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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. liv.

An Act to amend an Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint James*, within the Liberty of *Westminster*, and another Act of the First Year of King *James* the Second, for erecting the said Parish. [20th June 1816.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor, and for cleansing the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages and Places in the Parish of Saint James, within the Liberty of Westminster, and for enlarging the Churchyard belonging to the said Parish*, certain Powers were given for the Support and Government of the Poor of the said Parish: And whereas the present Workhouse of the said Parish is too small for the Reception of the Poor, and is also in such a State of Decay, that it is necessary the same should be taken down and a new one built in its stead: And whereas it was deemed expedient, in or about the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, to form a separate Establishment in another Part of the said Parish for the Poor Children belonging thereto, of the Age of Six Years and upwards, where they have been supported and maintained ever since: And whereas the Buildings and Premises appropriated to the Use of the said Poor Children, and called the *School of Industry*, situate in *King Street*, near *Golden Square*, is intended shortly to be taken by the Commissioners for putting in execution an Act passed in the Fifty-third

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third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making a more convenient Communication from Mary-le-bone Park, and the Northern Parts of the Metropolis, in the Parish of Saint Mary-le-bone, to Charing Cross, within the Liberty of Westminster, and for making a more convenient Sewage for the same*, for the Purposes of the said Act; and it would therefore tend to the Advantage of the said Parish, to the more effectual Relief and Comfort of such of the said Poor as by Age or Infirmities are rendered incapable of supporting themselves by their Labour, to the better Employment of the industrious who are able to work, to the Correction of the idle and profligate, and to the Instruction of the poor Children in Habits of Industry and the Principles of Religion, if a large and convenient House or Houses, with all necessary Offices, Working Rooms, and Outbuildings, sufficient for the Accommodation of all the different Classes of the said Poor, (including the said Children,) were built upon or contiguous to the Ground on which the present Workhouse stands, but which cannot be done without the Aid of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said recited Act in several Particulars; 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 several and respective Persons who now are, or for the Time being shall be Governors and Directors of the Poor of the said Parish, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for the several Purposes of this Act, (except as herein-after mentioned,) and they are hereby authorized to meet together in the Vestry Room of the said Parish on the Second *Friday* after the passing of this Act, and then and there proceed to put this Act in execution, and shall and may adjourn themselves, and afterwards meet there, or at any other Place within the said Parish, by Adjournment or otherwise, as they or any Seven or more of them shall think proper, as often as shall be thought necessary for putting this Act in execution; and the said Governors and Directors present at all such Meetings shall defray their own Expences; and all such Governors and Directors as are or shall be Justices of the Peace may act as Justices in the Execution of this Act, except in Cases where they shall be personally interested, notwithstanding their being Governors or Directors.

Governors
and Directors
of the Poor
to execute
the Act, ex-
cept as after
mentioned.

Powers to be
executed by
a Majority.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to and vested in the said Governors and Directors shall and may be exercised by the major Part of them present at any Meeting held pursuant to this Act or the said recited Act, the Number of Governors or Directors present at any such Meeting not being less than Seven.

A Chairman
to be chosen.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Governors and Directors present at every Meeting for the Purpose of carrying this Act or the said recited Act into Execution, shall, before they proceed to any other Business, elect One of the Governors and Directors then present to be Chairman of such Meeting; and if at any Meeting any Questions shall be put to the Vote, and there shall be an Equality of Votes for and against the Question, then and in every such Case the Chairman present

present shall have the casting and decisive Vote, although he may have voted before at such Meeting.

IV. And whereas it is necessary, in order to afford a sufficient Space for the Erections, Buildings, and other Conveniencies that will be wanted for the Accommodation of the Poor of the said Parish, that the Two several Pieces or Parcels of Ground, with the Five Messuages or Tenements erected and built thereon, or on some Part thereof, one of which Pieces of Ground is used with the present Workhouse, and the other adjoineth thereto, and all which Ground and Messuages or Tenements are mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked A., should be purchased for the Purposes of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized and required, with all convenient Speed after the passing of this Act, with the Approbation of the Vestry of the said Parish, to contract and agree for, and to purchase for any Time, or for ever, the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments described or comprised in the said Schedule hereunto annexed, marked A., or any Part or Parts thereof, and any subsisting Leases, Terms, Estates, and Interests therein, in the Names of the Rector and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being, who are hereby enabled to accept and take a Conveyance or Assignment or Surrender thereof, to them and their Successors, in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Parish; and upon Payment as hereafter mentioned, of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed on for such Purchase or Purchases, to take Possession thereof, and with such Approbation as aforesaid to cause all such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or other Erections, erected and built on such Land, or so much thereof as they shall think proper, and also the present Workhouse, and the Buildings thereto belonging, or any of them, to be pulled down, and the Materials thereof to be disposed of, and to apply the Monies to arise therefrom to the Use of the said Parish, in such Manner as they (with such Approbation as aforesaid) shall think fit; and to erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, on the Ground whereon such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or other Erections, so to be taken down, stood, or on any other Ground belonging or which may hereafter belong to the said Parish, One or more House or Houses, with all suitable and necessary Offices, Outbuildings, Working Rooms, and other Conveniencies, of such Dimensions and in such Manner as the said Governors and Directors shall (with such Approbation as aforesaid) order, direct, and appoint, for the better receiving, maintaining, and employing the Poor of the said Parish; and to alter, repair, and fit up any Part of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, and Erections as they shall order to be left standing, for the Purpose of an Infirmary for the sick and diseased Poor, or for any other Purpose which they the said Governors and Directors, with the like Approbation, shall think proper; and the Consideration Money for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and all Terms, Estates, and Interests therein, and the Expences of erecting and building the said House or Houses, Offices, Working Rooms, and other Conveniencies, and of other the Matters and Things before mentioned, and all other Expences to be incurred by the said Governors and Directors or by their Order or Direction in or about the

Governors and Directors empowered (with the Approbation of Vestry) to purchase Ground, &c. to cause the present Workhouse to be pulled down, and the Materials to be sold, and to build a new Workhouse in its stead.

the Execution of this Act, shall from Time to Time be paid and defrayed out of the Monies to be borrowed and raised by virtue of this Act, or out of the Monies to be assessed, collected, and received for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and other Purposes, by virtue of the said recited Act.

Bodies Politic, &c. empowered to sell or convey Land.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or for Years, or in Tail, Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Uses, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and all other Trustees and Feoffees in Trust whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons under any legal Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised or possessed of, or in anywise interested in any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be thought necessary to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, to contract and agree with the said Governors and Directors for the Sale thereof, and to convey, assign, or surrender to the said Rector and Churchwardens all or any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Terms, Estates, and Interest, or any Part thereof, for the Purposes aforesaid, at or for such Price as shall be agreed upon between the said Governors and Directors, and the Person or Persons seised of or interested in such Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as aforesaid, or as shall be ascertained by a Jury as herein-after mentioned and provided for; and every such Contract, Agreement, Bargain, Sale, Conveyance, and Surrender shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Contracts or Agreements, Conveyances, Assignments, and Surrenders, shall be paid for out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, or out of the Monies to be raised for the Relief of the Poor under or by virtue of the said recited Act.

On Refusal, &c. of Persons to treat for the Sale of Ground, a Jury to be impannelled, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons, seised or possessed of or interested in any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, shall refuse to treat or agree, or shall not agree, or by reason of Absence or Disability cannot agree with the said Governors and Directors, or with any Person or Persons authorized by them for the Sale and Conveyance of their respective Estates and Interests therein, or cannot be found or known, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Premises they are in possession of, or to the Interest they claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the said Governors and Directors, or of the Person or Persons so authorized by them, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven of them, with the Approbation of the Vestrymen of the said Parish, to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, directed to the Sheriff or Bailiff of the County, Division, District, or Liberty wherein the Premises shall respectively lie or be, who is hereby authorized, directed, and required accordingly, to impanel, summon,

summon, and return a competent Number of substantial and disinterested Persons qualified to serve on Juries, not less than Twenty-four nor more than Forty-eight; and out of such Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Persons shall be drawn by some Person to be by the said Governors and Directors appointed, in such Manner as Juries for the Trials of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster* are by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, directed to be drawn; which Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid, are hereby required to come and appear before the Justices of the Peace for the County, Division, District, or Liberty wherein the Premises shall lie or be, at some Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the same County, Division, District, or Liberty, or at some Adjournment thereof, as in such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed, and to attend such Court of General or Quarter Sessions from Day to Day, until discharged by the said Court; and all Parties concerned shall and may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at liberty to challenge the Array; and the said Justices are hereby authorized and empowered by Precept or Precepts from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every such Person and Persons as shall be thought proper and necessary to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses, on his, her, or their Oath or Oaths, touching or concerning the Premises; and the said Justices, if they think fit, shall and may, on the Application of either Party, likewise authorize the said Jury to view the Place or Places or Premises in question, in such Manner as they shall direct; and the said Justices shall have Power to adjourn such Court from Day to Day as Occasion shall require, and to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties to attend until all such Affairs for which they were summoned shall be concluded; and the said Jury upon their Oaths (which Oaths, as also the Oaths of such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer,) shall inquire of the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of the proportional Value of the respective Estates and Interest of all and every Person and Persons seised or possessed thereof or interested therein, or of or in any Part or Parts thereof, and shall assess and award the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid to such Person or Persons, Party or Parties respectively, for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and of such respective Estates and Interests therein, and also for Goodwill, Improvements, or any Injury or Damage whatsoever that may affect any such Person or Persons, Party or Parties, either as Leaseholder or Tenant at Will; and the said Justices shall and may give Judgment for such Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed; which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgment and Judgments, Determination and Determinations thereupon, (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons interested or claiming so to be, at least Fourteen Days before the Time of the Meeting of the said Justices as aforesaid, and the Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or at his, her, or their last usual Place or Places of Abode, or with some Tenant or Occupier of the Premises respectively intended to be valued,) shall be binding and conclusive, to all Intents and

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Purposes

Purposes whatever, against all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all and every Persons and Person claiming any Estate, Right, Title, Trust, Use, or Interest, in, to, or out of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments and Premises, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well Infants and Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, and Females Covert, and Persons under any other legal Incapacity or Disability, as all other Cestuique Trusts, their, his, and her Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, and against all other Persons whomsoever; and the Amount of such Compensation so to be ascertained, assessed, awarded, and settled, shall be paid to the Person or Persons entitled thereto within Thirty Days next after the same shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged; and in failure of such Payment the Verdict of the said Jury shall not be binding upon any of the said Parties, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and the said Verdicts, Judgments, and Determinations, and all other Proceedings of the said Justices and Juries, so to be made, given, and pronounced as aforesaid, shall be fairly written on Parchment, and signed by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the County, Division, District, or Liberty wherein the Premises shall respectively lie or be.

How Expences of Jury, &c. are to be paid.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed and awarded, in consequence of such Refusal to treat and agree as aforesaid, as the Value of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or as such proportional Value as aforesaid, and as the Recompence and Satisfaction to be made for the Injury or Damage sustained as before mentioned respectively, shall not exceed the Sum or Sums of Money which the said Governors and Directors, or any Person or Persons authorized by them, shall have previously offered to pay as and for such Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction, then and in every such Case all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of causing and procuring such Value and Recompence to be assessed and awarded as aforesaid, and of so assessing and awarding the same, shall be borne and paid by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons so seised or possessed of or interested in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and so refusing to treat and agree as before mentioned respectively; and the said Governors and Directors are hereby authorized and empowered to deduct and retain the said Costs, Charges, and Expences out of the Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed or awarded as aforesaid, or out of any Part thereof; but in case such Jury shall give in and deliver a Verdict or Assessment for more Monies than shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Governors and Directors before the summoning and returning of the said Jury, then such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Governors and Directors: Provided always, that where any Person or Persons shall, by reason of Absence, have been prevented from treating, all such Costs and Expences shall be paid by the said Governors and Directors in manner aforesaid.

Persons giving false Evidence liable to Punishment.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall, in his or her Examination upon Oath as a Witness before the said Justices and the said Jury so to be impannelled as aforesaid, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence touching or concerning any of the Matters and Things then

inquired

inquired into, every such Person so offending, and being thereof convicted in due Course of Law, shall be and is hereby declared to be liable to such Pains and Penalties as Persons guilty of Perjury are or shall be liable to.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices shall have Power from Time to Time to impose any reasonable Fine, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, on such Sheriff or Bailiff, or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs, or Agents respectively making Default in the Premises, and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries and shall not appear, (unless prevented by Illness or other sufficient Cause,) or appearing shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury or Juries, or being so sworn shall not give his or their Verdict, and also on any Person or Persons who shall be summoned to give Evidence touching any of the Matters aforesaid, and shall not attend after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs, Charges, and Expences, or attending shall refuse to be sworn or to affirm, or who shall refuse to give his or their Evidence; and from Time to Time to levy such Fine or Fines, by Order of the said Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, together with the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners; and that a Copy of the Order of the said Justices, signed by the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the County, Division, District, or Liberty wherein the Premises shall lie or be, as the Case shall require, shall respectively be sufficient Authority to the Person or Persons therein to be appointed, and to every other Person acting or aiding and assisting therein; to make such Distress and Sales; and all such Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Justices empowered to impose a Fine on Sheriff, &c. making Default.

X. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there, *ex parte* the said Governors and Directors; to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase and Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents,

In case of the Disability, &c. of the Proprietors, Consideration Money when amounting to 200*l.* to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General.

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or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applicable, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance or Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money shall, by Order of the Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby authorized to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

If under Two hundred Pounds, to be paid into the Bank, or to Trustees to be nominated by the Vendors and approved by the Governors, at the Option of the former.

XI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, belonging to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, which shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and which shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Feoffee in Trust, Executors, or Administrators, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privy of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by the said Governors and Directors, or Seven or more of them, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties,) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in the Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction and Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application of the Money when under Twenty Pounds.

XII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where such Money so to be paid as aforesaid shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Governors and Directors shall think fit; or in case of Infancy,

Infancy, Lunacy, or Idiocy, then such Money shall be paid to the Guardian or Guardians of such Infant, or to the Committee or Committees of such Lunatic or Idiot, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Governors and Directors, or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so agreed to be paid as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so agreed to be paid as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (describing them,) subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery, which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

In case of not making out Titles, or if Persons cannot be found, Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank, in the Name of the Accountant General, subject to the Order of the Court.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interests of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title, the Person who shall be in Possession of the Lands, &c. at the Time of the Purchase shall be deemed entitled to the Money according to such Possession, unless it shall appear that the

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Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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

On Payment
of Purchase
Money Pre-
mises to be
conveyed.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed upon between the said Governors and Directors and the Person or Persons seised or possessed of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or interested therein, or to be ascertained by a Jury as herein-before mentioned, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed; and upon the Conveyance, Assignment, or Surrender in manner herein-before directed, made of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and Equity of the Person or Persons respectively for whose Use the same was paid, in, to, or out of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Rector and Churchwardens, and their Successors, in Trust as aforesaid, for the Use and Purposes of this Act; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Femes Covert, Trustees, and all other Persons whomsoever, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Tenants after
Six Months
Notice to de-
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XVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Tenant at Will or Lessee for a Year, or other Person or Persons in Possession of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be purchased and conveyed, assigned, or surrendered as aforesaid, and who shall have no greater Interest in the Premises than as Tenant at Will, or as Lessee by Parole or otherwise for a Year, shall, on the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing from the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish for the Time being, or from the Clerk to the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, left upon the Premises, or so soon after as he, she, or they shall be required, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands,

Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to the said Rector and Churchwardens, or any other Person or Persons authorized by them to take Possession thereof, they the said Governors and Directors making such Satisfaction and Compensation to every such Tenant or Lessee, or other Person or Persons in Possession as aforesaid, in case he, she, or they shall be required to quit before the Expiration of his, her, or their current Year in the Premises, as the said Governors and Directors shall deem just and reasonable; and if any Dispute shall arise touching the Amount of such Satisfaction or Compensation, then and in such Case the same shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury in such and the like Manner as the Satisfaction and Compensation to be made for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are hereinbefore directed to be settled and ascertained in case of any Difference or Dispute about the same; and in case any such Person or Persons shall refuse to give such Possession, then it shall be lawful to and for the said Rector and Churchwardens to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff or Bailiff of the County, Division, District, or Liberty wherein the Premises shall respectively lie or be, as the Case shall require, to deliver Possession of such Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same; and the said Sheriff or Bailiff is hereby enjoined and strictly required to deliver Possession of the said Premises accordingly, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the issuing and Execution of such Precept or Precepts, on the Person or Persons refusing to give Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Rector and Churchwardens (by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Vestry of the said Parish) to sell or dispose of so much of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so to be purchased, assigned, or surrendered as aforesaid, as shall not be necessary or used for the Purposes of this Act, to any Person or Persons willing to purchase the same, for the best Price that can be gotten for the same, and to pay over the Monies arising therefrom to the Treasurer of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act or of the said recited Act.

Rector and Churchwardens, with Consent of Vestry, may sell or let Overplus Ground.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, at any of their Meetings to be held in pursuance of this or the said recited Act, shall and may and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for erecting, building, and finishing, in a plain and durable Manner, the Whole or any Part of the Workhouse or Workhouses, and other Works and Conveniences directed by this Act to be built and erected, or for altering, repairing, finishing, or completing any Tenements or Hereditaments that shall be purchased or taken in pursuance of this Act; and also to purchase or provide, either by Contract or otherwise, from Time to Time, such Fixtures, Furniture, Goods, Chattels, Provisions, Clothing, Utensils, and Materials whatsoever, as shall be thought proper for the fitting up and furnishing the said intended Workhouse and other Erections and Buildings, and for the Support, Maintenance, and Employment of the Poor to be received therein; and shall pay or order the Payment of the Monies due or to become due upon any such Contracts, Agreements,

Governors and Directors may make Contracts for rebuilding the Workhouse.

Agreements, or Purchases to the Person or Persons entitled to receive the same by virtue of this or the said recited Act; all which Contracts shall be signed by the Parties, and shall specify the Work to be done, or Materials to be supplied, the Quality thereof, and the Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time or Times within which the Contract shall be performed, and the Penalties for the Nonperformance thereof; and the said Governors and Directors shall take such Security from the Contractors for the due Performance of every such Contract as to them shall seem necessary and proper.

Twenty-eight Days previous Notice to be given of the Meetings for making Contracts.

XX. Provided always, That previous to the Day appointed for the Meeting of the said Governors and Directors for the making any such Contract or Contracts, Twenty-eight Days Notice at least of the Meeting to make such Contract or Contracts shall be given in some of the public Newspapers published and circulated in the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, expressing the Purport of such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered and presented to the said Governors and Directors for the Time being, at the Time and Place mentioned in such Notice.

No Contract valid till confirmed by Vestry.

XXI. Provided also, that no such Contract or Agreement made by the said Governors and Directors shall be good, valid, binding, or effectual until the same shall be approved and confirmed by the Vestry of the said Parish.

No Contract to be entered into until Plan, &c. approved by Governors, and confirmed by Vestry.

XXII. Provided also, That before such Contract or Contracts for building the said Workhouse or Workhouses shall be entered into, or such Workhouse or Workhouses, and other Erections and Buildings, shall be begun to be erected and built, proper Plans and Designs for the same, together with a full Specification of all the Works of every Description to be performed thereon, and an exact Estimate of the whole of the Expence of such Works (such Plans, Designs, Specification, and Estimates to be subscribed by the Surveyor intended to be employed in superintending such Buildings and Erections), shall be submitted to and approved by the said Governors and Directors, and also shall be approved and confirmed by the Vestrymen of the said Parish, at some respective Meeting of them the said Governors and Directors and Vestrymen to be specially called for those respective Purposes: Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful to, and for the said Governors and Directors to order any Alteration to be made in such Plans, Designs, and Specifications, or in the Execution of the Work therein described, after the same shall have been begun, as they may from Time to Time think proper, the Expence of such Alterations being first ascertained by a Report in Writing under the Hand of the said Surveyor, and submitted to, and approved by the Vestry of the said Parish in Vestry assembled; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in, anywise notwithstanding.

Contracts, &c. to be entered in a Book.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall cause all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits, and every Matter or Thing relating thereto, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and all and every such Book and Books shall from
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Time to Time, and at all convenient Times, be open to the Inspection and Perusal of all and every Person or Persons who shall pay to the Poor's Rates in the said Parish.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Governors and Directors to compound and agree with any Person or Persons against whom they shall bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, for the Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties contained in any such Contract or Contracts for or on Account of any Breach or Nonperformance of any such Contract or Contracts, or any Part or Parts thereof, or in anywise relating thereto, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper; and all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be received in consequence of such Composition shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act or the said recited Act, in the same Manner as the whole of such Penalty if paid or recovered would have been applicable.

Governors and Directors may compound for Breach of Contract.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Vestrymen of the said Parish for the Time being to borrow any Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes of this Act, when the Amount thereof shall have been ascertained by such Estimate as aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, at the lowest Rate of Interest that the same can be procured; which Sums so to be borrowed, and the Interest thereon, shall be and are hereby charged upon and made payable from Time to Time out of the Monies arising by the Rates or Assessments herein-after directed to be made for the Purposes of this Act, or of the Monies to be raised by virtue of the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and for securing the Payment of the same Sums so to be borrowed, and the Interest thereon, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestrymen, or any Six or more of them, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to assign over and mortgage all or any Part or Parts of the Rates or Assessments to be made and collected within the said Parish in pursuance of this or the said recited Act, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal Money so to be borrowed, and the Interest thereon; and every such Assignment may be in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, and the Charges whereof shall be paid out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act; and all such Assignments shall be numbered, commencing Number One, and so proceeding in an Arithmetical Progression whereof the common Excess or Difference shall always be One; and the Person or Persons so lending or advancing such Monies, and his, her, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have, receive, and take, and by virtue of this Act be entitled to have, receive, and take, out of such Rates or Assessments, so much Money as shall be so lent and advanced, together with Interest for the same, in the Manner herein-after mentioned; and all and every such Person or Persons so lending or advancing such Monies, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have a good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Personal Estate in the said Rates or Assessments so to be assigned to him, her, or them respectively as aforesaid, so long as the Monies to be advanced and the Interest thereon, or any Part thereof, shall remain due and payable, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Power to borrow Money on Assignment or Mortgage of the Poor Rates.

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XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Vestrymen shall think it advisable to raise all or any Part of the Monies necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, by the granting of Annuities for the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons, then it shall be lawful for them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Six or more of them, to grant any Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Bank of *England*, as herein-after mentioned, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities, to be payable and paid during the natural Life or Lives of any Person or Persons so contributing, advancing, and paying as aforesaid, or the natural Life or Lives of any such Person or Persons as shall be nominated by or on behalf of such Contributor or Contributors, at the Time of Payment of his, her, or their Contribution or Purchase Money; and the Grant of every such respective Annuity may be in the Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked C, or in any other Words to the same Effect, and the Charges whereof shall be paid out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act; and every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and every Annuity so to be granted shall and is hereby charged upon and shall be payable out of the Rates and Assessments herein-before mentioned, and shall be made payable and be paid Quarterly to the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Annuity or Annuities, and his, her, and their respective Assigns, during the natural Lives of such Purchasers respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by such respective Purchasers; and a proportionable Part of every such Annuity shall be paid from the last Quarterly Day of Payment to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant, or his, her, or their Cestuique Vie the first of which Quarterly Payments to begin and be made to the respective Purchasers or their Assigns; at the Expiration of the first Three Calendar Months next after Payment of his, her, or their respective Purchase Money; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers shall have a good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estate in the Annuity or Annuities so by him, her, or them respectively purchased, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act: Provided always, that Twenty-eight Days Notice at the least shall be given, in Four Newspapers, published or circulated in the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and affixed upon the Doors of the Parish Church of the said Parish of *Saint James*, and of the Chapels in *King Street* and *Berwick Street* in the said Parish, of the Intention of granting all such Annuities, and the same shall then be sold, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish, to the Person or Persons who shall offer the highest Sum for the same.

For granting
Annuities
under certain
Restrictions.

XXVII. And be it further enacted That no Annuities shall be granted by virtue of this Act for any single Life at any higher Rate than the following; that is to say, where the Age of the Annuitant, or Person for whose Life the Annuity shall be granted, shall not exceed Thirty-five Years, the Annuity to be granted shall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds Three Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money paid for the Purchase thereof; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Forty Years, the Annuity to be granted shall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds Ten Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Forty-five Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Nine Pounds

for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Fifty Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Fifty-five Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Sixty Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Sixty-five Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Twelve Pounds Seventeen Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Seventy Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Fifteen Pounds One Shilling for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; and where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Seventy-five Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings for each One hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Vestrymen shall and they are hereby required to provide Two Books which shall be Duplicates of each other, in which shall be respectively fairly written by the Vestry Clerk, or under his Direction, in Words at length, the Names, proper Additions, and Places of Abode, as well of all such Persons as shall become Creditors upon the Security of the Rates or Assessments to be made and collected by virtue of this Act and the said recited Act, as also of all such Persons as shall be Purchasers of any of the said respective Annuities, and their Trustees, and of all Persons for whose Lives such Annuities shall be purchased, and the Persons by whose Hands the said Creditors or Purchasers shall pay in any Sum or Sums of Money, and also the Sum and Sums so paid in upon any such Security or Securities, or for the Purchase of such Annuity or Annuities respectively, and of all Transfers of such Securities and Annuities, one of which Books shall be kept in the Vestry Room of the said Parish Church, and the other of the said Books shall be kept at the Parochial Office in *Poland Street* in the said Parish, or the said Books shall be kept in such other Place or Places in the said Parish as the said Vestrymen shall from Time to Time appoint; and it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Creditors or Purchasers, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, Agent or Agents, and also to and for any Person or Persons paying to the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act, from Time to Time and at all seasonable Times, to have recourse to and inspect the said Books, or either of them, without Fee or Reward.

Names, &c.
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sons lending
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XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money borrowed or raised by Mortgage and Annuities granted as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, to transfer such Securities, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, which Transfer may be made by Indorsement on such Securities, and executed in the Presence of any One of the Vestrymen of the said Parish or their Clerk, or the officiating Clergyman of the Parish or Place where the Party making such Assignment shall dwell at the Time, in the Form

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Form mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked D, or in any other Words to the same Effect; and Copies of all Assignments or Mortgages and Grants of Annuities which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and of all Transfers thereof, shall be entered in Two Books to be kept as herein-before mentioned, to which or either of them any Person interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry in such Books of every such Assignment or Mortgage, Grant and Transfer, the said Vestry Clerk shall be paid, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, the Sum of Five Shillings and no more; and after such Entry made of any such Assignment or Mortgage, Grant and Transfer, every such Assignment or Mortgage, Grant and Transfer, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the free Benefit of the Security thereby made to him, her, or them respectively; but no such Transfer shall be deemed good and effectual until such Entry thereof shall be so made as aforesaid, or until such Transfer shall be deposited with the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish, in order to such Entry being so made as before mentioned.

Governors and Directors to provide a Book for entering the Payments of the Interest and Annuities.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors of the Poor shall and they are hereby required to provide One or more Book or Books, in which shall be fairly written the Names, proper Additions, and Places of Abode of all such Creditors and Purchasers of Annuities, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, and the Amount of the yearly Sums payable to such Persons in respect of their Interest or Annuities, and the Days of Payment thereof respectively, and to whom from Time to Time paid; which Book or Books shall be subject at all seasonable Times to the Inspection of the Person or Persons entitled to any such Interest or Annuities, and also to any Person or Persons paying to the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act.

Governors and Directors to order Payments of Interest and Annuities from Time to Time.

XXXI. And, for the better Payment of the said Interest and Annuities, be it enacted, That the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall by Warrant or Order under their Hands, directed to the Treasurer of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, order and direct the Payment of the Interest and Annuities to the respective Persons entitled thereto, as the same shall become due, which said Treasurer is hereby required, upon the Receipt of such Warrant or Order, forthwith to pay such Interest and Annuities out of the first Monies which shall come to or be in his Hands, as such Treasurer as aforesaid; and such Warrants or Orders so paid shall be allowed in Account to the said Treasurer on making up his yearly or other Accounts with the said Parish.

Interest of Money lent and Annuities how to be recovered.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if the Interest of any of the Monies so to be advanced or lent, or the Annuity or Annuities so to be granted as aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, shall be behind, in Arrear, and unpaid by the Space of Fourteen Days next after the same shall become due and payable, then and in either of the said Cases it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons entitled to the Receipt of such Interest, or for the Person or Persons entitled to the Annuity or Annuities,

Annuities, (he, she, or they having first by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands demanded of the Treasurer of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, or in case there shall be no such Treasurer, then of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being, Payment of such Interest or Annuity or Annuities so in arrear,) on Neglect or Refusal made by such Treasurer or Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Space of Fourteen Days next after such Demand to pay the same, to commence and prosecute an Action at Law in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the said Treasurer, or against the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Recovery of the said Interest, Annuity or Annuities so in arrear, the Venue of which Action shall be laid in the County of *Middlesex*, and not elsewhere; and that in such Action no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and on every such Default of Payment, the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made by Authority of this or the said recited Act, shall vest in the Creditors or Annuitants until the same Interest and Annuities, together with legal Interest, and all Costs and Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if at the Time of Demand made upon the said Treasurer, or Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Time being, of any Interest, or Annuity or Annuities in arrear, there shall not be sufficient Monies raised under the Authority of this or the said recited Act, to answer and fully pay such Interest, or Annuity or Annuities, and any Action shall thereupon be commenced for Recovery of the same, and the said Treasurer, or the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or any of them, shall thereupon pay and satisfy such Interest, or Annuity or Annuities, it shall be lawful for him or them so paying the same to retain and reimburse himself or themselves, out of the first Monies which shall arise from the said Rates or Assessments, or by any other Ways or Means, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, not only the Monies so paid by him or them in discharge of such Interest, or Annuity or Annuities, and the Plaintiff's Costs, and also all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the defending of any such Action; but if any such Action shall be commenced in consequence of the Neglect or Default of any such Treasurer, then and in such Case the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Action shall be wholly borne and paid by such Treasurer.

Treasurer indemnified, unless Action brought through his Neglect or Default.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Annuity or Annuities to be granted and secured under this Act shall be paid or recoverable, unless upon the Demand of each Quarterly Payment thereof, the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives the same shall have been granted shall personally appear before the said Governors and Directors of the Poor, at one of their public Meetings, or before their Clerk for the Time being, or a Certificate or Certificates shall be then and there produced under the Hand or respective Hands of the officiating Minister of the Parish or Place where such Person or Persons shall then respectively reside, and the Churchwardens, or One of the Churchwardens thereof, certifying that such Person or Persons was or were living on or after the Day such Payment became due, or such other good and sufficient

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Monies advanced to be paid into the Bank, in the Names of Vestrymen.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies which shall be advanced or lent as aforesaid on the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, shall be paid into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for which the Receipt or Receipts of the Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company, shall from Time to Time be a sufficient Discharge; and the said Monies when so paid in, shall be placed to an Account to be raised in the Books of the said Governor and Company, in the Names of the following Persons; (that is to say,) the very Reverend *Gerrard Andrews* Dean of *Canterbury*, Rector, *George John Earl Spencer*, *William Earl Beauchamp*, Sir *Christopher Hawkins* Baronet, Sir *Walter Stirling* Baronet, *George Byng* Esquire, *Wilbraham Egerton* Esquire, *Samuel Thornton* Esquire, *Hugh Hammersley* Esquire, *John Willock* Esquire, and *Samuel Jackson* Esquire, Eleven of the present Vestrymen of the said Parish, and who are hereby specially appointed Trustees of the said Monies for the Purposes herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) that the same Monies shall be drawn out of the Bank by Drafts, to be signed by any Three or more of the said Vestrymen, payable to Bearer, which Drafts shall be delivered to the Treasurer of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, or to such other Person or Persons as the Vestrymen of the said Parish in Vestry assembled shall order and direct, for the Purpose of paying and defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of purchasing the Houses, Buildings, Erections, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, and of building, erecting, and finishing the said Workhouse, and other Buildings and Works, and otherwise for and towards the carrying of the several Purposes of this Act into Execution; and that in the Margin of each of the Drafts so drawn, the Persons drawing the same shall insert a Figure corresponding with the Page in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, wherein an Entry shall be made of the Name and Description of the Person to whom every such Draft shall be given, the Time when drawn, and the respective Amounts thereof; and the said Treasurer, or other Person or Persons, shall keep a separate Account of all the Monies which shall be paid to him or them by virtue of the said Drafts, and of all other Monies which he or they shall receive and pay in pursuance of this Act.

For transferring the Monies to a new Account, on the present Rector's dying or ceasing to be Rector.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the said *Gerrard Andrews*, or any future Rector of the said Parish, shall happen to die, or otherwise cease to be Rector of the said Parish, before the above-mentioned Trusts of the said Monies to be paid into the Bank shall be fully performed, then and in such Case the other Trustees of the said Monies for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after a Successor shall be inducted into the Rectory of the said Parish Church, draw upon the Bank for such Balance or Sum of Money as shall then remain in the Hands of the said Governor and Company on the Account aforesaid, and pay over the same to the said Governor and Company to the Account of such succeeding Rector, and the surviving and continuing Trustees; and such succeeding Rector shall from thenceforth act in the Trusts of the said Monies, together with such surviving

or continuing Trustees, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if he had been nominated a Trustee for that Purpose in and by this Act.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the said Ten other above-named Vestrymen shall happen to die, or otherwise cease to be Vestrymen of the said Parish, before the said Trusts of the said Monies shall be fully performed, it shall and may be lawful for the Vestry of the said Parish, and they are hereby required to elect any other Vestrymen of the said Parish for the Time being, whom they shall think proper, to succeed him or them so dying or otherwise ceasing to be a Vestryman or Vestrymen, as a Trustee or Trustees of the said Monies; and the said surviving or continuing Trustees, or any Three or more of them, shall thereupon draw upon the Bank for such Balance or Sum of Money as shall then remain in the Hands of the said Governor and Company on the Account aforesaid, and pay over the same to the said Governor and Company to the Account of the said surviving or continuing Trustees, and such newly-elected Trustee or Trustees; and such newly-elected Trustee or Trustees shall from thenceforth act in the Trusts of the said Monies, together with such surviving or continuing Trustees, in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he or they had been nominated a Trustee or Trustees for that Purpose in and by this Act.

The like on any other of the Vestrymen (Trustees) dying or ceasing to be Vestrymen.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Drafts drawn by any Three or more of the said Trustees for the Time being, but not otherwise, shall be sufficient Authority to the Bank of *England* to pay the Amount thereof to the Bearer of such Drafts; and that the said Eleven Vestrymen, and such Vestrymen as may succeed them as Trustees of the said Monies, observing the Rules and Regulations hereby prescribed, shall not be answerable, either collectively or individually, for any Monies which shall be so paid into the Bank, and that the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be answerable for all the Monies which shall be actually received by them in pursuance of this Act, and not drawn out by Drafts to be drawn and signed in manner aforesaid.

Bank authorized to pay upon Draft drawn according to the Act, and to be responsible for the Monies received.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, when they shall meet together, as directed by the said recited Act, in order to ascertain the Monies necessary to be assessed for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, to ascertain in like Manner such Sum or Sums of Money as they, or the Majority of them assembled, shall think necessary to be raised within the Limits of the said Parish, for paying the Interest due or to grow due on the Monies borrowed or to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and for paying the said Annuities, and for and towards paying off and discharging (as herein-after mentioned) the principal Sums so to be borrowed, and for other the Purposes of this Act; and the said Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and Overseers, shall at the Time of making the Rate or Rates for the Relief of the Poor, include in such Rate or Rates the Sum or Sums of Money so ascertained to be necessary for carrying into Execution the before-mentioned several Purposes of this Act; and such Sum or Sums of Money so to be included as aforesaid shall be assessed upon such Persons, and for such Space of Time, and shall be collected, levied, recovered, and

For ascertaining the Monies to be raised for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Annuities, &c.

and accounted for, in like Manner as the Sums to be raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish are directed to be assessed, collected, levied, recovered, and accounted for by the said recited Act, save and except so far as the same may be altered by any thing contained in this Act; and all and every such Sum and Sums of Money so to be included as aforesaid, shall be paid and applied for the before-mentioned Purposes of this Act; and in case of any Deficiency therein, the same shall be paid and made good out of the Monies to be raised for the Relief of the Poor by virtue of the said recited Act; but in case of any Overplus of such Monies so to be included in such Rate or Rates as aforesaid, after the before-mentioned Purposes of this Act have been carried into Execution, such Overplus shall be paid and applied for and towards the Relief of the Poor in the Manner directed by the said recited Act.

How Money
borrowed is
to be paid off.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the said Vestrymen shall and they are hereby directed and required yearly and every Year after the said new Workhouse and all the requisite Offices and Conveniencies shall be finished, or at furthest from and after the Expiration of Three Years from the passing of this Act, to pay off and discharge so much of the principal Sums of Money borrowed upon Assignment or Mortgage, as aforesaid (if any), as shall amount to the Sum of Two Pounds *per Centum* at least, upon the Capital of such Monies borrowed and then due, until the whole of the Monies so borrowed shall be paid off and discharged; and for that Purpose the said Vestrymen shall, at their Meeting on *Easter Tuesday* in every such Year, determine what Sum it will be in their Power to pay off and discharge at the Expiration of the next Twelve Calendar Months, and shall then cause all the Numbers of the said Assignments or Mortgages respectively granted, and then in force, to be written upon distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size; and all such Papers shall be rolled up in the same Form, as near as may be, and be put into a Box or Glass, and well shaken together; and the Vestry Clerk of the said Parish for the Time being, or some other proper Person, shall at such Meeting fairly and impartially draw out so many of the said Numbers as shall amount to the Sum or Sums of Money which the said Vestrymen shall at such their Meeting have resolved to pay off and discharge; and the several Assignments or Mortgages corresponding with the Numbers so drawn shall be paid off and discharged accordingly.

Notice to be
given of
paying off
Money bor-
rowed.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That after any of the Numbers of the said Assignments or Mortgages shall be so drawn, and the Money due thereon shall in consequence be liable to be discharged as aforesaid, the said Vestrymen shall cause Six Months Notice in Writing, signed by the Vestry Clerk for the Time being, to be given to the Person or Persons entitled to receive such Monies, or left at his, her, or their usual Place or Places of Abode, signifying the Intention of the said Vestrymen to pay off such Sum or Sums of Money due to him, her, or them as aforesaid; and that if such Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to attend himself, herself, or themselves, or some Person properly authorized in his, her, or their Behalf, on the Day and at the Place fixed and appointed in and by such Notice, to receive the principal Sum or Sums then to be discharged, and shall not then deliver up the Assignment or Mortgage for the said Money, and the Transfer or Transfers thereof (if any), or give and execute a full and satisfactory Discharge for the same, then and in

in such Case all Interest thereon shall cease from the Day which shall have been specified and mentioned in such Notice, as the Day on which the said Principal Sum or Sums of Money would be so paid off and discharged; but the Principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest due at the Expiration of such Notice, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Vestrymen from Time to Time to borrow or take up in like Manner, and on the like Security of the said Rates and Assessments, any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Assignments or Securities which shall be then in force, or any of them, shall bear, and to charge the said Rates and Assessments with the Payment of the Principal Sums so to be taken up, and the Interest thereof, accordingly, and to apply and dispose of the last-mentioned Monies in paying off and discharging the Assignments or Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, according to the Directions and Regulations herein prescribed for paying off Assignments or Securities made and given under the Provisions of this Act.

Vestrymen may borrow at a lower Rate of Interest, and pay off Sums borrowed at a higher Rate.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Property in all Timber, Stone, Brick, and other Materials, and in all and every the Goods, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Articles, and Things whatsoever which may from Time to Time be bought, procured, and provided by the said Governors and Directors for the building of the said Workhouse, and other the Erections and Buildings before mentioned, or for carrying into execution the several Purposes of this and the said recited Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Governors and Directors of the Poor for the Time being, for the Purposes of this Act and the said recited Act, who are hereby empowered to prefer or order the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment, or to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, against the Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away or wrongfully possess any such Timber, or other Matters and Things whatsoever, the Property of which said Timber, and other Matters and Things, shall be laid in any such Indictment, Action, or Suit, to be the Property of the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint James* within the Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, generally; and every such Action or Suit shall be brought in the Name of the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, of the Monies raised for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, and shall be good in Law to all Intents and Purposes.

Materials, Furniture, &c. provided for the Poor vested in Governors and Directors.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That no Vestryman or Governor and Director of the Poor of the said Parish shall hold or enjoy any Place of Profit or Advantage created by this Act, or under the Powers hereby or by the said recited Act given, or shall, either in his own Name or any other Person's Name, provide, furnish or supply, for his or their own Profit, any Goods, Materials, Provisions, or Articles whatsoever for the Use of the Workhouse or Workhouses, House or Houses of Industry, now erected or hired, or to be erected or hired, in or out of the said Parish, of or for the Use, Support, Accommodation, or Maintenance of the Poor of the said Parish, or be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any

No Vestryman or Governor to hold any Place of Profit, or be concerned in any Contract.

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Contract

Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements relating thereto, on pain of forfeiting for every such Offence the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no *Essoign*, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be granted or allowed.

Vestrymen or
Governors
not to have a
Vote in any
Matter
wherein they
shall be in-
terested.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Difference or Dispute shall arise between the said Vestrymen, or between the said Governors and Directors, at any of their respective Meetings, in regard to any Matter or Thing respecting the Execution of this or the said recited Act, wherein any of them shall or may be concerned or interested, the Vestryman or Governor and Director so concerned shall have no Voice, but shall, after he shall be adjudged by the rest of the Vestrymen or Governors and Directors, or the Majority of them, to be concerned or interested in any such Differences or Dispute, withdraw during the Debate of such Difference or Dispute; and in case he shall refuse or neglect so to do, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and applied as herein-after is mentioned.

Governors
and Directors
to sue and be
sued in the
Name of the
Treasurer.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of the Treasurer of the Monies collected and received for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Governors and Directors by virtue or on account of this Act in the Name of such Treasurer shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal, or by the Act of such Treasurer without the Consent of the said Governors and Directors, but the Treasurer for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action or Suit, as the Case shall be: Provided always, that every such Treasurer in whose Name such 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 be collected and received by virtue of this Act or the said recited Act, all such Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences as he shall be put unto or become chargeable with (except as before mentioned in that Behalf) by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant.

Collectors
to attend
Governors
with their
Books, and
answer Ques-
tions relative
to their
Duty, &c.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Governors and Directors shall have full Power and Authority by virtue of this Act to call before them, at any Time and Place they shall appoint for that Purpose as herein-after mentioned, all or any of the Collectors of the said Rate or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish; which said Collectors or Collector shall then and there true Answer make to all such Questions as shall be proposed to them by the said Governors and Directors, touching and concerning the Duties of their respective Offices, and the Amount of the Monies received and paid by them respectively by virtue thereof; and they the said Collectors shall then and there respectively produce to the said Governors and Directors all and every the Rate Books, and other Books, Papers, and Writings in their Custody or Power relating to the Premises; and if any such Collector shall refuse or neglect to attend the said Governors and Directors for the Purposes aforesaid, (Notice in Writing under the Hand of the Clerk to the said

Governors

Governors and Directors for the Time being requiring such Attendance having been given to or left for such Collector at his Dwelling House or usual Place of Abode Forty-eight Hours before the Time appointed for his Attendance,) or shall refuse or neglect then and there to produce all such Rate Books, and other Books, Papers, or Writings in his Custody or Power as he shall be required to produce, then and in any such Case every such Collector so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Refusal or Neglect the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as herein-after mentioned.

XLVIII. And to the End that all the Poor in the said Workhouse may be encouraged to apply themselves to the Labour or Tasks in which they may be employed with Diligence and Attention, be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by such poor Persons, such Rewards shall be distributed to the Industrious and Skilful, in proportion to the Quantity, Quality, and Perfection of their Works, as to the said Governors and Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall appear reasonable.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the Workhouse of the said Parish, unless with the Permission of the said Governors and Directors, or by the special Order of the Apothecary or other Medical Person appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall be guilty of conveying any such Spirituous or Strong Liquors into the said Workhouse without such Permission as aforesaid, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, in the Discretion of the Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom such Offender shall be convicted of any such Offence.

L. And for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act and the said recited Act, be it further enacted, That all and every Justice and Justices of the Peace, before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act or the said recited Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or in any other Form of Words to the same Effect, as the Case shall happen ; (that is to say,)

‘ **BE** it remembered, That on the Day of in the
‘ Year of our Lord
‘ *A. B.* is convicted before of His Majesty’s
‘ Justices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, of [*speci-*
‘ *fying the Offence.*] Given under our Hands and Seals [*or my Hand*
‘ and Seal], the Day and Year first above mentioned.’

LI. And be it further enacted, That no Conviction, Order, or other Proceeding made or had touching or concerning any of the Matters mentioned in the said recited Act or this Act, or touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against the said recited Act or this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed or removable by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatever into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; and where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or

or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which may be done or committed by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case; but no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceeding under the said recited Act or this Act, if sufficient Tender of Amends hath been made before such Action brought, to him, her, or them, by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court in which such Action shall be depending, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings or Order and Judgment shall be had, made, or given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant or Defendants is or are allowed to pay Money into Court.

Costs of this
Act how to
to be paid.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges of obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expences relating to or concerning the same, or anywise incident thereto, and in putting the same into execution, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed by the Treasurer for the Time being, out of the Monies to be collected for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, or out of any Monies in his Hands raised or to be raised by virtue of the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty or this Act.

Recovery and
Application
of Penalties.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Recovery and Application whereof is not herein-before particularly directed) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively, before any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, or City and Liberty of *Westminster*, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant or Warrants such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant for those Purposes, and to administer all such Oaths); and the Overplus, after such Penalties and Forfeitures, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale (such Charges to be settled by the said Justice), are recovered and deducted, shall be returned, on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and all such Penalties or Forfeitures, when so recovered or paid, if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act, shall from Time to Time be paid to the Treasurer aforesaid, to be applied towards the Maintenance of the Poor in the said Workhouse, or in otherwise putting this Act in execution; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties or Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol

Gaol or House of Correction of the said County or City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Charges as aforesaid, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LIV. And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of King *James* the Second, intituled *An Act for erecting a new Parish, to be called the Parish of Saint James, within the Liberty of Westminster*, it was among other Things enacted, that the Vestrymen of the said Parish, or any Six or more of them, (whereof the Rector for the Time being, or his Assistant or Clerk, by his Appointment, and One of the Churchwardens, to be Two,) should and might have and exercise the like Power and Authority, for ordering and regulating the Affairs of the said Parish of *Saint James*, as the Vestrymen of the Parish of *Saint Martin* then had in reference to the said Parish of *Saint Martin*; but no Provision is made by the said Act for the said Assistant or Clerk officiating at any Vestry or Vestries to be holden in the said Parish of *Saint James*, in the Event of the Church becoming void by the Demise or Resignation of the Rector thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That in the Event of the Church of the said Parish of *Saint James* becoming void by the Means aforesaid, or any other Means whatsoever, and until the same shall be again filled, it shall and may be lawful for the Preacher, Assistant to the Rector of the said Parish, or (in case of his unavoidable Absence) the Clerk in Orders of the said Parish for the Time being, to preside as Chairman of the Vestry of the said Parish at any Meetings thereof that shall be held during such Vacancy, pursuant to any Act of Parliament requiring such Vestry to be held on a particular Day; and that all Acts done by any Vestry so constituted, pursuant to such Act of Parliament, shall be as good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if such Vestry or Vestries had been constituted according to the Directions of the said recited Act of the First Year of King *James* the Second.

Recital of
the Act
1 James 2.

In case of
Vacancy of
Rector of
St. James,
directing
who shall be
Chairman.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if at any Meeting of the Vestry of the said Parish, appointed to be held within a limited Time or on particular Days, under the Authority of any Act or Acts of Parliament for the Government of the Affairs of the said Parish, a sufficient Number of Vestrymen shall not attend to constitute a Meeting of Vestry, then and in such Case the Vestrymen or Vestryman (if only One) then present shall have full Power and Authority to adjourn the said Vestry for such Time as they or he shall think proper, not exceeding Seven Days; and in case such Vestrymen or Vestryman shall neglect or refuse to make any Adjournment, or no Vestryman shall attend, then and in either of such Cases the Rector or Senior Churchwarden of the said Parish for the Time being shall and may and he is hereby required to direct the said Vestrymen to be summoned to meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish Church on such Day as he shall appoint, not exceeding Seven Days after the Day on which such Vestry should regularly have been held; on which appointed Day the said Vestrymen, or a sufficient Number of them then assembled, shall have the like Power and Authority to do any Act, Matter, or Thing as if they had met on the Day or within the Time mentioned in the said Acts, or any or either of them, and so *toties quoties* as often as it shall be necessary to adjourn or summon the said Vestry afresh, for the Reasons before mentioned respectively.

Power to
adjourn if a
competent
Number of
Vestrymen
do not meet.

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LVI. And

Limitation
of Actions.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, or Cause of Action or Suit accrued; and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County where the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, or that such Action or Suit shall be commenced after the Time limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place, that then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any other Defendant or Defendants hath or have for recovering Costs of Suit by Law in any other Case.

Public Act.

LVII. 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.

SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE A.

A PIECE or Parcel of Ground held by the Parish of *Saint James*, under the Earl of *Craven*, at a Yearly Rent of Fifty-three Pounds, and forming Part of the present Workhouse Establishment, together with several Buildings erected thereon.

A Piece or Parcel of Ground adjoining the above, together with Five Messuages or Tenements erected thereon, as follows :

A Messuage in *Brown's Court, Carnaby Market*, in the Occupation of *Francis Mills*.

A Ditto in the same Court, in the Occupation of *Thomas Narraway*.

A Ditto in *Munday's Court*, in the Occupation of *John Hand*.

A Ditto in the same Court, in the Occupation of *William Sabine*.

A Ditto in the same Court, appropriated to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE B.

BY virtue of an Act made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], we, Six of the Vestrymen authorized to carry into Execution the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament in this Behalf, in consideration of the Sum of _____ advanced and lent by *A. B.* and paid into the Bank of *England*, pursuant to the Directions and for the Purposes of the same Act, (the Receipt whereof we the said Vestrymen do hereby acknowledge,) do hereby grant and assign unto the said *A. B.*, his (her *or* their) Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates and Assessments to be made, raised, levied, and collected for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish as the said Sum of _____ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed or become due and owing or be charged upon the Credit of the said Rates and Assessments, to be had and holden from this Day, until the said Sum of _____ with Interest at and after the Rate of _____ *per Centum per Annum* for the same, to be paid quarterly, shall be fully repaid and satisfied. In witness whereof we the said Vestrymen have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the _____ Day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and _____

Form of Security for Money borrowed at Interest.

SCHEDULE C.

BY virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*set forth the Title of this Act*], we, Six of the Vestrymen authorized to put in Execution the said first-mentioned Act of Parliament in this Behalf, in consideration of the Sum of _____ paid by *A. B.* into the Bank of *England*, pursuant to the Directions and for the Purposes of the same, do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.*, his (her *or* their) Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, One Annuity or clear yearly Sum of _____ of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be paid out of the Rates and Assessments to be made, raised, levied, and collected for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, which Annuity or yearly Sum of _____ shall be paid to the said *A. B.*, or his (her *or* their) Assigns, during the Term of his (her *or* their) natural Life, (*or as the Case may be*, to the said *A. B.*, his (her *or* their) Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the natural Life of *C. D.*, *or as the Case may be*, during the natural Lives of *C. D.* and *E. F.* and the Life of the longer Liver of them,) by Four equal quarterly Payments; (that is to say,) upon _____ in every Year, the first Payment thereof to be made on the _____ Day of _____ next ensuing the Date hereof, and a proportionable Part of such Annuity or yearly Sum of _____ to be paid from the last quarterly Day of Payment to the Day of the Death of the said *A. B.* (*or as the Case may be*, the _____

Form of Grant of Annuity.

the said *C. D.* or the Survivor of them the said *C. D.* and *E. F.*) In witness whereof we the said Vestrymen have hereunto set our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

SCHEDULE D.

Transfer.

I, (*or we*), the within-named _____ in consideration of the Sum of _____ to me (*or us*) paid by _____ of _____ in the County of _____ at or before the Execution hereof, (the Receipt whereof I (*or we*) do hereby acknowledge,) do assign and transfer the within Security, and all my (*or our*) Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and the Money thereby secured, unto the said _____ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Witness my (*or our*) Hand and Seal, (*or Hands and Seals*), the _____ Day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and _____

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