any ſuch general Court as aforeſaid, or the major Part of them ſo aſſembled, ſhall have full Power and Authority, in the Name of the ſaid Corporation, and on their Account to apply and diſpoſe of the Monies and Funds already given, or which ſhall from Time to Time be contributed and given by any Perſon or Perſons on account of or to the ſaid Charity, and all other Monies and Funds belonging or to belong to the ſaid hereby erected Corporation, to and for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and to, for, and on any other Purpoſe, Way, Matter, or Thing, relating to the ſaid Charity, and for the Benefit thereof, at their Diſcretion, and with and under their Common Seal, to enter into any Covenants and Contracts

General Court, and their Powers.

for the Purposes aforesaid, or for any other Purpose or Purposes for the better effecting and carrying on the charitable Uses and Designs aforesaid, and to do, manage, transact, and determine, all such other Matters and Things, as shall to them, or any Seven or more of them, at any such Court, appear to be necessary, convenient, or proper, for the effecting and carrying on the good Purposes aforesaid, and shall and may delegate such Power and Authority to the said Committee, as they shall think necessary, for the more speedy, easy, and effectual Execution of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Members of the said Corporation assembled in a General Court only, or the major Part of them so assembled, to order and dispose of the Custody of the said Common Seal, and the Use and Application thereof: Provided always, that in case a sufficient Number of the Members of the said Corporation shall not be assembled to form such General Court on the First *Friday* in the Month of *March* in any Year, then such General Court shall and may be holden with such Notice as aforesaid, on any other *Friday* in such Month of *March*, for all and every the Purposes herein-before mentioned.

To order and dispose of the Use of the Common Seal.

Persons in whose Names Monies are invested, &c. to transfer and assign the same to Corporation by Name.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons in whose Name or Names any Leaseholds or any Sum or Sums of Money, Stocks, Funds, Annuities, Mortgages, Securities for Money, or other Effects whatsoever, shall at the Time of passing this Act stand or be secured, the beneficial Interest wherein respectively shall belong to the said Charity hereby incorporated, shall forthwith, after the passing of this Act, transfer and assign the same respectively, so and in such Manner as that the same shall be vested in the said hereby erected Corporation, by the Name, Stile, and Title herein-before mentioned and enacted.

Treasurer to lay out and invest Monies of Corporation.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Treasurer for the Time being, of the said hereby erected Corporation, and he is hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Committee thereof for the Time being, or the major Part of such of the said Committee as shall be present at any of their Meetings, to lay out and invest all or any such Sum or Sums of Money as have or hath been given, devised, or bequeathed, or shall at any Time or Times hereafter be paid, given, devised, or bequeathed by any charitable or well-disposed Person or Persons, to and for the charitable Ends, Intents, and Purposes in this Act mentioned or any Part thereof, other than and except such and so much thereof as the Exigencies of the said Corporation shall call for the immediate Application or Expenditure of, in any of the Public Funds, in the Name of the said hereby erected Corporation.

Dividends, etc. to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

IX. And it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Dividends, Interest, and annual Proceeds, which shall from Time to Time arise from the Funds and Securities belonging, or which shall at any Time belong to the said hereby erected Corporation, shall from Time to Time be applied to and for the Uses, Ends, Intents, and Purposes in this Act mentioned.

Of President, etc. Vacancies how to be filled up.

X. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case of the Death, or Removal, or Resignation of the President, or of a Vice President or Vice Presidents, or Treasurer, or Committee-Man, or Visitor or Auditor of the said Corporation, it shall and may be lawful to and for the

the Members of the ſaid Corporation, at any General Court, or the major Part of them then and there preſent, to nominate and appoint a Preſident, Vice Preſident or Vice Preſidents, or Treaſurer, or Committee-Man, Viſitor, or Auditor, in the Room of the Preſident, Vice Preſident or Vice Preſidents, or Treaſurer, or Committee-Man, Viſitor, or Auditor ſo deceaſed, or having reſign-d or being removed: Provided always, that ſuch Committee-Man, Viſitor, or Auditor ſo to be nominated or appointed, ſhall be conſidered as appointed to ſerve the ſaid Office for the Period only that the Perſon in whoſe Place and Stead he ſhall have been appointed had to remain in ſuch Office at the Time of his Deceaſe, Reſignation, or Removal.

Queſtion to be directed by Vote.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all Queſtions upon the Proceedings of the ſaid Corporation at any General Court or Committee ſhall be decided by Vote; and in caſe of an Equality of Voices the Preſident or Chairman ſhall have the caſting Vote, and that at all Meetings of the Committee Three ſhall be ſufficient to act.

General Court to appoint certain Officers;

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Members of the ſaid Corporation at a General Court, or the major Part of them preſent at ſuch General Court, ſhall have Power from Time to Time, and at all Times, to appoint any Perſon or Perſons to be Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, and to revoke ſuch Appointments as they may ſee Occaſion; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Committee aforeſaid, or the major Part of ſuch of them as ſhall be aſſembled at any weekly or other Meeting from Time to Time, and at all Times, to appoint ſuch Officers and Servants as ſhall be neceſſary for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Corporation, and from Time to Time to ſuſpend or remove them reſpectively, and appoint others in caſe of Death or ſuch Suſpenſion or Removal, and to allow and pay ſuch Salaries, Wages, and Allowances to the ſaid Officers and other Perſons as the ſaid Committee or any Three or more of them ſhall think reaſonable; and the ſaid Committee or any Three or more of them, ſhall, and they are hereby required to take ſuch ſufficient Security from every ſuch Officer for the due Execution of his Office, as they ſhall think proper; and all ſuch Officers ſo to be appointed, ſhall, under their Hands at ſuch Time or Times and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Committee or any Three or more of them ſhall direct, deliver to the ſaid Committee or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they or any Three or more of them ſhall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by the ſaid Corporation, or the ſaid Committee, or any Three or more of them; and alſo of all the Monies which ſhall have been by ſuch Officers reſpectively received for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Inſtitution, and how much thereof hath been expended and diſburſed, and for what Purpoſe, together with proper Vouchers for ſuch Payments, and ſhall pay all ſuch Monies as ſhall remain due from them reſpectively, to the ſaid Committee or any Three or more of them, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame; and all the ſaid Officers ſo accounting as aforeſaid ſhall, upon Oath (which Oath any One of the ſaid Committee is hereby empowered to adminiſter,) verify their ſaid Accounts; and if any ſuch Officer ſhall refuſe or neglect to make and render or to verify upon Oath any ſuch Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the ſame, or to make Payment as aforeſaid, or ſhall refuſe or wilfully neglect to deliver to the ſaid Committee

mittee or any Three or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by the said Committee or any Three or more of them, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer, all Books, Papers, and Writings, in his Custody or Power relating to the said Institution, or give Satisfaction to the said Committee or any Three or more of them respecting the same, then, and in every such Case upon Complaint made by the said Committee or any Three or more of them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or wilful Neglect as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Officer so refusing or wilfully neglecting shall be or reside, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a Summons or Warrant under his Hand and Seal for the Officer so refusing or neglecting to appear before him; and upon his appearing or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and if upon the Confession of the Party or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies that shall have been received for the Purposes of the said Institution, shall remain due from such Officer, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer, and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and the Charges of distraining and selling the said Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Officer shall have refused or wilfully neglected to render or give such Account or to verify the same as aforesaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the said Institution, shall be in the Custody or Power of such Officer, and he shall have refused or wilfully neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then, and in each and every such Case, such Justice shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place, where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Committee or any Three or more of them for the said Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, (which Composition the said Committee or any Three or more of them are hereby empowered to make and receive) and until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof, to the said Committee or any Three or more of them: Provided always, that no Officer or Person who shall be so committed for want of sufficient Distress, shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act, for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

Committee to nominate Chaplain.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee at any weekly or other Meeting, or the major Part of the said Committee assembled at such Meeting, from Time to Time to nominate such Person or Persons as they shall think fit, being a Member or Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, as by

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Law eſtabliſhed, and being in Prieſt's Orders, to be Chaplain, or to officiate in the Chapel belonging to the ſaid Corporation.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon who ſhall be nominated Chaplain, or Morning or Evening Preacher to the ſaid Society, ſhall in any Manner officiate in the ſaid Chapel, until he ſhall have been duly licenſed by the Biſhop of the Dioceſe within which the ſaid Chapel ſhall for the Time being be ſituate, or other Perſon or Perſons duly authorized to exerciſe the Epiſcopal Juriſdiction and Authority within the ſaid Dioceſe. No Chaplain, etc. to officiate, unleſs duly licenſed.

XV. And be it further enacted, That as often as the ſaid Society ſhall have Occaſion to apply to ſuch Biſhop, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, to licenſe any Clergyman to officiate in the ſaid Chapel, Notice ſhall be given on the Part of the ſaid Society, to the Rector of the Pariſh for the Time being, of the Intention to make ſuch Application, and of the Name and Deſignation of the Clergyman in whoſe Favour ſuch Application is to be made; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Rector to ſubmit to ſuch Biſhop or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, any Objection to the Clergyman propoſed, or other Cauſe why ſuch Licence ſhould not be granted, of the Sufficiency of which Objection or Cauſe ſuch Biſhop, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſhall be the ſole and final Judge. Notice to be given to the Rector of the Pariſh of Application to the Biſhop of the Dioceſe to licenſe the Chaplain.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Notice ſhall be in Writing, and ſhall be left, at leaſt One Calendar Month previous to the Society's applying for ſuch Licence, at the uſual Place of Abode of the ſaid Rector within his Pariſh, or in caſe he ſhall not have any Place of Reſidence therein, ſhall be delivered on his Behalf to his Curate, or other Perſon officiating at the Pariſh Church; and if the Society ſhall neglect or omit to give ſuch Notice, any Licence to officiate in the ſaid Chapel, granted to a Clergyman whoſe Name ſhall not have been notified to the ſaid Rector, in the Manner herein preſcribed, ſhall be abſolutely null and void. Such Notice to be left at the Rector's Houſe, etc.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to prevent the Biſhop, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, from revoking any ſuch Licence or Licences whenever he or they ſhall think fit. Licence may be revoked by the Biſhop.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Treaſurer for the Time being of the ſaid Corporation ſhall give in his Accounts from Time to Time, when required either by the Committee, at any of their weekly or other Meetings, or at a General Court, there to be examined, and allowed or diſallowed, and ſhall pay over all the Monies remaining in his Hands, and transfer all or any Funds which may at any Time be ſtanding in his Name as Treaſurer as aforeſaid, to the Treaſurer immediately ſucceeding him, on Demand by ſuch ſucceeding Treaſurer, with the Authority of the Committee, or of the General Court, at which ſuch ſucceeding Treaſurer ſhall be elected or appointed. Treaſurer to account.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon who has been or ſhall be hereafter apprenticed to the Maſter Workmen engaged to inſtruct the Children Apprentices within the Premiſes not to gain a Settlement thereby.

Children as aforesaid, or shall be employed on the Premises of the said Corporation as an hired Servant, shall, by reason of such Apprenticeship or Service, gain a Settlement in the Parish or Parishes in which the said Premises now are or for the Time being shall be situated or in any other Parish or Place.

Allowing an Appeal.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order, Judgement, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, acting in the Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace, at the First General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the County, City, or Place, within which the Matter of Appeal shall arise, next after the Expiration of One Calendar Month from the Time such Matter of Appeal shall have arisen, the Person or Persons appealing having first given Ten Days Notice at the least of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such County, City, or Place, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Award and Order of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Session upon due Proof of such Notice having been given, and Recognizance entered into, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and to make such Determination therein, and to award such Costs to either of the Parties or otherwise as they the said Justices shall judge proper, and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be binding, final, and conclusive to and upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Form of Conviction.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Conviction shall be had for any Offence or Offences committed against this Act, or against any Order of Sessions or any Matter in pursuance of this Act, the Form of Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

'BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the
'Year of the Reign of , *A. B.* is convicted
'before of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
'the of having (*as the Offence shall be*) and I (*or*, we)
'the said do adjudge him, (her, *or* them,) to forfeit and
'pay for the same the Sum of Given under my Hand
'and Seal (*or*, our Hands and Seals) the Day and Year aforesaid.'

Distress not to be unlawful for want of Form.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue 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 Defect or want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on Account of any Irregularity that shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action upon the Case.

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XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Assessment, Judgement, or other Proceedings made, touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari* or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. Proceedings not to be quashed for want of Form.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Action shall be brought or Suit commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premises, or any of them, every such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed or Cause of Action or Suit accrued, and not afterwards, in the said Counties of *Surrey* or *Middlesex*, or the City of *London*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matters in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time before limited, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, or after sufficient Amends shall have been tendered, or the Damages to be found shall not exceed the Sum of Money which may have been paid into Court, which it may be lawful for any Defendant or Defendants in such Action to do, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law. Limitation of Actions. General Issue.

XXV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, 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 specially pleading the same. Public Act.

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