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An Act for paving, lighting, watching, and improving the Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall* in the County of *Middlesex*; and for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Hamlet.

[21st *May* 1813.]

**W**HEREAS the Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall* in the Parish of *Saint Dunstan Stebonheath* otherwise *Stepney* in the County of *Middlesex* is large and populous, and it would tend materially to the Benefit of the said Hamlet if Powers were given for the lighting, watching, cleansing, paving, regulating, and otherwise improving the said Hamlet, and for the well governing, maintaining, and employing the Poor thereof: 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 the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall* for the Time being, by virtue of their Offices, and without any other Qualification, and all Persons being Inhabitants and Householders in the said Hamlet who shall have been rated to and paid for at least One Year preceding, and whilst they shall continue to be rated to and pay all the Parochial Rates in the

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said Hamlet for lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds or upwards, and all Persons who, although not Inhabitants and Householders in the said Hamlet, shall have been rated to and paid for at least One Year preceding, and whilst they shall continue to be rated to and pay all the Parochial Rates in the said Hamlet for Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds or upwards, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for carrying this Act into execution; and if any Person not being qualified (except as aforesaid) shall presume to act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, every such Person for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Person and Persons acting as a Trustee or Trustees in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforesaid, previous to his or their being convicted of such Offence, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Power to appoint Trustees

Trustees to be appointed

Appointment of perpetual Trustees

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Trustees to be appointed

Past Churchwardens to be Trustees.

And it is further enacted, That the Chairman and Secretary for the Time being of the Honourable East India Company, and also the West India Dock Directors, and their Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Collector, Dock Masters, Inspector, Comptroller, and principal Obstable for the Time being, not exceeding in the whole for the said West India Dock Directors and their said Officers Thirty Persons, and also the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Directors of the East India Dock Company, and their Secretary, Dock Master, and Assistant Dock Master for the Time being, not exceeding in the whole for the said East India Dock Directors and their said Officers Sixteen Persons, and also the Chairman for the Time being of the Committee and Sub-Committee of the Corporation of London for carrying into execution the Act of Parliament passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for rendering more commodious and for better regulating the Port of London*, with Ten other Members of the same Committee for the Time being, the Names of such Ten Members to be delivered to and left with the Clerk to the Trustees for carrying this Act into execution from Time to Time before such Ten Members shall be respectively authorized to act as Trustees under this Act, and the Surveyor or Superintendant for the Time being of the Works at Poplar aforesaid under the Management or Direction of the said Committee of the Corporation of London, shall at all Times hereafter while they shall hold such their Offices respectively be Trustees for carrying this Act into execution, and shall by virtue of such their Offices respectively be at all Times duly qualified to act as Trustees for the Execution of this Act, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That every Person who shall have at any Time heretofore served the Office of Churchwarden in the said Hamlet shall all Times hereafter whilst he shall continue to reside and pay the Parochial Rates in the said Hamlet be a Trustee duly qualified thereby for carrying this Act into execution, and every Person who shall hereafter serve the said Office of Churchwarden in the said Hamlet shall from thenceforth, whilst he shall continue to reside and pay the Parochial Rates in the said Hamlet, be a Trustee duly qualified for carrying

Trustees

...in this Act in execution of anything in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding and all persons or persons of Thirty Pounds or upwards and all persons or persons of Thirty Pounds or upwards shall have been elected or elected to the said Hamlet and it shall be lawful for the inhabitants of the said Hamlet at their Annual Meetings on *Wednesday* the first of every Year, to select any Number of Persons, not exceeding Ten in the whole, without such Qualifications as aforesaid, to be Trustees for One Year, for the Purposes of this Act; in addition; to the Trustees hereby appointed; and such Trustees so selected shall be and are hereby invested with the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been herein named and appointed as aforesaid; provided nevertheless that no Trustee shall be capable of acting or voting as such Trustee during the Time he shall receive or enjoy any Profit under the said Trustees; nor be concerned in any Contract made by Virtue of this Act.

Power to appoint Ten additional Trustees.

No Trustee to act while under Contract.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall meet and assemble in the Town Hall of the said Hamlet upon the Second *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon in order to put this Act into execution and shall afterwards meet at the same Hall on the *Thursday* in every subsequent Week at the same Hour for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution; without any Notice being given of such Meetings; and that at all Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act the Trustees shall defray their own Expences.

Meetings of Trustees without Notice.

VII. Provided always nevertheless; and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them; to adjourn for any longer or shorter Space of Time than the *Thursday* immediately subsequent to the last Meeting, or to any other Place or Places within the said Hamlet than the said Town Hall; but Notice thereof shall be given in the Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan Stepney*, and also in *Replax* Chapel; on the *Sunday* preceding such Meeting, or in the Church of any adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church or Chapel shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause.

Trustees may adjourn Meeting, on giving Notice.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the said Trustees shall be or be deemed to be good or valid unless made and done at a Meeting to be holden as aforesaid (except as may be herein otherwise particularly directed); and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or vested in the said Trustees shall from Time to Time be exercised by the major Part of them present at any such Meeting, the Number present at such Meeting not being less than Five; and all the Orders and Proceedings of the major Part of such Trustees present at such Meeting shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were made or done by all the said Trustees for the Time being; and at every such Meeting One of the Trustees to be appointed by a Majority of Trustees present shall be Chairman; and in all Cases the said Trustees shall vote by Ballot, in case the same shall be desired by any Three or more of the Trustees then present; and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including that of the Chairman, such Chairman shall have the decisive or casting Vote; and no Order made by the said

No Act valid unless at a Meeting.

Chairman of Trustees.

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Trustees at any Meeting shall be revoked unless at a subsequent Meeting where Ten Trustees at least shall attend.

Proceedings to be entered.

IX. And be it further enacted, That there shall be provided and kept a proper Book or Books, in which fair and regular Entries shall be made of all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act, and the Names of the Trustees who shall be present at the respective Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act; and such Entries, being signed by the Chairman of each respective Meeting, or by the Clerk to the said Trustees, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Suits, Actions, and Proceedings touching or concerning any thing done in pursuance of this Act; and such Book or Books shall at all the Meetings of the said Trustees be open to their Inspection, and to the Inspection, at all convenient Times, of all Persons affected by this Act, without Fee or Reward.

Appointment of Officers.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and may from Time to Time, whenever they shall think necessary, and either yearly or otherwise, by Writing under their Hands, appoint and employ a Treasurer and Clerk, and also a Collector or Collectors of the Rates and Assessments herein mentioned, and also a Surveyor or Surveyors, and a Master and Mistress of the Workhouse, and also a Beadle or Beadles, and such other Officer and Officers, Person and Persons, for the Execution of this Act, as they the said Trustees shall think proper, and from Time to Time remove them or any of them, and in like Manner appoint others in the Room of those removed, and out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act pay such Salaries, Wages, or Allowances to the said Officers and other Persons as they the said Trustees shall think reasonable; and the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Treasurer, Collector, and other Officer; and all such Officers so to be appointed shall under their Hands (at such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Trustees shall direct) deliver up to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge, and of all Money which shall have been received by such Officers and Persons respectively by virtue of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purpose, together with the Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Money as shall remain due from them respectively to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and all the said Officers so accounting shall verify their said Accounts upon Oath before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer; and if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make or render or to verify upon Oath any such Accounts, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Fourteen Days next after being thereunto required by the said Trustees, by Notice in Writing to be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer or Person, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or her Custody or Power relating to the Execution

Officers to account and deliver up Books, Vouchers, &c.

to be entered

of this Act, or to give Satisfaction to the said Trustees respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or by any Person or Persons whom they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Neglect or Refusal as aforesaid, to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Officer or Person so neglecting or refusing shall reside or be; such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause the Officer or Person so refusing or neglecting to be brought before them, and upon his or her appearing, or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, after due Endeavour used for that Purpose, 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 Justices are hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justices that any of the Money which shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Person, such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person; and if no Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling such Goods and Chattels, or if it shall in manner aforesaid appear to such Justices that such Officer or Person 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, relative to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of such Officer or Person, and he or she shall have refused or wilfully neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Justices shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the City, County, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or she shall have made and given a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or she shall have compounded with the said Trustees for such Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Trustees are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he or she shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or have given Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees; but no such Officer or Person shall be detained or kept in Prison by virtue of this Act for want of sufficient Distress for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Clerk, Beadle, and all other Officers and Servants of the said Hamlet heretofore nominated and appointed shall hold and enjoy their several Offices and Employments, together with the several and respective Salaries, Gratuities, and Allowances thereto annexed, until he, she, or they shall be legally removed therefrom by the Trustees acting by virtue of this Act; and every such Clerk, Beadle, and other Officer and Servant shall be subject to the like Pains and Penalties and Power of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, as if he, she, or they had been nominated or appointed by virtue of this Act.

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XII. Provided

Officers heretofore appointed to continue until removed.

Officers to be removed by Order of a special Meeting.

For Election of Collectors of Rates for Watching, &c.

Persons not to be liable to serve Collector after serving Churchwarden, &c.

Officers heretofore appointed to account to the Trustees under this Act.

Treasurer to pay to the Order of the Trustees

Trustees to appoint Watchmen Patrolmen and Readers

XVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Surveyor, Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, or Beddy, shall be wholly removed from his or her Office, until a special Meeting called for that Purpose shall so determine; and notice of such Meeting shall be given in the Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan Stepney*, and also in *Poplar Chapel*, on the *Sunday* preceding such Meeting, or in the Church or Chapel adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church or Chapel shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause; and any Justice that shall appear to such Trustees, or any other Person, such as Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, or any other Person, shall be liable to be removed from such Office, if he or she shall be guilty of any such Offence, as is hereinbefore expressed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if no such Collector or Collectors shall be appointed as aforesaid, the said Trustees shall and they are hereby authorized and required, on *Easter Monday* in every Year, to elect two of the Inhabitants of the said Hamlet to be the Collectors of Rates, and who are required to collect and gather quarterly, or otherwise, the Rates or Assessments hereby empowered and directed to be made and collected by virtue of this Act, for the Purpose of cleansing, lighting, watching, paving, regulating, and otherwise improving the said Hamlet; and in case any Person so appointed shall refuse or neglect, within Fourteen Days next after such Appointment, and this being served therewith, to take upon himself the said Office of Collector of the said Rates or Assessments, or shall be negligent in the Execution of his Duty, shall for every such Offence and Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied and collected by the said Trustees, or any other Person, in each and every such Case, such Justice shall commit such Offender to the House of Correction of the County, City, or Place, where he or she shall be liable to remain without Bail.

XIV. Provided, always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be obliged to serve the said Office of Collector who has before served the Office of Churchwarden, or the said Office of Collector in the said Hamlet; and no Collector of His Majesty's Taxes shall be appointed a Collector under this Act.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, and other Person and Persons heretofore appointed, who shall have in his, her, or their Custody or Power any Monies, or any Books, Papers, or Writings, belonging to the said Hamlet, shall when thereto required by Notice in Writing, signed by any five or more of the said Trustees, given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, within Fourteen Days after the Receipt of such Notice, deliver up to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons to be appointed by them for that Purpose as aforesaid, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, all such Monies, Books, Papers, and Writings, and all the Accounts thereof, with the Vouchers relating thereto; and if any such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make and render such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating thereto, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver up in manner aforesaid all Books, Papers, and Writings belonging to the said Hamlet, or give Satisfaction to the said Trustees in respect of the same, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place

wherein such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person so refusing or neglecting shall be or reside upon Complaint made to them by the said Trustees, or by any five or more of them, or by such Person or

Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, has issued a Warrant under their Hands and Seals to cause the Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person so refusing or neglecting to appear before them, and to appear by his or her attorney or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being so before them, after due Endeavour used for that Purpose, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and in open Court, the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witnesses or Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath such Justices are hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justices that any Monies shall be due from such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person, such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof by Warrant, under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person as aforesaid, and if no Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling such Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justices that such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person shall have refused or wilfully neglected to render and give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the said Hamlet shall be in the Custody or Power of such Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, or other Person and he, she, or they 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 Justices shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, City, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall have compounded with the said Trustees for such Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, (which Composition the said Trustees are hereby empowered to make and receive,) and until he, she, or they shall deliver up all such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees, provided that no Person who shall be committed by virtue of this Act on account of his or her not having sufficient Goods or Chattels shall be detained in Prison for any longer Time than Six Calendar Months.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer to the said Trustees for the Time being shall and may and he is hereby authorized and required, out of the Money to be collected and received by him under and by virtue of this Act, to pay all Sums of Money which the said Trustees or any Five or more of them shall order him to pay, and the said Treasurer shall and he is hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose provided of all and singular his Receipts and Payments on account of or in pursuance of this Act, and shall as often as shall be required by the said Trustees, produce the said Account at the Meetings of the said Trustees to be holden in pursuance of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to appoint such Number of able bodied Men as they shall judge proper to be employed as Watchmen, or by any Five or more of them, or by such Person or Persons

Officers to be removed by Order of a special Meeting.

For Election of Collectors of Rates for Watching, &c.

Persons not to be liable to serve Collector after serving Churchwarden, &c.

Officers heretofore appointed to account to the Trustees under this Act.

Treasurer to pay to the Order of the Trustees.

Trustees to appoint Watchmen, Patrols, and Beadles.

Patroles,  
Watchmen,  
and Beadles  
to apprehend  
Rogues, &c.

men, Patroles, or Beadles within the said Hamlet, under such Regulations and subject to such Orders as the said Trustees shall make and give from Time to Time in that Behalf, and to provide proper Watch-houses, Watchboxes, or Places for the Reception of such Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles, and for the safe Custody of such Persons as may be apprehended by such Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles while on Duty, and to pay such Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles reasonable Wages or Allowances, and also to appoint One or more fit Person or Persons in the stead of any Watchman or Watchmen, Patrole or Patroles, Beadle or Beadles, who shall die, or who shall be discharged from his or their Office for Neglect of Duty or Misbehaviour in Office, and also to impose from Time to Time any Fine not exceeding Ten Shillings on any Watchman or Watchmen, Patrole or Patroles, for every such Neglect or other Misbehaviour, such Fine to be deducted out of the Wages of such Watchman or Watchmen, Patrole or Patroles, and from Time to Time to make such Orders and Regulations as they the said Trustees shall judge expedient for the better Government of the Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles to be so appointed, and to repeal such Orders and Regulations, or any of them, and to substitute others; and it shall and may be lawful to and for such Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles, and they are hereby required, in their respective Stations, to use their best Endeavours to prevent Mischief happening by Fires, and to apprehend and secure in some proper Place or Places of Security to be for that Purpose appointed within the said Hamlet all Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, and Disturbers of the public Peace, and all suspected Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves during the Hours of keeping Watch, and conduct all such Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

Trustees may  
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XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall order and direct what Number of Headboroughs shall attend every Night, and in what Place, and shall make such Orders and Regulations in Writing as to the said Trustees shall appear necessary; and that true Copies of such Orders and Regulations as shall be made from Time to Time for the better Direction and Government of the said Headboroughs shall be signed by the said Trustees, and be delivered to the Constable and Headboroughs; and the said Headboroughs for the Time being shall attend every Night by Turns, and shall keep Watch and Ward for such respective Times and in such Manner as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the said Trustees; and the said Constable and Headboroughs shall at all Times use their best Endeavours to prevent Mischiefs happening by Fires, and all Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Breaches of the King's Peace, and all other Outrages and Disorders, and to that end shall and they are hereby jointly and severally empowered and required to arrest, apprehend, and detain in the Watch-house, or other convenient Place of Security within the said Hamlet, all Malefactors, Disturbers of the King's Peace, and all suspected Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves during the Hours of keeping Watch, and shall conduct all such Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and the said Constable and Headboroughs shall, so often in the Night as they shall be directed by the said Trustees, perambulate and go about the said Hamlet,



Hamlet, to inspect the State of the Lamps, and to take notice whether the Watchmen, Patroles, and Beadles perform their Duties in their several Stations, according to such Orders and Regulations as shall be made for that Purpose by the said Trustees; and in case any Watchman, Patrole, or Beadle shall misbehave himself or neglect his Duty, or if the Lamps shall not be properly kept lighted, the said Constable or Headboroughs shall enter an Account thereof in a Book to be kept at the Watch-house for that Purpose, together with all other particular Occurrences of the Night, touching the Peace or Interest of the said Hamlet, and also as soon as conveniently may be report the same to the Churchwarden or One of the Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet for the Time being, who is hereby authorized to suspend any Watchman, Patrole, or Beadle misbehaving himself or neglecting his Duty from the Execution of his Office, and appoint another Person to officiate therein, and to give such Directions respecting the Lamps and other Matters reported to him as aforesaid as he shall think proper, until the next Meeting of the said Trustees, when the said Churchwarden or Overseer shall acquaint or give Notice to the Trustees so assembled at such Meeting of such Complaint against such Watchman, Patrole, or Beadle, or respecting the Lamps or other Matters reported to him as aforesaid, in order for the said Trustees to proceed and act thereon as they shall think fit.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Headboroughs shall wilfully neglect to attend in their Turn to keep Watch and Ward in manner or during the Times which shall be appointed by the Trustees for their Attendance thereon, or shall depart from or leave keeping Watch and Ward during the respective Hours appointed by the said Trustees as aforesaid for keeping the same, or shall otherwise neglect their Duty or misbehave themselves, the Persons so offending shall respectively forfeit and pay for every such Neglect or Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Headboroughs neglecting their Duty.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, Publican, or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar, or other Person selling or dealing in Spirituous or other Liquors, shall knowingly harbour or entertain in his or her House, Cellar, Shop, or Habitation any Watchman, Patrole, or Beadle appointed under this Act, or permit or suffer any such Watchman, Patrole, or Beadle to remain in such his or her House, Cellar, Shop, or Habitation during any Part of the Time appointed for such Watchmen, Patroles, or Beadles to be on Duty by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, every such Victualler, Publican, or Keeper of a Public House or Cellar, or other Person as aforesaid, shall for the First Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and for the Second and every subsequent Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Publicans harbouring Watchmen

XXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Contract and Contracts, Agreement and Agreements, heretofore made, entered into, and still existing for regulating the said Hamlet, shall be and be deemed to be good, valid, and effectual; and nothing in this Act contained shall extend to vacate the same.

Old Contracts to be good.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to enter into any Contract or Contracts for

Trustees may contract.

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rebuilding, repairing, enlarging, or altering the Workhouse of the said Hamlet, or for repairing, cleansing, lighting, watching, paving, regulating, and improving the several Streets, Roads, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Hamlet; or any of them, or for furnishing Materials, or any other Matters or Things whatsoever, necessary for the same, or for any other the Purposes of this Act; but that no such Contract shall be made unless previously to the making thereof Fourteen Days Notice thereof at least shall be given in some of the public Newspapers, expressing the Intention of such Contract, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose at the Time and Place in such Notice mentioned; and the said Trustees may and they are hereby authorized to take Security from every such Contractor for the due Performance of his or her Contract.

Contracts not to be entered into for more than One Year.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no such Contract or Contracts shall be deemed good or valid if the same shall have been made for a longer Space or Term than One Year from the Time of entering into such Contract or Contracts, except for paving, which may be extended to a Term not exceeding Three Years.

Trustees may compound for Breach of Contracts.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time and at all Times thereafter to compound and agree with any Person or Persons on account of any Breach or Non-performance of such Contract or Contracts for such Sum or Sums of Money as they the said Trustees shall think proper, so as the Sum so compounded and agreed for be not less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such Contract or Contracts, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

Contract to be signed by Trustees.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That every such Contract or Contracts shall specify the several Works, Articles, and Things to be done or contracted for, and the Prices to be received or paid for the same, and the Time or Times when the said Works, Articles, or Things are to be completed or delivered, and the Penalties to be suffered in case of Non-performance thereof, and shall be signed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and also by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Works respectively; and such Contract or Contracts shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Trustees.

Property of the Hamlet to be vested in the Trustees.

XXVI. And be it further enacted; That all Messuages, Tenements, Lands, Hereditaments, Bonds, Monies, and Securities for Money, Rates, Assessments, and Arrears of Rates and Assessments, Leases, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, which before the passing of this Act the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet, or any other Person or Persons, were entitled unto or possessed of in Trust for the Inhabitants thereof, or for the Relief, Maintenance, Use, and Benefit of the Poor, or for cleansing, watching, lighting, paving, or otherwise improving the said Hamlet shall from and after the passing of this Act be vested in and paid and conveyed to the said Trustees, or as they shall direct by virtue of this Act, as fully and effectually, and in as large and ample a Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as the said Churchwarden,

Churchwarden, Overseers of the Poor, or other Person or Persons, at or immediately before the passing hereof, were entitled unto or were in Possession thereof as aforesaid, subject nevertheless to be used, possessed, applied, and disposed of upon the Trusts in this Act contained, and not otherwise.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That all the Dirt, Dung, Ashes, and Filth to be swept, gathered, and collected on or from the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Hamlet, or any of them, and also all Paving Stones and other Materials laid down or placed in the said several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, and all Lamps, Lamp Irons, Lamp Posts, Watch-boxes, Watch-houses, and other Houses and Buildings which now are or shall or may hereafter be used, erected, or fixed up by virtue of this Act, and all Materials, Implements, and other Things which shall be purchased or provided by the said Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, shall belong to and be the Property of and are hereby vested in the said Trustees, who shall and may bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case may require, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy, the several Articles and Things hereby respectively vested in them the said Trustees as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment respectively it shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of the Trustees for the Improvement of the Hamlet of Poplar and Blackwall, without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all and every of the said Trustees; and the said Trustees shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part or Parts of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons and in such Manner as they the said Trustees shall think proper: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to vest in the said Trustees any of the Matters in this Clause specified which now do or hereafter shall belong to the West India Dock Company, the East India Dock Company, or the Corporation of the City of London, nor to authorize the said Trustees in any Manner to interfere with the Roads, Lanes, and other Passages belonging to the said Companies or Corporation respectively, and within the Limits of the Premises belonging thereto, nor to authorize the said Trustees to place or erect any Lamp Post or other Erections upon or against the Walls of the said Companies or Corporation respectively, without the Consent of the Court of Directors of the said Companies respectively, or the said Corporation of the City of London for the Time being, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, when they shall think proper, to order and direct all or any of the several Streets, Roads, Lanes, public Passages and Places of the said Hamlet, or any Part or Parts thereof, to be widened, paved, repaired, amended,

Materials vested in the Trustees.

to be entered into for more than one Year

Trustees may be bound to be bound for Breach of Contract

Contract to be signed by Trustees

Property of the Hamlet to be vested in the Trustees

Trustees empowered to repair Highways, &c.

amended, regulated, and improved, and the Ground thereof to be raised, lowered, or altered from Time to Time, in such Manner as they shall think fit, and also to direct and cause the Course of any Gutter or Channel running in or through the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, public Passages and Places, or any of them, to be turned or altered in such Manner as they shall think proper, and to direct the Grates already placed or hereafter to be placed over any Sewer to be removed and replaced in such Manner and at such Place and Places as they shall think most proper, so as the same be not detrimental or prejudicial to the public Sewers, and be from Time to Time done at the Expence of the said Trustees; and paid for out of the Money arising by virtue of this Act, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Trustees to alter or vary the Line or Level of any Road or Passage, or the Course of any Gutter or Channel adjoining to or running through any Part of the Premises of the said *West India* Dock Company, or the said *East India* Company, or the Corporation of the City of *London*, without the Consent of the Court of Directors of the said Company or the said Corporation of the City of *London* for the Time being, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Where Materials may be lodged for repairing Highways.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That during the Time any Road, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Hamlet shall be paving, altering, or repairing by virtue of this Act, the said Trustees shall have Power to order the necessary Materials to be lodged in that or any adjoining Lane, Road, or Place, Lanes, Roads, or Places, according to their Discretion, save and except any Lane, Road, or Place within the Premises belonging to the said *West India* Dock Company, or the said *East India* Dock Company, or the Corporation of the City of *London*.

Workmen, &c. to be appointed, and Horses, &c. purchased.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees from Time to Time to appoint such and so many Workmen, Labourers, Carters, and others, and also to purchase any Horses, Carts, Tools, and Implements, as they shall judge necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution.

Trustees may direct the Streets to be cleansed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, when they shall think proper, to nominate and appoint any Person or Persons, and to purchase any Cart or Carts, or other Carriage or Carriages, and also any Horse or Horses, for the Purpose of cleansing the several Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Hamlet, and of carrying away the Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, and Soil thereof, and also the Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, and Filth from the Houses and Premises of the Inhabitants within the said Hamlet, or it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to contract with any Person or Persons for the doing thereof.

Foot Pavement to be swept.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons inhabiting within the said Hamlet shall sweep and cleanse, or cause to be swept and cleansed, the Footpaths before their respective Houses, Buildings, and Walls once in every Day between the Hours

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of Six and Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, (*Sundays* excepted,) upon Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for every such Neglect therein.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time and at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to purchase and provide such and so many Glass Lamps, of such Sorts and Sizes, and such and so many Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts, and Materials and Things for lighting such Lamps, as they shall judge necessary, and to direct the same to be fixed or set upon or against the Walls, Rails, or Palisades of all or any of the Houses, Tenements, or Buildings, or against any other Walls or Places within the said Hamlet, (save and except the Walls and Buildings belonging to the said *West India* Dock Company, the said *East India* Dock Company, or the Corporation of the City of *London*) or in any other Manner they shall think proper and convenient, and to be taken down, altered, or removed when and as often as they shall think fit; provided that all Damage occasioned thereby be made good by and at the Expence of the said Trustees; and to cause such Lamps or any of them to be lighted at such Season of the Year, in such Evenings, and such Hour of the Evening, and to be kept burning for so many Hours as to them the said Trustees shall seem necessary or proper for the well and sufficient lighting of all or any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, Paths, Passages, or Places within the said Hamlet.

Lamps to be set up.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, take away, throw down, or otherwise destroy or damage any Lamp or Lamps already erected, or which shall be erected by or by the Order of the said Trustees, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their own Expence, for the Purpose of lighting any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, Paths, Passages, or Places, or any Post, Iron, or Cover, or other Furniture thereof, or shall wilfully extinguish the Light or Lights of any such Lamp or Lamps, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint to him made by any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses of any such Offence, to issue a Warrant for apprehending the Party or Parties accused; and it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to apprehend, and also for any Person or Persons to assist in apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by the Authority of this Act, without any other Warrant, to deliver him or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, and on the Party or Parties accused being brought before such Justice, such Justice shall proceed to examine upon Oath (which Oath every or any such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his, her, or their Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, then and in every such Case, he, she, or they shall for each and every such Offence respectively, and if more than One, shall severally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall besides make full Satisfaction, to be ascertained by such Justice, to the said

Penalty on wilfully breaking Lamps.

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Trustees, or other Party injured, for the said Damage so done; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not upon Conviction forthwith pay such Penalty by him, her, or them incurred, and also such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol, or House of Correction of the same County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months; and such Offender or Offenders shall not be discharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he, she, or they shall be so committed, unless such Penalty shall be sooner paid.

Negligently  
breaking  
Lamps.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly, negligently, or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise destroy, or damage any Lamp or Lamps being hung out or set up by the said Trustees, or by any other Person or Persons, at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Post, Iron, Cover, or Furniture thereof respectively, and shall not, upon Demand, make Satisfaction for the Damage so done, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County and he is hereby required, upon Complaint thereof made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to summon before him the Party or Parties complained of, for doing such Damage; and upon his, her, or their appearing, or making Default to appear, (Oath having been made that the Party complained against had been served with such Summons; or that the same had been left at his, her, or their usual Dwelling or Place of Abode, if known, or that he, she, or they could not be found,) such Justice shall proceed to examine the Cause of such Complaint; and upon Proof thereof, either by the Confession of the Party, or the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, shall award and order such Satisfaction to be made by the Party or Parties complained against, for the Damage so done, to the said Trustees or the Owner or Owners of such Lamp or Lamps, as to such Justice shall appear just and reasonable; and in case the Sum so awarded shall not be paid forthwith it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice and he is hereby required to cause the same to be levied and recovered as any Fine or Penalty can or may be levied or recovered by virtue of this Act.

No Person  
to take any  
Dirt, &c. but  
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tractor.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, other than the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Trustees for cleansing the several Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Hamlet, and for carrying away the Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, and Soil thereof, and also the Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, and Filth from the Houses and Premises of the Inhabitants within the said Hamlet, or the Person or Persons employed by or acting under the Direction of the Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, shall take or carry away, or cause to be taken or carried away any Dirt, Dust, Ashes, Filth, or Soil out of any such Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places as aforesaid, or shall on any Pretence whatever go about to collect or gather, or shall ask for, receive, or carry away, any Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, or Filth from any House or Premises of any Inhabitant within the said Hamlet, 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 grant a Warrant or Warrants to bring before him

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 for the County of *Middlesex*; 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 inquire into the Cause of Complaint; and if the Party or Parties shall be convicted, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, of taking or carrying away, or causing to be taken or carried away, any Dirt, Dust, Ashes, Filth, or Soil, out of any of such Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places as aforesaid, or of going about to collect or gather, asking for, receiving, or carrying away, any Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, or Filth from any House or Premises of any Inhabitant within the said Hamlet, not being the Person or Persons so employed by or contracting with the said Trustees, or acting under his or 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 or 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 or 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 the emptying of Privies or Necessary Houses as heretofore, or to prevent or hinder the removing or carrying away any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Filth, or Soil occasioned by the carrying on and exercising

exercising of any Trade, Manufactory, 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 and Benefit: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to restrain, vary, or alter the Rights of the *West India Dock Company*, *East India Dock Company*, or the Corporation of the City of *London*, within the Premises belonging to the said Companies or Corporations respectively, nor to cleansing the same, or removing any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, Mud, Filth, or other Soil therefrom, or to give to the said Trustees any Jurisdiction or Authority within the Premises belonging to the said Companies or Corporation respectively.

Houses to be numbered, and Names of Streets to be affixed.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may order and direct the Houses within the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places in the said Hamlet, to be numbered with Figures placed or painted on the Doors or other Part of the said Houses respectively; and may also order and direct to be painted or otherwise described on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Building at or near the End or Corner of each Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Alley, or other public Passage or Place, the Name by which such Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Alley, or other public Passage or Place is usually or properly called or known; and every Person who shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure, obliterate, or deface any such Number, Figure, Name, or Description, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence.

Steps, &c. projecting too far, to be removed.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Second *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act all Steps projecting into the Footways of the Streets, Roads, Lanes, Alleys, and other public Passages and Places in the said Hamlet, and all Steps and Doors going down out of the Footway into any Cellars, Vaults, or other Places belonging to any House, Shop, Warehouse, or Tenement, as likewise all Signs, Sign Posts, or Irons, Showglasses or Showboards, projecting or standing over and beyond the Area or into the Footways, and all and every other Material, Matter, or Thing which do or shall cause or occasion any Nuisance, Annoyance, or Encroachment or Obstruction in the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, Alleys, and other public Passages or Places, or any of them, in the Foot or Carriage Way thereof, shall and may be, at the Expence of the said Trustees, from Time to Time fixed, placed, or altered in such Manner and Form as shall be approved of by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or their Surveyor by their Direction.

For preventing Annoyances.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time hereafter drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, in any of the Carriageways within the said Hamlet, any Waggon or Cart, with or without Horses, and cause or permit or suffer the same Waggon or Cart to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Hamlet for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the loading or unloading thereof, or shall cause or permit or suffer any Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other

For preventing Annoyances.



other Carriage let to Hire, (except Hackney Coaches authorized to stand in any of the said Streets, Roads, or Places by the Commissioners of Hackney Coaches,) to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Roads, or Places within the said Hamlet for any longer Time than shall be necessary for taking up or setting down Passengers, or for loading or unloading their Baggage or other Loading (except for Repair in Cases of Accident); or shall place, or cause, permit, or suffer any Horse to stand at the Door of the House of any Person so as to obstruct or incommode the Passage of any of the said Footways; or shall lay or place, or cause to be laid or placed, any Timber, Bricks, Stones, Wood, Goods, or other Things, and suffer the same to remain in any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for removing or housing the same, or for the repairing of any House or Building, as the Case may happen to be; or shall put or place, or permit or suffer to remain, in any of the said Streets or Pavements or Footways, any Baskets, Barrows, Stands, or other Things, to the Interruption of any such Footways, Pavements, or Carriageways; or shall put or place, or leave or suffer to remain, any Meat, Fish, or Vegetables, or other Articles of any Description, to the Annoyance of any Passengers, or Interruption of any Footways, Pavements, or Carriageways in the said Streets or Roads, or at the Door of any Public House; or shall wilfully permit or suffer any Swine to wander or stray in any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; it shall be lawful for the Beadle or Beadles of the said Hamlet, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees, to seize such Waggon or Cart, Stage Coach, Post Coach, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let on Hire (except as aforesaid), together with the Horse or Horses (if any shall be thereunto belonging), and such Horse so standing at the Door of any Person to the Obstruction of the Passage of any of the said Footways, and the Loading, Harness, or Accoutrements thereof respectively, and all such Timber, Bricks, Stone, Wood, Goods, Swine, or other Things as aforesaid, and cause the same to be removed to some convenient Place or Places to be appointed by the said Trustees, there to be kept and detained until the Owner or Owners thereof, or other Person or Persons interested, shall have paid and discharged all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the carrying away, depositing, and keeping the same as aforesaid, as also a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings for each such Offence; and in case the same shall not be claimed, and the said Penalty and Charges paid within the Space of Six Hours, if Fish, Meat, Vegetables, or other Articles of a perishable Nature, and becoming decayed or stinking, or likely so to be, and within the Space of Five Days if not perishable, or of such Description as aforesaid, next after such Seizure and Removal thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to order the same or a sufficient Part thereof to be appraised and sold; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money arising by such Sale, and what shall remain unsold, shall be returned to the Owner or Owners thereof, on Demand, after deducting the said Penalty, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Seizure, removing, appraising, and selling the same.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall run, drive, or draw, or cause to be run, driven, or drawn, on any Part of the Footways or Footpaths of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, Alleys,

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and other public Passages and Places within the said Hamlet, or any or either of them, any Wheel or Wheels, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, or any Carriage, Horse, or other Beast or Thing whatsoever, such Person or Persons shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to take the Person or Persons so offending into Custody, and convey him, her, or them to a Justice or Justices of the said County of Middlesex, who is and are thereby authorized and empowered, upon Conviction of such Offender or Offenders, and in default of his, her, or their paying forthwith the Fine for such Offence or Offences, to commit him, her, or them to the House of Correction for the said County for any Time not exceeding Twenty-one Days.

Trustees may cause Nuisances to be removed.

Remove the same from the Streets and to repair the same.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Hogstye, stinking or offensive Bones, Dung, Carrion, Blood, Offal, Soil, or Rubbish, or any other noisome Matter whatsoever, on any Wharf or in any Yard, Garden, or Premises within the said Hamlet, shall be a Nuisance to any of the Inhabitants or other Person or Persons, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees and they are hereby required, upon Complaint thereof made by any such Inhabitant or other Person or Persons, by Notice in Writing under the Hands of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, who are hereby authorized and required to view the same, to order every such Nuisance to be altered or removed in such Manner as the said Trustees shall direct; and in case the same shall not be so altered or removed within Two Days after such Notice given to the Person or Persons who ought to alter or remove the same, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Day the same shall continue unaltered or unremoved after the Expiration of the said Time.

Where private Sewers are out of repair, the Owners of Houses connected therewith to repair the same within Six Days after Notice; and on their Neglect the same to be done by the Trustees.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in case any private Sewers and Drains in the said Hamlet which are not under the Direction of the Commissioners of Sewers are or shall be out of repair, and the Owners of the Houses and Premises connected therewith shall refuse or neglect to repair the same, then and so often as any such private Sewer or Drain shall require to be made new, repaired, altered, cleansed, or emptied, or any such Nuisance shall arise therefrom, the Owner or Owners of the Houses and Premises connected with such Sewer or Drain, and from whence the Water and Soil shall run into the same, shall, within Six Days next after Notice thereof in Writing to be given or left with the Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses respectively by the said Trustees, or by the Surveyor or other Person authorized by them, make new, effectually repair, cleanse, or empty such Sewer or Drain (as the Case may require); and in default thereof it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees or their Surveyor for the Time being to cause such Sewer or Drain to be made new, repaired, or altered, cleansed, or emptied (as the Case may require), the Charges and Expences whereof shall be paid by the said Trustees, who shall be reimbursed for the same by the Owner and Owners of the Houses and Premises connected with such Sewer or Drain as aforesaid in proportion to the Rent of such Houses and Premises respectively; and in case the said Charges and Expences shall not be repaid and reimbursed to the said Trustees by the said Owner and Owners of such Houses and Premises respectively within Ten Days next after Notice thereof

thereof shall be given to or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, which Notice shall be in Writing and signed by the Clerk to the said Trustees, and annexed to the Bill containing an Account of such Charges and Expences, and the Proportion thereof to be paid by such Owner and Owners respectively, and which Proportion at the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to adjust and settle, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in the Court of Requests for the Tower Hamlets, or other Districts wherein the Owner or Owners of such Houses respectively shall reside, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and against every such Owner and Owners who shall refuse or neglect to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the said Charges and Expences, for Recovery of the same as Money paid on his, her, or their Account, together with Costs of Suit.

the Foot ways

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall dig out any Earth, or leave any Hole in any Street, Road, or Place, before any House or Premises within the said Hamlet, for the Purpose of making any Vault or Cellar, or any other Purpose whatsoever, or in case any Vault or Cellar shall fall in, or the Flap Door, Iron Grating, or other Covering thereof, shall become decayed and dangerous to Passengers, or the Owner or Occupier thereof shall not forthwith repair the same in a good and sufficient Manner to be approved by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or shall not well and sufficiently fence in their vacant Ground, or fence or rail before the Area or Areas fronting to any Street or Place within the said Hamlet, every Person or Persons guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Day that such Offence shall be continued after Notice to such Owner or Occupier to repair the same being given by Order of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them.

Persons not to dig or leave Holes in Streets, and to repair Cellar Flaps, Doors, &c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all Docks, Canals, Cuts, Ditches, and Places in the said Hamlet, along or by which the Public have a Right of Passage in any respect dangerous to Passengers or Persons passing along or near the same for want of proper Fences or Rails, shall be properly fenced and railed in by the Proprietors or Owners thereof, or in default of their so doing, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to order or cause the said Docks, Canals, Cuts, Ditches, and other Places to be so properly fenced or railed in, and the Owners or Proprietors of the said Docks, Canals, Cuts, Ditches, and other Places shall pay the Expences thereof upon the same being demanded of them by the Person authorized by the said Trustees to receive the same, and in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay the same it shall and may be lawful, and the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered, to bring or cause to be brought and prosecuted any Action or Actions, either in Debt or Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or other inferior Court for the Recovery thereof, together with Costs of Suit: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Clause contained shall extend to the Land or Premises of the West India Dock Company, East India Dock Company, or the Corporation of the City of London.

To fence Canals, &c.

XLV. And

Breaking up  
Roads for  
Water Pipes,  
&c.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Part of the Road or Pavement within the said Hamlet shall be taken up for the Purpose of making, repairing, altering, cleansing, or emptying any Sewer, Vault, or Drain, or of laying, altering, or amending any Water Pipe or Plug, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, the Person or Persons so taking up such Pavement shall immediately give Notice thereof to the Surveyor to the Trustees for putting this Act in execution in order that the same may with all convenient Speed be laid down and repaired under the Inspection of the said Surveyor, and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Trustees, and they shall be reimbursed the same by the Companies of Waterworks or Commissioners of Sewers on whose Account or by whose Order the said Pavements, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be taken up; but if such Pavement shall not be taken up on their Account, then such Expence shall be reimbursed by the Occupier or Owner of the Vault or Drain or other Place on whose Account such Pavement shall be taken up, or other Person or Persons taking up or causing the same to be taken up.

Water Pipes  
bursting to  
be repaired.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as it shall happen that any Pipe or Pipes, belonging to any Water Company shall break or burst within the said Hamlet, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees or their Surveyor, or such other Person as the said Trustees shall appoint for that Purpose, to give immediate Notice thereof to the Water Company to whom such Pipe or Pipes shall or may belong, or their Clerk, Secretary, or Surveyor, and require them to repair the same, and properly fill in the Ground, and reinstate the Road or Pavement, within Two Days after such Notice given; and in case the said Water Company shall neglect or refuse to do the same within the said Two Days after such Notice given the said Trustees shall cause the same to be done, and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be paid by the Water Company to whom such Pipe or Pipes shall or may belong.

Emptying  
Privies, and  
carting Night  
Soil.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall empty or cause to be emptied any Privy or Necessary House, or carry or cause to be carried any Night Soil along any of the Streets, Roads, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the said Hamlet, before the Hour of Eleven at Night or after Six in the Morning, or shall at any Time negligently spill or put or throw, cast or lay, or cause or permit or suffer to be put, thrown, cast, or laid, any Night Soil, Soap-lees, Slop, Filth, Ashes, Dust, Dirt, or any noisome or offensive Water or Soil from any Cellar or Cesspool, over any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, public Passages or Places, or before his, her, or their Dwelling House, Shop, Stable, Wall, or other Building and Premises in the said Hamlet, or in any respect improperly, carelessly, or negligently remove the same, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex* and he is hereby required, upon Complaint to him made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses of any such Offences, to issue a Warrant for apprehending the Party or Parties accused; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to, apprehend, and also for any Person or Persons to assist in apprehending, the Offender or Offenders, together with the Horses, Asses, Cattle, Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements made for carrying the same

same away, and by the Authority of this Act, without any other War-  
 rant, to convey him, her, or them, or to deliver him, her, or them into  
 the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed  
 before some Justice of the Peace for the said County ; and on the Party  
 or Parties accused being brought before such Justice he shall proceed to  
 examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be  
 produced to give Evidence touching such Offence, and if the Party or  
 Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his, her, or  
 their Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, then and in every  
 such Case he, she, or they shall for each and every such Offence respec-  
 tively, and if more than One shall severally, 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 in case such Offender or Offenders shall not upon  
 Conviction forthwith pay such Penalty by him, her, or them incurred,  
 such Justice is hereby required to direct any such Horses, Asses, Cattle,  
 Carts, Trucks, Wheelbarrows, or other Carriages or Implements which  
 shall have been 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  
 or sold ; and in case there shall have been no such Seizure, 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 or 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 of the same County, there to  
 be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar  
 Month ; and such Offender or Offenders shall not be discharged before  
 the Expiration of the Time for which he, she, or they shall be committed,  
 unless such Penalty or Penalties, Costs, Charges, and Expences, shall be  
 sooner paid and satisfied.

XLVIII. And for the better governing, maintaining, employing, and  
 regulating the Poor of the said Hamlet, be it further enacted, That  
 the Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet for the Time being shall  
 and are hereby required (except in case of Sickness or other unavoidable  
 Cause) to attend at the Workhouse of the said Hamlet once in every  
 Week separately, each on a different Day in the Week, during the Time  
 of their continuing in the said Office of Overseer, and to examine into  
 the State of the Poor, and of their Complaints, Provisions, and Neces-  
 saries, and which of them are and are not able to work, and also to  
 examine all such Bills as shall be delivered in for any Goods or Things  
 received at the said Workhouse, and check and compare the same with  
 the Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse, before such Bills shall be  
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Directions to Overseers to attend the Workhouse.

audited by the said Trustees, and also to examine and call over the daily Lists of the Poor maintained in the said Workhouse; and each and every of the said Overseers shall also examine and see that the Poor as well as the said Master and Mistress of the said Workhouse do severally conform to the Rules and Regulations which shall be from Time to Time made by the said Trustees, and shall at every Time of their Attendance as aforesaid sign their Names in a Book to be provided for that Purpose and kept in the said Workhouse, and also the Day of the Month and Time of their Attendance at the said Workhouse; and in case any Complaint shall be made, or any thing shall be found amiss, or shall appear to either of the said Overseers to want Amendment, the Overseer to whom the same shall be made appear shall enter the Particulars thereof in the said Book, so to be signed as above mentioned; which said Book the Master or Mistress of the Workhouse for the Time being shall from Time to Time lay or cause to be laid before the said Trustees at each and every of their weekly Meetings, for the Inspection and Direction of the said Trustees; and in case any Master or Mistress of the said Workhouse shall neglect or refuse to lay or cause to be laid the said Book before the said Trustees at their several weekly Meetings as aforesaid, he or she shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for the Use of the Poor of the said Hamlet.

Trustees may make Orders relating to the Poor.

**XLIX.** And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make and issue such general Rules, Orders, and Regulations as they shall think proper for maintaining, regulating, and employing the Poor of the said Hamlet in the said Workhouse; provided that the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, or inconsistent with or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained.

Trustees may make Orders relating to the Poor.

To prevent embezzling in Poor Houses.

**L.** And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person maintained in the Workhouse of the said Hamlet shall embezzle or purloin any of the Apparel or Necessaries provided for him, her, or any other Person, or any of the Goods, Provisions, or Things provided for or belonging to the said Workhouse, or any Materials for Work, or shall refuse to work being able, or shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, or shall otherwise misbehave himself or herself, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees or any of their Officers to convey such Person or Persons so offending before some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*; and if upon Examination it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices that the Person or Persons charged with having committed such Offence is or are guilty thereof, then and in such Case the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to commit the Party or Parties offending to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to be imprisoned and kept to hard Labour, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, at the Discretion of such Justice or Justices; and the said Justice or Justices shall be distributed to the said Prisoners the Quantity and Portion of their Work as to the said Trustees.

To prevent embezzling in Poor Houses.

Preventing the Use of Spirituous Liquors in Workhouse.

**LI.** And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall convey any Spirituous or Strong Liquors into the said Workhouse, without the special Order of the Churchwarden and Overseers of the said Hamlet, or One of them, or the Medical Person employed by the said Trustees to attend such

such Workhouse, such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and all Persons having the Care or Management of the said Workhouses are hereby required to prohibit and prevent the drinking of Spirituous or Strong Liquors within the said Workhouse by any of the poor Persons therein.

LII. And in order to prevent Persons maintained and clothed in the Workhouse of the said Hamlet by the Churchwardens, Overseers, and Inhabitants thereof from pawning and disposing of their Clothes and Apparel, and the Goods, Chattels, and Property deposited in or belonging to the said Workhouse; be it enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Clothes or Wearing Apparel of any of the Poor who are or shall be received into and maintained in the said Workhouse of the said Hamlet, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into the said Workhouse to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor there, or any of the Goods, Furniture, or Property of the said Workhouse, or shall receive or buy any of the Provisions allotted to or provided for the Poor in the said Workhouse, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, together with the full Value of the Property so bought, received into pawn, or secreted, unless the same shall be delivered up in good Plight and Condition; one Moiety of such Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet, or One of them, for the Use of the Poor of the said Hamlet.

Persons buying or taking in pawn.

Trustees may make Orders relating to the Poor.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer or Person appointed or employed by the said Trustees shall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully misapply any of the Monies, Materials, or Implements of Work, Provisions, Utensils, Goods, Chattels, or Property, which are by this Act vested in the said Trustees, every such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Double the Value of such Money, Materials, Implements of Work, Provisions, Utensils, Goods, Chattels, and Property, which shall be so purloined, embezzled, or misapplied, and shall be rendered incapable of afterwards holding any Office, Situation, or Employment under the said Trustees.

The Trustees, Officers, or Servants embezzling Property.

Trustees may take the Benefit of the Labour of the Poor.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may take the Benefit of the Work, Labour, and Service of any such Poor in the said Workhouse; and apply the same towards their Maintenance by virtue of this Act.

Trustees may take the Benefit of the Labour of the Poor.

LV. And to the end that all the Poor in the said Workhouse may be encouraged to apply themselves with Diligence to the Labour or Tasks in which they may be employed, be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by the Poor, such Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful in proportion to the Quantity and Perfection of their Work as to the said Trustees shall appear reasonable.

Encouragement to the industrious Poor.

LVI. And in case it shall happen that from Casualties or sudden

Relieving casual Poor in Workhouse.

Illness, or otherwise, any poor Person or Persons shall require immediate Relief

Relief from the said Hamlet; be it enacted, That the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet shall from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, pay to all such poor Persons as shall appear to them to require immediate Relief any reasonable Sum or Sums of Money for their Support until the next Meeting of the said Trustees; and the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor shall at such next Meeting lay before the said Trustees an Account in Writing of the State and Circumstances of the Person or Persons so by them relieved, and the Sum and Sums of Money which they shall have expended, and the said Trustees at such Meeting shall then give Directions for the Maintenance and Relief of every such poor Person as to them shall seem expedient.

Security against Bastard Children.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Churchwarden, Overseers, and Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to take, accept, and receive Security from any Person or Persons for indemnifying the said Hamlet against the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Birth and Maintenance of any Bastard Child or Children.

Churchwardens, &c. may sue on Bonds given to former Officers, &c.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds and Securities which shall have already been given to any Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor or Officers of the said Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall*, for indemnifying such Hamlet from any Charge that may arise from Bastard Children, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be vested in the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor and Trustees for the Time being, who shall and may and they are hereby authorized to sue on such Bonds and Securities given heretofore or hereafter to be given as aforesaid in the Name of their Clerk as after mentioned, for the Purpose of recovering the Penalties or Money due thereon, any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Paupers to be removed by Beadles, instead of Overseers.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Person or Persons or any Vagrant or Vagrants shall be ordered to be removed from the said Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall* to the Place or Parish of his, her, or their legal Settlement, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees (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 or Vagrants by a Beadle, or some Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Trustees for that Purpose by Writing under their Hands, and every Overseer or other proper Officer of the Parish or Place to which such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, shall be ordered to be removed as aforesaid, is hereby required to receive every such poor Person or Persons, Vagrant or Vagrants, in like Manner as he 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 Hamlet of *Poplar* and *Blackwall*; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Old Rates to be deemed good.

LX. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment theretofore ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected shall and may be levied, assessed, and collected by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as any Rate or Assessment



Assessment ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected by virtue of this Act can or may be raised, levied, and collected.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall assemble and meet together twice or oftener in every Year at the Town Hall or other public Place of Business in the said Hamlet, and they the said Trustees so assembled, or any Five or more of them, shall and they are hereby required then to settle and ascertain, by an equal and indifferent Pound Rate, the Sum of Money necessary to be raised and laid upon all and every the Owners and Occupiers of any Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Docks, Canals, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and all other Property within the said Hamlet liable by Law to be rated or assessed to the Poor Rates of this Kingdom for the Relief of the Poor of the said Hamlet, which Rate or Assessment shall be laid according to the annual Rent or Value of all such Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Docks, Canals, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Property respectively, and when so settled and ascertained shall be raised, levied, and collected in manner by this Act directed; provided that Notice of every Meeting for making such Rate be given in the Parish Church of Saint Dunstan Stepney, and also in Poplar Chapel, on the Sunday preceding such Meeting, or in the Church of any adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church or Chapel shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause.

Poor Rates to be made.

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LXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall, twice or oftener in every Year, meet together at the Town Hall or other public Place of Business in the said Hamlet, and they the said Trustees so assembled, or any Five or more of them, shall then settle and ascertain the Sum of Money necessary to be raised and laid by an equal and indifferent Round Rate upon all and every the Owners and Occupiers of any Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Docks, Canals, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and all other Property within the said Hamlet liable by Law to be rated or assessed to the Poor Rates of this Kingdom, not exceeding Twelve-pence in the Pound by the Year, on the annual Rent or Value of all such Messuages, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Docks, Canals, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Property, for the Purpose of lighting, watching, cleansing, paving, regulating, and otherwise improving the said Hamlet; and after such Rates or Assessments shall be so settled and ascertained the same shall be raised, levied, and collected in manner by this Act directed; provided that Notice of every Meeting for making such Rate be given in the Parish Church of Saint Dunstan Stepney, and also in Poplar Chapel, on the Sunday preceding such Meeting, or in the Church of any adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church or Chapel shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause.

Rates for lighting, &c. to be made.

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LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the said Trustees, at any Time after making of any Rate or Assessment to be made under the Authority of this Act, that the Name of any Person liable to be included in such Rate or Assessment hath been omitted therein, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to add, or cause to be added to such Rate or Assessment the Name of any Person so omitted, together with the Sum for which he ought to be so rated, and the Amount of such Rate or

Trustees may rectify Omissions in Rates.

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Assessment in respect thereof; and every such Addition made to any of the said Rates shall be as valid and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been inserted in the Rate at the Time the same was first made out.

Rates to be allowed by Justices ;

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment so to be made or altered in manner aforesaid for the Relief of the Poor of the said Hamlet shall be valid, unless allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Middlesex*, and Notice thereof shall be given in the Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan Stepney*, and also in *Poplar Chapel*, on the *Sunday* next after the same shall be allowed, or in the Church of any adjoining Parish, in case the said Parish Church of *Saint Dunstan Stepney* or *Poplar Chapel* shall be shut up for the Purpose of Repair, or some unavoidable Cause.

and, being allowed, to be deemed valid.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Rates or Assessments so made or altered for the Relief of the Poor of the said Hamlet, and allowed by Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and published in manner aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be good, valid, and effectual; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

For apportioning Rates.

LXVI. 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, or Hereditament within the said Hamlet, before any Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act, or made or to be made for the watching, cleansing, lighting, paving, and otherwise improving of the said Hamlet, and for the Relief of the Poor thereof, shall be paid, or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed, before Payment of any such Rate or Assessment, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same shall be empty or unoccupied, the Person so removing out of or from or quitting the Possession, and the Person entering into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of every Rate or Assessment 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, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, 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*.

Houses partly within and partly without the Limits of the Act how to be rated.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any House or Premises within the said Hamlet, or any Part of such House or Premises, shall stand or abut upon any Street or Place not within the Limits of the said Hamlet, and shall be partly within and partly without the Limits of this Act, such Houses and Premises shall be assessed to the Rates to be raised by virtue of this Act, for a proportionate Part only of the Rent or Value thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Churchwarden, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, and they are

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thereby authorized and required, to apportion and settle at how much and what Part of the Rent or Value of such House or Premises the same shall be assessed; and if any Person or Persons occupying such House or Premises shall be dissatisfied therewith, he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions within the Time and in the Manner hereinafter mentioned, and the Determination of such Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions therein shall be final and conclusive.

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LXVIII. And for the better and more effectually raising and levying the several Rates and Assessments by this Act directed to be made, be it further enacted, That in case any Occupier, Owner, Proprietor, or Lessee of any Wharf, Dock, Canal, Land, Ground, Dwelling House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said Hamlet shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him or her by virtue of this Act, or any Arrears of any former Rate or Rates, it shall be lawful for any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and directed, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, on Complaint made by the Churchwarden, Overseers, and Trustees of the said Hamlet, or any Five or more of them, to summon all and every Person or Persons who shall have refused or neglected as aforesaid, (upon Oath being made before such Justice or Justices by the Overseers of the Poor, Collector or Collectors for the Time being, or One or more of them, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last Place of Abode of all and every Person or Persons then intended to be summoned, or who are or shall be liable to the Payment of the said Rate or Rates, and having demanded the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and of the Neglect or Refusal of such Person or Persons to pay the said Rate or Rates,) to appear before such Justice or Justices at a Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and it shall be lawful for the Overseers of the Poor, Collector or Collectors, or for any of the Beadles of the said Hamlet, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premises for which the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments mentioned in such Summons, shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if he, she, or they shall attend, and shall not show good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices that he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates in respect of which such Summons was issued; and in all Cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices who shall have directed such Summons and Summonses to be issued as aforesaid, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him or them of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Party who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, authorizing and directing the same Overseers of the Poor, Collector

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or Collectors, to collect or levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and the Costs and Charges of the Summons, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Warrant, and of executing the same by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Hamlet or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any such Distress shall be made the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, shall not be paid, together with the reasonable Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Overseers of the Poor, Collector or Collectors, shall cause the said Goods to be appraised by One or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and to be sold, or such Part or Parts thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them; provided that no such Distress be made upon any One Person more than a Twelvemonth's Rate.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Warrant or Warrants of Distress for Nonpayment of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act may be in the Words or to the Effect following, or altered or varied as the Case may require:

Middlesex } To the Churchwarden, Overseers of the Poor, and Col-  
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 Hamlet of Poplar and Blackwall in the County of Middlesex, and to  
 all Constables and other Peace Officers of the said Hamlet.

Form of  
 Warrant of  
 Distress.

WHEREAS the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants, Householders, Tenants, or Occupiers of Lands, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Docks, Canals, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, or other Buildings or Hereditaments within the Hamlet of Poplar and Blackwall, were rated and assessed to the Rates and Assessments made for the Purposes of an Act made and passed in the Fifth third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled [here set forth the Title of the Act]: And whereas the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums of Money set against their Names due from them for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, and the said several Sums are still remaining due in arrear and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and the said several Persons having been summoned to appear before to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to the said Justice [or Justices] upon Oath, and no sufficient Cause having been shown by such several Persons or any of them, why such Sum or Sums of Money should not be paid; These are therefore in His Majesty's Name to will and require you or either of you forthwith to levy the said several Sums due from the said Persons, and hereunder set against their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels (such Goods and Chattels being kept for the Space of Five Days before the same are sold), rendering to them respectively the Overplus

plus (if any) the reasonable Charges of such Distress, Sale, or Keeping being first deducted; and if no sufficient Distress can be taken, that then you certify the same to us, to the end such further Proceedings may be had therein as to Law doth appertain; and I [or we] do hereby strictly charge and command all Constables, and other His Majesty's Peace Officers for the said County, to be aiding and assisting in all Things relating to the Premises. Given under my Hand and Seal [or our Hand and Seals] this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_

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C. D.				
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LXX. And be it further enacted, That in order to avoid the Loss which might happen by Tenants or Occupiers of Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, quitting and removing from the same before the Day on which the Rates or Assessments on the said Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments become due and payable, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of the said Hamlet, and the Collector or Collectors of the said Rates for the Time being, to demand and receive at any Time after the making of such Rates or Assessments, and within Twenty-one Days before the Time of such Rates or Assessments becoming due and payable, or at any other subsequent Time, the said respective Rates and Assessments, and in case of Nonpayment thereof to enforce the Payment of such Rates and Assessments in the same Manner and with the same Powers as in case of the Nonpayment of such Rates and Assessments upon or after the Day on which the same would become due and payable.

Rates may be demanded before they become due.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons liable to and who may be rated and assessed for the watching, lighting, cleansing, paving, and otherwise improving the same Hamlet, or for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor thereof, shall, before the Payment of the Sums which may be rated on them respectively, quit and leave their Lands, Grounds, Dwelling Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and remove out of the said Hamlet, such Person or Persons who hath or have been so rated and assessed, and shall so quit or be about to quit his or their Lands, Grounds, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments before he, she, or they shall have paid such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same when due and demanded by the Overseer or Overseers, Collector or Collectors, authorized and appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Overseer or Overseers, Collector or Collectors, or any One of them, (Oath being made by him or them that

Recovery of Rates from Persons removed.

he or they hath or have Cause to suspect that such Person or Persons is  
 bor are removing or hath or have removed his or their Goods and Chat-  
 tels,) 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 autho-  
 rized and required to grant); and in case such Person or Persons shall have  
 removed (such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Ma-  
 gistrate of the County, City, or Liberty to which such Person or Persons  
 shall have removed, which Warrant such Magistrate is hereby empowered  
 to back or countersign,) to distrain the Goods and Chattels of such Per-  
 son or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the said Rates or Assess-  
 ments, or any of them, and to sell the same, rendering the Overplus (if  
 any), after having deducted the said Rates or Assessments, and the rea-  
 sonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Distress and Sale,  
 upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels  
 respectively.

Goods may  
 be followed  
 into any other  
 County.

LXXII. And for the more effectually levying the Money rated and  
 assessed for the several Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That  
 the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons rated or assessed as afore-  
 said, and neglecting or refusing to pay the Sum or Sums by him, her, or  
 them respectively payable as aforesaid, shall and may be distrained in  
 manner aforesaid, not only in the Hamlet where such Rate or Assessment  
 was made, but at any other Place within the said County, and if suf-  
 ficient Distress cannot be found within the same County, then, upon Oath  
 thereof made before One or more Justice or Justices of any other County,  
 City, Liberty, or Place, (which Oath shall be certified under the Hand  
 of the said Justice or Justices on the Warrants made out for such Distress  
 of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or  
 refusing to pay,) shall be subject and liable to such Distress and Sale in  
 such other County, Liberty, or Place where the same shall be found, and  
 may by virtue of such Warrant or Certificate be distrained in the same  
 Manner as if the same had been found within the said Hamlet of Poplar  
 and Blackwall.

Power in the  
 Trustees to  
 remit a Part  
 of the Rates.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful  
 for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to  
 grant to any Person or Persons, on account of Poverty, such Relief in  
 the Payment of any Rate or Assessment, as they the said Trustees shall  
 think proper.

Churchward-  
 den and  
 Overseers to  
 account to  
 the Trustees.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful  
 for the said Churchwarden and Overseers of the Poor respectively of the  
 said Hamlet, and all and every the Collector or Collectors of the Rates  
 to be made by virtue of this Act, and each of them, from Time to Time,  
 and they and each of them are and is required, Four Times in every  
 Year, and as often as ordered by the said Trustees, to pay over all such  
 Sum and Sums of Money by them or any of them received by virtue of  
 such several Rates or Assessments into the Hands of the said Treasurer,  
 and shall also make up and render to the said Trustees, as often as there-  
 unto required, full, true, perfect, and distinct Accounts in Writing of  
 all and every Sum and Sums of Money so collected and recovered by  
 them respectively by virtue of this Act for the respective Purposes afore-  
 said

Churchward-  
 den and  
 Overseers to  
 account to  
 the Trustees.

said; and to pay over all such Money so by them or any of them collected and remaining in hand to the said Treasurer in manner aforesaid; and if the said Churchwarden, Overseers, or Collectors, or any of them, shall refuse or neglect to give and render a just, true, and perfect Account, or just, true, and perfect Accounts, or pay over the Money remaining in his or their Hands, in manner as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver to the said Trustees all Books, Papers, and Writings in his, her, or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in each of the said Cases it shall and may be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, on Complaint made to them by the said Trustees, and Proof thereof by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, which Oath the said Justices are hereby empowered to administer, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to commit such Person or Persons so refusing to give and render a just, true, and perfect Account, or just, true, and perfect Accounts, or to pay over the Money, or deliver such Books, Papers, or Writings as aforesaid, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be and remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they shall have made and delivered such Account or Accounts as aforesaid, and satisfied and paid over to the said Trustees all such Money as shall appear to be and remain in his or their Hands, or until he or they shall compound for or satisfy the said Trustees touching the Money in his or their Hands, or the Balance of such Accounts respectively, which Composition the said Trustees are hereby empowered to make, or until he or they shall deliver such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid.

Goods may be followed into any other County

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatsoever, shall be required, taken, or received by any Officer, Clerk, or other Person executing or performing or assisting in the Execution or Performance of any of the Duties, or acting in any of the Offices or Employments under this Act, for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing done or performed, or to be done or performed, by any or either of such Officer or Officers, Clerk or Clerks, or other Person or Persons, on account of or relating to any such Office or Employment, other than and except such Salaries or Allowances as shall be paid, allowed, or given by the Trustees under this Act; and if any such Officer, Clerk, or other Person shall at any Time after the passing of this Act require, take, or receive any Fee, Perquisite, Gratuity, or Reward, whether pecuniary or of any other Sort or Description whatever, either directly or indirectly, on account of or relating to any such Office or Employment, or for any Service, Act, Duty, Matter, or Thing done or performed or to be done or performed therein, although the same shall be freely offered or given, except as aforesaid, every such Officer, Clerk, or other Person so offending shall, on Proof thereof to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees, be peremptorily dismissed from his Office or Employment, and be rendered incapable of ever again holding or executing or acting in any Office or Employment in the Service of the said Trustees.

No Perquisites allowed.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments in manner as aforesaid shall be issued, paid, and applied for the respective Uses and Purposes in and by this Act directed

the Trustees of the Poor of the Parish of St. Martin in the City of London

Rates to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

directed and prescribed, in such Manner as the aforesaid Trustees shall from Time to Time, at any of their weekly or adjourned Meetings, order, direct, and appoint; and in case the Money assessed or collected in any Year by virtue of this Act shall not be sufficient to answer the respective Purposes for which the same was so rated or assessed, such Deficiency shall be supplied out of the Rates or Assessments of the next ensuing Year; and in case there shall remain at the End of any Year any Surplus of any or either of the respective Rates, such Surplus shall from Time to Time, as the same shall happen to arise, be applied in aid of the succeeding Year's Expence in putting in execution the Purposes of this Act respectively.

Penalties on Persons assaulting and interrupting Officers and Workmen.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest any of the Trustees, or any Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, Receiver, Surveyor, or Master or Mistress of the Workhouse, Beadle, or other Officer or Officers, Workmen, Person or Persons whomsoever, who is, are, or shall be employed by virtue of this Act in the Performance or Execution of his, her, or their Duty, or of any of the Measures or Things to be done in virtue or in pursuance hereof, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Mode of recovering, and Application of Penalties and Forfeitures.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed and incurred (for the Recovery whereof no other Method hath been directed by this Act) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to issue, upon Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized and required to administer); and the Overplus of the Money (if any) arising by such Distress and Sale shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and a Moiety of all such Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, shall, if not herein directed to be otherwise applied, be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, and be applied by him for such of the Purposes of this Act as the said Trustees shall think fit, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons on whose Information the Party or Parties offending shall have been convicted; and in case sufficient Goods and Chattels cannot be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of and for the said County for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid or satisfied.

Form of Conviction of Offenders.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, or any Misdemeanor in pursuance thereof, the Conviction shall be in the Form and Words or to the Effect following:

BE



Middlesex } BE it remembered, That on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
 (to wit) } \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A. B. is duly convicted before me [or us]  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said  
 \_\_\_\_\_ County of Middlesex, of having on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at the Parish [or Hamlet] of \_\_\_\_\_ in the said County,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ unlawfully [here state the Offence against this Act, as the Case may be,]  
 \_\_\_\_\_ contrary to an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-third Year of the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled [here set forth  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Title of this Act]; and I [or we] the said Justice [or Justices] do  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare and adjudge that the said A. B. shall forfeit and pay  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for his said Offence the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ disposed of [here state how the Penalty shall be disposed of according to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the Directions of the Act.] Given under my [or our] Hand and Seal  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [or Hands and Seals, as the Case may be] the Day and Year first  
 \_\_\_\_\_ before written.

the whole of  
 the Act shall  
 be applied  
 according to  
 the Directions  
 of the Act  
 as the Case  
 may be

LXXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and  
 may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom  
 any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence or Offences for  
 which any pecuniary Penalty is imposed by this Act, where he or they  
 shall see Cause, to mitigate or lessen any of the Forfeitures incurred by  
 Penalties inflicted as aforesaid as he or they shall in their Discretion  
 think fit; and every such Mitigation shall be a sufficient Discharge to  
 the Person or Persons so offending respectively for so much of the said  
 Penalties or Forfeitures as shall be so lessened, mitigated, or remitted.

Power to  
 mitigate  
 Penalties.

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 the whole of  
 the Act shall  
 be applied  
 according to  
 the Directions  
 of the Act  
 as the Case  
 may be

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may sue  
 and be sued in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and that all  
 Actions or Suits that may be necessary or expedient to be brought for  
 the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum of Money due or payable by virtue  
 of this Act, or for or in respect of any other Matter or Thing relating  
 to this Act, may be brought in the Name of such Clerk, and that no  
 Action or Suit which may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by  
 or against the said Trustees or any of them, by virtue or on account  
 of this Act, in the Name of such their Clerk, shall abate or be discon-  
 tinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk, or by any  
 Act or Default of such Clerk done or suffered without the Consent or  
 Direction of the said Trustees, except in such Action or Actions as shall  
 be prosecuted between the said Trustees and their Clerk for the Time  
 being, in which Action or Suit any One of the said Trustees shall or  
 may be Plaintiff or Defendant, as the Case may be: Provided always,  
 that every such Clerk or Trustee in whose Name any Action or Suit shall  
 be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall  
 always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of  
 this Act, all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as such Clerk or Trustee  
 shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his so being  
 made Plaintiff or Defendant therein; but no such Clerk or Trustee shall  
 be personally answerable or liable for the Payment of the same or any  
 Part of the same, unless such Action or Suit shall arise in consequence of  
 his wilful Neglect or Default, or have been brought or commenced without  
 the Order or Direction of the said Trustees, as the Case may be.

Provision for  
 bringing and  
 defending  
 Actions in  
 the Name of  
 the Clerk.

Indemnity of  
 Clerk.

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 the whole of  
 the Act shall  
 be applied  
 according to  
 the Directions  
 of the Act  
 as the Case  
 may be

Inhabitants  
and Trustees  
allowed to  
give Evi-  
dence.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant or Trustee of the said Hamlet, shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, Prosecution, Appeal, Cause, or Proceedings whatsoever, in, about, touching, or concerning this Act, or any Matter or Thing herein contained, in which the said Hamlet, or the Inhabitants or Trustees thereof, or their Clerk, shall be a Party or Parties on account of his, her, or their paying the Rates of the said Hamlet, or any or either of them; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings  
not to be  
quashed or  
removed by  
Certiorari.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Judgment, Conviction, or other Proceeding touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or touching or concerning any Offence against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by Certiorari, or 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.

To prevent  
vexatious  
Suits.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money justly due for any of the Purposes 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 therein; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining 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 Party or Parties aggrieved by such Irregularity shall or may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damages he, she, or they shall have sustained thereby, and no more, in any Action of Trespass or on the Case, at the Election of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs: Provided always, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action or Actions for any Irregularity as aforesaid if Tender of Amends hath been made by the Party or Parties making the Distress before such Action or Actions was or were brought, nor if Tender of Amends shall be made at any Time after the said Action or Actions shall have been brought, and before the Trial thereof, together with the Costs of Suit at the Time of the last-mentioned Tender.

Appeal.

LXXXV. Provided always, and be it 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 Act, or by any Rule, Order, or Regulation, Judgment or Determination of the said Trustees, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done or committed by or by Order of the said Trustees, such Person or Persons may appeal to the said Trustees at any Meeting to be holden within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any other Matter or Thing done or committed by or by the Order of the said Trustees; and such Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think such Person or 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 Trustees, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by reason of any Judgment, Order, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in the Execution

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Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case he, she, or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County within Three Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Trustees, 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 Clerk of the said Trustees, or to the said Justice or Justices, 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 therein, 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 Rule, Order, Regulation, 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.

LXXXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That on Appeal from the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, 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 manner herein directed.

Sessions may amend Rates.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Action shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Thirty Days Notice thereof, signed by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, shall be given in Writing to the Churchwarden or Clerk to the said Trustees, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the County of *Middlesex*, and not in any other County or Place; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by Authority of this Act; and if such Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Thirty Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction or Tender of Amends was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or

Limitation of Actions.

Place

Place than as aforesaid, that then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if, upon Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein; then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Expences of Act how to be paid.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Rates or Assessments raised, levied, and collected, or to be raised, levied, and collected, by virtue of this Act, in the following Proportions, namely, One Moiety out of the Poor Rates, and the other Moiety out of the Rates for lighting, watching, paving, regulating, and improving the said Hamlet.

Privileges of the Common Council of London not to be affected.

LXXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to deprive the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, of any Right, Privilege, or Jurisdiction heretofore lawfully claimed, exercised, or enjoyed within the said Hamlet.

Privileges of Dock Companies not to be affected.

XC. Provided always, and it is hereby 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 *West India Dock Company* or the *East India Dock Company*.

For saving the Rights of the Commercial Road Trustees, &c.

XCI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice, affect, or derogate from any of the Rights, Interests, Privileges, or Authorities of the Trustees of the *Commercial Road*, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction given to or vested in them or any of them, or which they can or may lawfully claim, use, or exercise under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining, and for watching, lighting, and watering, a Road from the West India Docks in the Isle of Dogs to communicate with a Street called Church Lane or Church Street, Whitechapel, and for making and maintaining a Branch of Road therefrom to communicate with Queen Street in the Parish of Saint Anne, all in the County of Middlesex; for opening, widening, and improving certain Streets and Passages therein mentioned; and for more effectually amending and keeping in repair a Road from Ratcliffe Highway, through Cannon Street, in the County of Middlesex, into the Road leading into the County of Essex, and also from the West End of Brook Street into Cable Street, and from Upper Shadwell Street into the Back Lane in the said County of Middlesex; and a certain other Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty, for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering several Roads to communicate with the West India Docks in the Isle**

of Dogs in the County of Middlesex; and also of several Acts for repairing the Cannon Street Road in the said County, and also for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering a new Branch to communicate with the East India Docks, nor to authorize or empower the Trustees acting under or by virtue of this Act to exercise any Power or Jurisdiction over the said Roads or any of them, nor to rate or assess for and towards the lighting, watching, cleansing, paving, regulating, and otherwise improving the said Hamlet, the Owners or Occupiers of any Messuage, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Dock, Canal, Land, Hereditament, or other Property within the Limits prescribed by the said last-mentioned Acts for Rates or Assessments to be made, laid, or assessed for defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of lighting, watching, cleansing, and watering the said Roads, without the Consent in Writing of the Trustees of the said Roads at a Meeting to be held for any or either of the Purposes aforesaid respectively, and then only so far as such Consent shall be granted or extend.

XCII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice, affect, or derogate from any of the Rights, Interests, Privileges, or Authorities of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company, or of the Directors of the said Company, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction given to or vested in them or any of them, or which they or any of them can or may lawfully claim, use, or exercise under or by virtue of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for establishing a Ferry over the River Thames from Greenwich in the County of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the County of Middlesex, and for making or maintaining Roads to communicate therewith*, nor to authorize or empower the Trustees acting under or by virtue of this Act to exercise any Power or Jurisdiction over the said Roads or Ferry, nor to rate or assess for and towards the lighting, watching, cleansing, paving, regulating, and otherwise improving the said Hamlet, the Owners or Occupiers of any Messuage, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Dock, Canal, Land, Hereditaments, or other Property within the Limits prescribed by the said Act passed in the last Session of Parliament for Rates or Assessments to be made, laid, or assessed for defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of lighting, watching, cleansing, and watering the said Roads and Ferry, without the Consent in Writing of the Directors of the said Company at a Meeting to be held for any or either of the Purposes aforesaid respectively, and then only so far as such Consent shall be granted or extend.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That the Road or Way leading from the Commercial Road by the South Side of a Rope Ground in the Occupation of James Mitchell to a private Way made by Messieurs Emmett, and from thence extending Southward to and communicating with the Road authorized to be made and maintained by the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company on the West Side of the Isle of Dogs within the said Hamlet of Poplar and Blackwall, and also that the Road leading from Poplar High Street, heretofore called Preston's Road, into and from the Road authorized to be made and maintained by the said Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company on the East Side of the Isle of Dogs within the Hamlet of Poplar and Blackwall aforesaid, shall from henceforth be repaired, paved, lighted, watched, cleansed, regulated, and improved by the Trustees acting under and by virtue of this Act, in such and the like Manner as

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others of the public Roads and Highways within the said Hamlet are in and by this Act to be repaired, paved, lighted, watched, cleansed, regulated, and improved.

Laws relating  
to Church-  
wardens, &c.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That all the Laws relating to the Office of Churchwarden and Overseer of the Poor, and for the Relief and providing for the Poor, shall still continue in force within the said Hamlet, except where the same are altered, or other Provisions are made in relation thereto by this Act.

Public Act.

XCV. 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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