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# GEORGI III. REGIS.

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## *Cap. xcvi.*

An Act to amend an Act of His present Majesty, for building a new Prison in the City of *London*, and for removing thereto Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Gaol of *Newgate* and the Two *Compters* of the said City, and also the Prison of *Ludgate*. [4th July 1815.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for building a new Prison in the City of London, for removing thereto Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Gaol of Newgate and the Two Compters of the said City, and also the Prison of Ludgate; and for converting the Building now containing the said Two Compters and Ludgate into a Gaol for Criminals in the said Two Compters, and into a House of Correction, for the said City of London;* it was enacted, that it should be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, to erect and build on a Piece of Ground, situate in the Parish of *Saint Giles without Cripplegate*, a new Prison, with proper and necessary Offices of such Dimensions, according to such Plan, and in such Manner, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, should judge necessary or proper, but so nevertheless that the said new Prison should be divided into Four separate and distinct Parts or Prisons, in order that the same might be appropriated by the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, as therein and hereinafter is mentioned, in Manner following; (that is to say), One of the said

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Parts or Prisons for the Confinement of Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, Two other of the said Four Parts or Prisons for the said Two *Compters* of the City of *London*, and for the Confinement of Prisoners under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and the remaining or other of the said Four Parts or Prisons for the said Prison of *Ludgate*; and that each and every of the said Four Parts or Prisons should contain a sufficient Number of separate and distinct Wards or Places of Confinement, and be constructed in such Manner that the Males might be separated from the Females confined therein, as well by Day as by Night, and should contain sufficient Apartments and Places for the Use of such Prisoners as might be willing to work for their Maintenance while in Confinement, and also separate Infirmaries or Sick Wards for the Men and for the Women, and that such new Prison should also contain proper and distinct airing Grounds for the said Parts or Prisons, and the Prisoners confined therein respectively; and that when the said new Prison and Offices should be erected and built as therein and herein-before is mentioned, the said new Prison should be called *The Debtors Prison for London and Middlesex*; and such One of the Four Parts or Prisons into which the said new Prison should be separated and divided as aforesaid, as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen should think proper for that Purpose, should and was thereby declared to be the Prison for Persons confined under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, and should be appropriated accordingly; and that such Two others of the said Parts or Prisons, as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen should think proper for those Purposes, should and were thereby declared to be the Two *Compters* of the City of *London*, and should be appropriated for the Custody of Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*; and that the remaining or other Part of the said Four Parts or Prisons should and was thereby declared to be the Prison of *Ludgate*, and should be appropriated to every Use and Purpose to which the said Prison of *Ludgate* was then appropriated by Law, Usage, or Prescription; and that no Person who should or might be confined in any of the said Parts or Prisons in the aforesaid new Prison, which should be appropriated for Persons in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, should be or be liable to be charged with any Process directed to the Sheriff of *Middlesex*; nor should the Sheriff of *Middlesex* be charged with or liable for the safe Custody of any Person in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and that no Person who should or might be confined in any of the said Parts or Prisons in the aforesaid new Prison, which should be appropriated for the Confinement of Persons in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, should be or be liable to be charged with any Process directed to the Sheriffs of *London*, nor should the Sheriffs of *London* be charged with or liable for the safe Custody of any Person in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*: And whereas considerable Progress hath been made in building a new Prison in pursuance of the said recited Act: And whereas the Prisoners confined in One or more of the said Four Parts or Prisons, into which the said new Prison is directed to be divided by the said recited Act, may be much crowded, at the same Time when there may be but few Prisoners confined in other of the said Parts or Prisons: And whereas the distinct Grounds directed to be made by the said recited Act will respectively be too small and confined to afford sufficient Air and Exercise to the Prisoners who may be confined in the said Prison: And whereas it is therefore expedient that the said new

Prison should not be divided in the Manner directed by the said recited Act, but that Prisoners confined therein, whether in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, or the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, or in the Prison of *Ludgate*, may be confined in any Part of the said new Prison, and that some of the intended Yards or Airing Grounds should be laid together, and that the Provisions of the said recited Act should be altered and amended in Manner hereafter mentioned: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and immediately after the passing of this Act, so much of the said recited Act as directs the said new Prison to be divided into Four distinct Parts or Prisons, with proper and distinct Airing Grounds, and as prevents the Prisoners confined therein in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, and in the Prison of *Ludgate*, being confined in the same Parts of the said new Prison, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Division of  
the new  
Prison and  
Yards.

II. Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the said new Prison shall be constructed in such Manner that the Males may be separated from the Females confined therein, as well by Day as by Night, and shall contain sufficient Apartments and Places for the Use of such Prisoners as may be willing to work for their Maintenance while in Confinement; and also separate Infirmaries, or Sick Wards, for the Men, and for the Women, and that such new Prison shall also contain proper and distinct airing Grounds for the Men and the Women.

Directions  
for dividing  
the Prison.

III. And be it further enacted, That when the said new Prison shall be erected and built, as herein-before is mentioned, the same and every Part thereof, within the outer Wall of the said new Prison, shall and is hereby declared to be the Prison for Persons confined under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, and also the Two *Compters* of the City of *London*, for the Custody of the Prisoners confined under Civil Process in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and also the Prison of *Ludgate*, and shall and may be appropriated for the same Purposes, according to the same Uses, and in the same Manner as the respective Parts into which the said new Prison was directed to be divided by the said herein-before in Part recited Act were thereby mentioned to be appropriated; and that the Removal of any Prisoner or Prisoners from any Part of the said new Prison to any other Part of the said Prison, or the passing, repassing, abiding, remaining, or being of such Prisoner or Prisoners, in any Part of the said new Prison, within the outer Wall or Inclosure thereof, or the Intermixture of Prisoners confined under different Custodies therein, shall not be, or be construed to be, any Escape from or out of the respective Custody or Custodies under which any of the said Prisoner or Prisoners are held.

Prisoners  
under dif-  
ferent Cus-  
todies may  
be confined  
in any Part  
of the Prison.

IV. And be it further enacted, That no Person who shall or may be confined in the said new Prison, in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, shall be or be liable to be charged with any Process directed to the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, nor shall the Sheriff of *Middlesex* be charged with or liable for the safe Custody of any Person in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*; and that no Person who shall or may be confined in the said new Prison,

Prisoners in  
the Custody  
of the Sheriffs  
of *London*  
not to be  
chargeable  
with Process  
directed to

the Sheriff of  
Middlesex,  
nor vice versa.

Prison, in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, shall be or be liable to be charged with any Process directed to the Sheriffs of *London*, nor shall the Sheriffs of *London* be charged with or liable for the safe Custody of any Person in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*.

Prisoners  
when con-  
fined together  
to be under  
the same  
Management  
and enjoy the  
same Char-  
ities as if  
divided.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Prisoners confined in the said new Prison in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, and in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *London*, and in the Gaol of *Ludgate* respectively, shall, although they may respectively be confined in the same Parts of the said new Prison, be under and subject to the same Regulations, Management, and Controul, and shall enjoy, and be entitled to the same Rights, Privileges, Charities, Gifts, Benefits, and Advantages whatsoever, as the same respective Prisoners would have been under and subject to, had, enjoyed, and been entitled to by the said herein-before in Part recited Act, or by Law, Usage, Custom, Prescription, or otherwise howsoever, in case the said new Prison had been divided in the Manner directed by the said Act, or this Act had not been made.

Expences of  
Act how to  
be paid.

VI. And be it also enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, shall pay and discharge all the Costs and Charges of obtaining and passing this Act, with and out of any of the Monies raised or received, or to be raised or received in pursuance of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them.

Powers of  
former Act  
extended to  
this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said herein-before in Part recited Act, and the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Directions, Regulations, Authorities, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall, so far as the same are applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and are not hereby altered, repealed, or rendered unnecessary, extend and are hereby extended to this present Act, as fully and effectually as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Public Act.

VIII. 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.